TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**October 8, 2024**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: None**

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

**Legal: Danna Schwab**

**Consultants Dwayne Veillon and Bill Blanchard – GIS, Melanie Caillouet – AllSouth, Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie and Captain Jason Fronz

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 – Jason Fronz, Captain of the Port of Houma was present as he took the position on July 6th and wanted to introduce himself. He advised that his goal is to keep the Ports open as much as possible during a storm. David Rabalais advised that Jason did an awesome job during the storm. The board welcomed Jason to the port.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Joe Caldwell approving the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Jacob Brown and seconded by Dan Davis to approve the absence of Greg Landry from the August 13, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of September 2024 on a motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. The northern reach has been surveyed and 19 crossings have been identified. Of those, 7 lines need to be relocated, 7 lines need to be removed, 3 lines require mitigation and 2 lines need further investigation. They are evaluating 14 lines on the southern reach. Relocation letters are being sent out with a 30-day response limit. Bill discussed maps of the lines. Task order number 3, in the amount of $526,000 was discussed. A motion by Steve Crispino, seconded by John DeBlieux to approve task order number 3 in the amount of $526,000.00. No opposition. Motion passed. A motion by Greg Landry, seconded by Jacob Brown to approve the GIS invoices in the amount of $57,481.30 and $67,665.00. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised that there is $6M in dredge funds. There is some shoaling in some areas. The dredge was bid out in July and awarded to Manson last week. They plan to begin in November.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – David advised that we did not get the grant that we applied for.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that he is meeting with Craig Roussell on Friday.**
      5. **LED Site Certification – David advised that it is still in LED’s hands.**
      6. **Parish Wide Security – David advised that the request for proposal is almost complete.**
      7. **EDA Sewer Project – David advised that we are reapplying and are at the beginning stages. AllSouth is doing the application again.**
      8. **Acorn Consulting Agreement – David advised that Mike Henry’s agreement expired at the end of September. A motion by John DeBlieux, seconded by Steve Crispino to approve the Acorn Consulting Agreement for another year with the current cost. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      9. **GSA Water Testing - David advised that GSA required everyone to test their water. Cooper was found in the water fountains. A retest will be done on Thursday by Petroleum Lab.**
      10. **David briefly discussed the ICE lease amendment to add the back section to their facility. Danna will compare the original lease to the new amendment.**
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – There is no need to enter into executive session.**

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Marketing – John briefly discussed the photo shoot today.**

**VII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – The Chairman acknowledged the presence of Doug Cheramie and welcomed Captain Jason Fronz. He also thanked T. Baker Smith for providing lunch.**

**VIII.STAFF REPORT – David advised the board to not dissolve the EDC board. It cannot be turned over to TEDA but he will talk to Matt Kearn regarding allowing TEDA to utilize it.**

**IV.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Steve Crispino and seconded by Dan Davis. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**