TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**June 13, 2023**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

Present: Bill Purvis, Greg Landry, Jacob Brown, Dan Davis and John DeBlieux

**Absent: Steve Crispino and Joe Caldwell**

Staff: David Rabalais – Executive Director, Sonja Labat - Finance Manager, Wayne Lirette - Maintenance

**Legal: Danna Schwab – Schwab Law Firm**

**Consultants Bill Blanchard and Joe Chauvin– GIS, Jack Plaisance – T. Baker Smith and Craig Hebert**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Norby Chabert

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Bill Purvis called the meeting to order and led with the invocation by Greg Landry and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sonja Labat called roll. A quorum was present.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – Norby Chabert was present to give updates on bill updates, the Port bill update, and funding. He discussed Port Priority funding and funding of the Terrebonne Port projects including the HNC Deepening.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieux approving the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Jacob Brown approving the absences of Bill Purvis and John DeBlieux from the May 9th regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of May 2023 on a motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – Craig Hebert was present to give a project update. The change order has been accepted by GSA. There is one remaining change order for the security features. The Fire Marshal has completed the inspection. Punch list items were discussed and he is hoping the project will be 100% complete next month.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. Bill advised that the Northern Reach was surveyed in May. They are evaluating data. There are 42 possible pipeline crossings and possibly 8-10 active lines but they will continue to monitor. The Southern Reach has 21 pipelines, 4 active lines and the others appear to be abandoned. They are working on right of way agreements. May 30th they met with the Corp of Engineers regarding cost continuing to identify pipelines in the Southern Reach. A motion by John DeBlieux, seconded by Jacob Brown to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $87,187.50. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed his report. They are still dredging the Northern Reach. The Bay Reach dredge was completed in May. The Corp will dredge again at the end of the summer to dredge the additional areas due to increased funding. Joe Chauvin with GIS was present to discuss the Short Cut Canal dredge. Harbor Dredging hit obstacles and Joe provided pictures of the items that delayed them. The original quote was for $255,000 but the invoice was for $209,340 due to a credit for downtime. Joe advised that they did a great job. A motion by Dan Davis, seconded by John DeBlieux to pay Harbor Dredging. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – Nothing to report.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – Nothing to report.**
      5. **Shore Power Project – David read the minutes from the Marketing Committee meeting and discussed Judson Sanders with Ameresco Engineering and the need for a community shore power bank. It is a potential revenue source. David would like to get an engineering agreement for him to begin some work. We are awaiting his proposal. The engineering agreement will be discussed at the next meeting.**
      6. **Connect fuel pump system to generator – David advised Will’s Electric will provide an estimate for the fuel pump and power for Wayne’s shed.**

**VII.COMMITTEE REPORTS – The Marketing Committee met and the minutes were discussed.**

**VIII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – Dan Davis advised that he spoke to Joey Cehan. Joey will get with Gordy regarding the flooding issues at Performance.**

**IX.STAFF REPORT – Sonja Labat discussed the Port share of TPCG Hurricane Ida Recovery funds in the amount of $4,916.00.**

**X.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Dan Davis and seconded by Greg Landry. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**