TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**November 12, 2024**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

Present: Steve Crispino, Jacob Brown, John DeBlieux, Greg Landry and Joe Caldwell

**Absent: Bill Purvis and Dan Davis**

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

**Legal: Danna Schwab**

**Consultants Dwayne Veillon – GIS, Melanie Caillouet – AllSouth, Amber Plessala – Delta Coast, Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie, Angela Hidalgo and Trey Middleton with Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Steve Crispino 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 – Angela Hidalgo, Executive Director of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District was present to discuss the Morganza System Overview, past hurricanes and flooding, flood gates, capital projects, mitigation and future levee plans. She thanked the board for allowing her to attend.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Jacob Brown approving the minutes of the October 8, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of October 2024 on a motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Joe Caldwell. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **David advised that we passed the tests for the water quality sampling.**
      2. **David advised that GSA sent a lease agreement for the ICE expansion. Once Danna reviewed the lease, there were changes other than rate changes included. GSA sent another version today and Danna will review.**
      3. **David advised that the $3M in funding for the boat launch bulkhead was taken out of Priority 1. Norby Chabert is looking into it. The project will be put on hold until funding is available.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening – Dwayne Veillon with GIS was present to give a project update. The northern and southern reach surveys and mitigation were briefly discussed. He advised that they all met with the Corp. Letter responses were discussed. The depth of cover will be confirmed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised that the dredge was awarded to Weeks Marine. The mob should take place on December 12th and the dredge should begin on December 19th.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – Nothing to report.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that they are ready to work on drafting the lease and the donation agreement. He will begin working with Danna.**
      5. **LED Site Certification – Amber Plessala with Delta Coast was present to provide an update. All 3rd party comments have been answered and the final package has been prepared and sent to LED.**
      6. **Port Security – David advised that he and David with Technology Professionals are working on the RFP.**
      7. **EDA Sewer Project – Melanie Caillouet with AllSouth was present to give a project update. The grant application should be complete today. It is an 80/20 split and the match will be approximately $364,000.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Marketing – Sonja advised that Brew would like to meet next week about the website.**

**VII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – Steve advised that Greg Landry will be getting off the board.**

**VIII.STAFF REPORT – David advised the election of officers will be on the December agenda and Jacob Brown has expressed interest in the Chairman position. He also advised that he spoke with Matt Kearns. Matt advised him to change the EDC bylaws regarding the meeting requirement. The bylaws will be sent to Danna.**

**IV.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 12:56 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**