TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**April 12, 2022**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

Present: Bill Purvis, Steve Crispino, Andrew Blanchard, John DeBlieux, Greg Landry and Chris Erny

**Absent: Dan Davis**

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

**Legal: Patti Floyd – Schwab Law Firm**

**Consultants O’Neal Malbrough, Will Evans and Joe Chauvin – GIS, Stevie Smith and Kelsey Bourgeois – Allsouth, Amber Plessala – T. Baker Smith, David Waitz and Craig Hebert**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie, Mike Henry, Brad Inman, PJ Vardrado and Chris Collins with DOTD

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Steve Crispino, President, 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 –None**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Bill Purvis approving the minutes of the March 7, 2022 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approving the absence of John DeBlieux from the regular meeting of March 7, 2022. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of March 2022 on a motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Bill Purvis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Chris Erny to approve the 2021 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – Craig Hebert was present to discuss the project status. Craig advised the Board that we are waiting on GSA to approve change orders they requested. Construction is 90% complete. If everything goes well with GSA, the project will be complete in 6-8 weeks. The big delay was due to the update to the security system. Craig also discussed the Lightning Protection System. The Port had a prior lightning strike which caused damage to the Port and tenants. Craig obtained a quote from Bond Lighting Protection System in the amount of $20,000. David will discuss with GSA to see if they would like to contribute to the cost. Craig will obtain more information for the board. This item will be tabled until next month.**
      2. **Sonja Labat discussed a quote from Onshore Construction for Hurricane Ida repairs. The board would like to get a quote from another adjuster. Chris Erny and John DeBlieux will provide some contacts.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Will Evans was present to give a project update. Phase I, the pipeline project, is still on schedule. Will presented the board with a Krewe of Zulu coconut from the Governor. Lobbyists, Mike Henry with Alpine Group was present to address the Board. He gave a Congressional update and discussed tracking bills on our behalf. He discussed Congressman Garrett Graves success of getting in $350,000 for the deepening which opens the door for additional funding. He also said the Congressman Scalise and Senator Cassidy played a role in moving things along with the funding. Brad Inman was also present and discussed funding.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised the board that the dredge was completed in March. The Corp is planning to do a spot dredge in some areas.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump – David Waitz was present to give a project update. The contractor is still awaiting delivery of the generator which is expected to ship this Thursday.**
      5. **Boat Launch Parking Upgrade – David advised the board that he is having Jacob Waitz doing an aerial for additional aggregate parking and signs.**
      6. **Amber Plessala with T. Baker Smith was present to give a grants update as she is pursuing another grant. The rock jetty project may fit into another grant and she is currently working on a draft. Amber estimates the project to cost $7M. There is a 20% match with options to reduce to a 10% match. The Port security grant will be submitted again.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – The Chairman discussed the meeting of the Finance Committee. The cash balance workpaper will be emailed. The insurance and the audit will be bid out. John DeBlieux discussed the Industry Outreach meeting. He would like to see another meeting in a few months. SSA Consultants is working on the final report.**
7. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – The board congratulated Wayne Lirette on a clean inspection report from GSA. The board congratulated David on becoming Chairman of LCDA and President of PAL. John discussed funding mechanisms for various projects and David will provide a report to him. The Chairman thanked T. Baker Smith for providing lunch.**
8. **STAFF REPORT – None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Greg Landry and seconded by John DeBlieux. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**