TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**May 9, 2023**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

Present: Greg Landry, Jacob Brown, Joe Caldwell, Dan Davis and Steve Crispino arriving at 11:09

**Absent: Bill Purvis and John DeBlieux**

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

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

**Consultants Bill Blanchard – GIS and David Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie and Ty Carlos

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 – None**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by Jacob Brown approving the minutes of the April 11, 2023 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of April 2023 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. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – David Rabalais gave a project update as Craig Hebert was unable to attend. GSA made another change which has been approved.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. Bill discussed the right of ways of the Southern Reach. The Hilcorp line is challenging them. The pipeline surveys of the Southern Reach are ongoing. Will move forward on a new pipeline survey of the Northern Reach. Bill discussed the successful visit from Colonel Cullen Jones and staff on April 21st. Representatives from DOTD also attended. The Colonel was given a boat tour with industry onboard. There were lots of open discussion. A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by Jacob Brown to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $82,446.25. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed his report. He also discussed the dredge status of the Northern Reach and the Bay Reach. Harbor Dredging should begin digging the Short Cut Canal this weekend and be done by the end of May.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – David advised that a grant was applied for and submitted this week.**
      4. **Port Pump – David Waitz was present to give a project update. It was a slow process as they were awaiting a manufacturer to come complete a startup. Everything is up and running.**
      5. **Bollinger Project – Bollinger plans to receive capital outlay funding for improvements. David is waiting to schedule a meeting with Bollinger but he would like to have an internal meeting first to include the Executive Committee or any other board member who would like to attend without creating a quorum. Bollinger has a facility they want improved but they are required to go through a government agency. They would donate the property to the Port, establish a lease and compensate the Port for expenses such as attorney fees and accounting fees.**

**VII.COMMITTEE REPORTS – The Executive Committee met for the agenda review. The Port is currently undergoing audit and Pernell Pellegrin plans to attend in July. David is working to set up a Marketing Committee meeting.**

**VIII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – Dan Davis reminded everyone to submit their Tier 2.1 forms.**

**IX.STAFF REPORT – David Rabalais advised that he and Sonja will be in Washington DC next Tuesday through Thursday. David also discussed Norby Chabert’s support on current bills.**

**X.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Dan Davis and seconded by Greg Landry. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am. No opposition. Motion passed.**