TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**June 11, 2024**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

Present: Jacob Brown, Dan Davis, John DeBlieux, Joe Caldwell and Greg Landry

**Absent: Steve Crispino and Bill Purvis**

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

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

**Consultants Bill Blanchard – GIS, Amber Plessala – Delta Coast, David Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie and Mike Henry with Acorn Consulting

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Greg Landry 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 Acorn Consulting was present to give a DC update. He discussed the presidential election and the appropriation bills. Advanced funding for the utility relocation and the BRIC application for the rock jetty were briefly discussed. He is hoping to be notified of the BRIC grant award in the fall or by the end of the year. He has been working with the Corp on the pipeline relocation for the deepening.**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieux approving the minutes of the May 14, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Jacob Brown and seconded by John DeBlieux to approve the absence of Steve Crispino from the May 14, 2024 regular meeting. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of May 2024 on a motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – David advised that we are just waiting on the lease.**
      2. **ICE Expansion – David advised that the current lease will be amended to include a ten percent increase in addition to the cost of the extra square footage to be used as a conference room.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. They have been working with the Corp for pipeline permits and continuing to run pipeline surveys of the Northern Reach. They hope to be complete in the next couple of weeks. He discussed the letter written to Kinder Morgan. They plan to schedule a meeting with the Colonel regarding pipeline relocations. A motion by Dan Davis, seconded by John DeBlieux to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $62,447.50. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised that he has not heard anything from the Corp yet..**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – David briefly discussed the BRIC grant.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that he has not heard anything yet.**
      5. **LED Site Certification – Amber Plessala with Delta Coast was present but did not have anything to report.**
      6. **Parish Wide Security – David advised that the Port received the funding and they are currently working on an RFP.**
      7. **EDA Sewer Project – David advised that the grant funding was pulled and went to SLEC. He plans to re-apply in October to EDA.**
      8. **Port Security Grant – David advised that he plans to apply for additional funding.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Marketing – John DeBlieux discussed an update on the Brew progress. The website was briefly discussed, as he would like to see a vacancy map like Port Fourchon has on their website.**

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

**VIII.STAFF REPORT – David advised that a lady visited him regarding derelict vessels. He found out that there is a grant program for the removal of derelict vessels.**

**IV.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by John DeBlieux and seconded by Jacob Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**