TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**March 9, 2021**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

Present: Greg Landry, Steve Crispino, Bill Purvis, John DeBlieux, Andrew Blanchard and Chris Erny arriving at 12:16

**Absent: Dan Davis**

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

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

**Consultants O’Neal Malbrough and Joe Chauvin – GIS, Amber Plessala – T. Baker Smith and Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Steve Crispino, President, called the meeting to order and Greg Landry led with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sonja Labat called roll. A quorum was present.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – None**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   1. **A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Bill Purvis approving the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **A motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approving to absence of Chris Erny from the February 9, 2021 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of February 2021 on a motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by John DeBlieux. A payment to Thomasea due to overpayment of the dry dock lease was briefly discussed. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion (DDG) – David discussed Craig Hebert’s report. The bid opening is scheduled for March 18th.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – David advised that he is working with the Corp and he plans to meet with Tanner Magee and Jerome Zeringue.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed an email from Ray Newman regarding funding.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. He discussed reverting from a pump to a generator.**
      5. **East Side of Slip Improvements – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. The contractor has finished clearing and will begin digging the ditches.**
      6. **Terrebonne Port Intracoastal Earhart Drive Upgrade (Thomasea) – Danna Schwab announced the trial date set for the week of September 20th.**
      7. **Boat Launch Slip Maintenance Dredging – Joe Chauvin with GIS was present to discuss the project status. The permit has expired so GIS will get it renewed.**
      8. **Short Cut Canal Maintenance – The Port is waiting on Coastal Dredging to finish a prior job before beginning at the Port.**
      9. **Strategic Planning – David briefly discussed although he did not receive the proposal from Christel Slaughter.**
      10. **Homeland Security Grant – Amber Plessala with T. Baker Smith was present to discuss funding opportunities for Port authorities. The current grant is for cyber security, but a portion could be allocated to infrastructure, boat launch, dredging or fencing. The project would require a 25% local match. The application is due mid-May and will be awarded by October.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – John DeBlieux discussed the highlights of the marketing committee meeting.**
7. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – None**
8. **STAFF REPORT – None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**