TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**August 8, 2023**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

Present: Bill Purvis, Steve Crispino, Greg Landry, Jacob Brown, Dan Davis, John DeBlieux and Joe Caldwell

**Absent: None**

Staff: David Rabalais – Executive Director and Wayne Lirette - Maintenance

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

**Consultants Bill Blanchard – GIS**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Mike Henry with Alpine Group, Shaun Toups with Government Consultants and Ty Carlos with LCDA

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Bill Purvis called the meeting to order and led with the invocation by Joe Caldwell and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sonja Labat called roll. A quorum was present.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – Mike Henry with Alpine Group was present to discuss what is happening in Washington DC. He discussed the appropriations process and the status of the HNC Deepening funding. Mike thanked the commission for allowing Alpine Group to represent the Port Commission. The commissioners thanked Mike for providing lunch.**

**Shaun Toups with Government Consultants was present to discuss financing. He is an advisor to government entities for financing needs. Port Priority funding, Capital Outlay funding and types of governmental debt were discussed. Tax exempt financing was also discussed. Ty Carlos spoke briefly on behalf of LCDA as there is a benefit of issuing bonds through them.**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Jacob Brown approving the minutes of the July 11, 2023 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Joe Caldwell approving the absence of John DeBlieux from the July 11th regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
2. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of July 2023 on a motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – David Rabalais advised that we are waiting on CBP to connect a wireless bridge for their security equipment.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. He advised that pipeline evaluations are their priority. Another pipeline survey was done on the Northern Reach. Bill discussed pipelines identified in the Southern Reach. Five letters of intent were sent to pipeline companies. Bill and David have included Danna Schwab in the review of pipeline right of ways. A motion by Steve Crispino, seconded by Dan Davis to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $93,040.00. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed his report. The dredge of the Northern Reach and the Bay Reach are complete. They plan to bring in another dredge for the Bay Reach to re-dredge some of the high spots. Short Cut Canal has also been dredged.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – Nothing to report.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – Will continue to try to reschedule the meeting.**
      5. **Brew – The marketing committee met to discuss the proposals from the marketing firms. A motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Dan Davis to hire Brew for the marketing services of the Port Commission. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      6. **Garbologist Release – The garbologist release was prepared by Danna Schwab and signed by David.**
      7. **Alpine – David recommended utilizing Alpine Group for another year for consulting. A motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Greg Landry to hire Alpine Group for another year. No opposition. Motion passed.**

**VII.COMMITTEE REPORTS – The finance/audit committee plans to meet to review the cash budget.**

**VIII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – None**

**IX.STAFF REPORT – The Corp Low Water Reception will be held on August 24th at 6:00pm in Morgan City. Invitations will be sent out. David will update everyone on the new date for the Corp Mock Signing.**

**X.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Steve Crispino and seconded by John DeBlieux. The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**