Abbeville Planning Port Facility

ABBEVILLE — Plans have been inaugurated for the construction of harbor facilities to make Abbeville a port city in the not-too-distant future, according to an Abbeville Harbor and Terminal District spokesman.

J. C. Vorheff Jr., president of the harbor and terminal board, said his group has been conducting a series of meetings with business interests of the area to encourage support for the plans of harbor construction.

Real estate, boating rental and services, merchant industry, railway, highway and aeronautics leaders as well as industrial inducement, housing and school system officials are being versed on the harbor construction plans in view of progress expected with the completion of the Freshwater Bayou channel outlet to the Gulf of Mexico.

It is predicted that grain shipment as well as food products could join the oil, fishing and manufacturing concerns that would welcome a terminal for disbursement of goods by either water, railway, highway or air.

The real estate group is being asked to contribute to the effort to attract industry locally by offering sites for factories, office space and living accommodations. Boating interests are being asked to make available their rental and repair services toward the realization of a harbor for unprecedented development of the area. One boating interest representative predicted that in two years after channel completion, operations on that waterway will be wide enough to support a loading and unloading terminal at Intracoastal City near Abbeville.

An aeronautics group representative said that in five years, there will be a need for enlarging airport facilities in Abbeville to accommodate the bigger aircraft that industry will be using.