TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**July 13, 2021**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

Present: Greg Landry, Steve Crispino, Bill Purvis, Dan Davis, Andrew Blanchard and Chris Erny

**Absent: John DeBlieux**

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, Stevie Smith – Allsouth, Craig Hebert and Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Doug Cheramie, Pernell Pellegrin and Ben Bordelon

1. **WELCOME AND INVOCATION** 
   1. **Steve Crispino, President, called the meeting to order and Chris Erny led with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sonja Labat called roll. A quorum was present.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – Ben Bordelon, President and CEO of Bollinger Shipyards was present to introduce himself to the board. Ben is in the shipbuilding business therefore there is a need for water depth in order to deliver ships. The HNC is vital to Terrebonne Parish and deep water is critical for the area. He is requesting a collective effort of the commission to have the HNC maintained at a depth of 20 feet. The commissioners thanked Ben for coming to the meeting and welcomed them to Terrebonne Parish. Ben thanked the board for the opportunity.**

**Pernell Pellegrin with Martin and Pellegrin was also present to discuss the 2020 audit report.**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   1. **A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Dan Davis approving the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
2. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of June 2021 on a motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard. No opposition. Motion passed.**
3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – Craig Hebert was present to discuss the project status. Craig advised the Board that he still has not received the notice to proceed from GSA, as they are looking into a few more issues. The contractor will have some increase in costs. Craig hopes to hear something soon from GSA.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – David and O’Neal Malbrough advised the board that they have met with Garret Graves. Bill asked about the relocation of the pipelines. O’Neal discussed the feasibility study which identified the pipelines.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed the Corp dredge bids. He asked for the approval of an engineering agreement with GIS to work with the State and coordinate funding to assist the Corp in the maintenance dredge. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to approve the engineering agreement with GIS. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. The generator is on order and is expected to be 6-8 weeks.**
      5. **East Side of Slip Improvements – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. The contractor is waiting on dry weather.**
      6. **Terrebonne Port Intracoastal Earhart Drive Upgrade (Thomasea) – A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Greg Landry to approve the project acceptance resolution for the project. No opposition. Motion passed. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Dan Davis to approve the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign the new lease as prepared by legal. No opposition. Motion passed. Bill Purvis abstained from both motions.**
      7. **Boat Launch Slip Maintenance Dredging – Awaiting the announcement of the grant award.**
      8. **Short Cut Canal Maintenance – David discussed a tenant’s request of additional cubic yards to be dredged. A budget of $200,000 was approved at the June meeting. David will discuss with the tenant a possible Port contribution to dredge at a later date closer to the boat sailing.**
      9. **Steve discussed the importance of hiring a lobbyist. He suggested that Mike Henry with Alpine Group be hired for the next 90 days. This topic will be further discussed at the strategic planning meeting. A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by Bill Purvis to hire Mike Henry with Alpine Group for the next 90 days. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      10. **Executive Session – A roll call vote was taken and a motion was offered by Dan Davis and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to enter into executive session at 1:15 pm. No opposition. Motion passed. A roll call vote and a motion was offered by Greg Landry and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to return to the agenda at 1:36 pm. No opposition. Motion passed. A motion was offered by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Greg Landry to accept the recommendation from legal. No opposition. Motion passed. Bill Purvis abstained.**
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**
5. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – None**
6. **STAFF REPORT – The staff discussed the Strategic Planning meeting to be held on Monday in Baton Rouge.**
7. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Chris Erny and seconded by Bill Purvis. The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**