TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**April 9, 2024**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: None**

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

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

**Consultants Bill Blanchard – GIS, Craig Hebert, Jack Plaisance – T. Baker Smith, Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie

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 – There was no public wishing to address the commission.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieux approving the minutes of the March 12, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Joe Caldwell approving the minutes of the March 21, 2024 special meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   3. **A motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Jacob Brown approving the absence of Joe Caldwell from the March 12, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of March 2024 on a motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – Craig Hebert was present to give a project update. We are inching closer to the project close out as the walk through was accepted by CBP. The hold up is the approval by the Fire Marshall. Craig is hoping he will be available at the end of the week to do the inspection. GSA does realize that the holdup is all on CBP. David briefly discussed the ICE rebid and build out process.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. They are working on pipeline evaluations of the Northern Reach. The Corp was contacted regarding right of ways. Pipeline surveys began on March 28th and are ongoing. They had a meeting on March 26th with David, Danna Schwab and Chris Collins with DOTD. A meeting has been set up with the Corp for tomorrow and David plans to attend. They met with EnLink the week of March 25th. A motion by Greg Landry, seconded by Jacob Brown to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $40,405.00. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised that $6M is allocated for the dredge. The Corp has not indicated when they will begin. He will suggest that an updated survey be scheduled.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – Nothing to report.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that Craig Roussel called looking for paperwork transferring the project from TEDA to the Port.**
      5. **LED Site Certification – David read aloud a project update from Amber Plessala with Delta Coast, as she could not attend. The field work is complete, the reports have been received and the application has been drafted. David also advised that he met with LA Machinery regarding a possible property lease and they are also interested in Port Priority.**
      6. **EDA Sewer Grant – David advised that the Port was not awarded the grant. He briefly discussed the debriefing and advised that the application may be re-submitted.**
      7. **Parish Wide Security Grant – David advised that the application was submitted but DOTD has placed it on hold.**
      8. **BRIC Grant - David advised that we may use the same application to apply for another grant.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – John DeBlieux briefly updated the board on the progress done by Brew.**

**VII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – Dan Davis thanked Doug Cheramie for attending. The Chairman thanked T. Baker Smith for lunch.**

**VIII.STAFF REPORT – David briefly discussed a bill to change ports. As per Norby Chabert, the bill is currently “parked”.**

**IV.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Steve Crispino and seconded by Joe Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**