TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**July 9, 2024**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: Steve Crispino**

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

**Legal: None**

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

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie, Norby Chabert with Claitor and Chabert and Mark Wingate with MSMM Engineering

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. Bill Purvis recognized Doug Cheramie.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – Norby Chabert with Claitor and Chabert was present to give a couple updates to the board. He discussed the signs of the economy slowing down, the capital outlay funding, the status of the Port capital projects funding and House Bill 971.**

**Mark Wingate with MSMM Engineering just joined the engineering firm and wanted to discuss the services they can offer to the Port. He briefly discussed a little about the company and the services they offer. He thanked the board for their time.**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieux approving the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Jacob Brown to approve the absences of Bill Purvis and Steve Crispino from the June 11, 2024 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
2. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of June 2024 on a motion by Dan Davis and seconded by John DeBlieuxs. No opposition. Motion passed. John DeBlieux discussed excess cash sitting in the checking account and would prefer it to be earning interest. A motion by John DeBlieux and seconded by Joe Caldwell to move $3M from the checking account to LAMP. No opposition. Motion passed.**
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – David advised that the lease is still under review by GSA.**
      2. **Building Repairs – David advised that Alligator Contractors were hired to complete minor repairs in the CBP and ICE facilities.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. A map of the Southern Reach was included in his report as requested. The survey group will be working on the Northern Reach for the next couple of weeks. He is working with David to set up a meeting with Durund Elzey with the Corp. A motion by Jacob Brown, seconded by Greg Landry to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $45,097.50. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David advised that he has not heard anything from the Corp yet. There is $6M in dredge funds.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – David advised that we did not get the BRIC grant.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that he has not heard anything yet.**
      5. **LED Site Certification – The application was submitted. They sent back comments which we are working through now.**
      6. **Parish Wide Security – David advised that the Port received the funding in the amount of $850,000.**
      7. **PIDP Grant – David advised that we did apply for the grant.**
      8. **EDA Sewer Project – David advised that he plans to re-apply for the grant funding in October.**
      9. **Port Security Grant – David advised that he is waiting to hear something soon.**
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Marketing – The board would like to see the final logo for the next meeting.**

**VII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – The Chairman thanked T. Baker Smith for providing lunch.**

**VIII.STAFF REPORT – None**

**IV.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Dan Davis and seconded by Joe Caldwell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**