TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**August 10, 2021**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

Present: Steve Crispino, John DeBlieux, Dan Davis and Andrew Blanchard

**Absent: Chris Erny, Greg Landry and Bill Purvis**

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

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

**Consultants O’Neal Malbrough, Austin Hebert, Chris Jeanice and Joe Chauvin – GIS, Amber Plessala – T. Baker Smith, Craig Hebert and Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Dr. Kristine Strickland and Mike Henry

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Steve Crispino, President, called the meeting to order and Dan Davis led with the invocation 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 Dan Davis and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approving the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to approve the absence of John DeBlieux from the July 13. 2021 regular meeting.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of July 2021 on a motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by John DeBlieux. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Dr. Kristine Strickland, Chancellor of Fletcher Community College was present to give a presentation on the vision behind the Houma Maritime Campus. She also asked for Board participation with their advisory board that meets quarterly.**
   2. **Mike Henry with the Alpine Group was present to submit a proposal for lobbyist services.**
   3. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – Craig Hebert was present to discuss the project status. Craig advised the Board that he received confirmation to proceed from GSA. A pre-construction meeting was held and the contractor began on Monday. The project is estimated to be 140 days.**
   4. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – David discussed his report. O’Neal Malbrough discussed the feasibility study.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed his report. He recommended that the $3.5M for dredging be kept in reserve until after hurricane season.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. The generator is on order and is expected to be 6-8 weeks.**
      5. **East Side of Slip Improvements – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. The ingress and egress is in place.**
      6. **Boat Launch Slip Maintenance Dredging – The FEMA grant was denied. The slip will still need to be dredged, cost estimates will be obtained.**
      7. **Short Cut Canal Maintenance – The dredge is complete.**
      8. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieux approving a resolution to support of resuming federal offshore leasing in the Gulf of Mexico. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      9. **David discussed new project opportunities. He discussed a proposal to Houston Company but has not heard back from them as of yet. He also discussed a possible expansion project at LA Machinery. Amber Plessala with T. Baker Smith is working with the tenant.**
      10. **A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Dan Davis approving a resolution authorizing GIS to begin the pipeline lowering process. No opposition. Motion passed.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**
7. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – The Chairman advised that the Finance Committee (the Executive Board) will meet next week. We still do not have the strategic planning report. The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation with the strategic planning. He thanked Jacob Waitz for providing lunch.**
8. **STAFF REPORT – David advised the board that Matt Kern will be attending the September board meeting to discuss the Economic Development Corporation. He is also working with Matt Rookard with TEDA to set up industry meetings.**
9. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by John DeBlieux. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**