TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**January 12, 2021**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: Dan Davis**

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

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

**Consultants Chris Jeanice and Kevan Kiezer – GIS, Craig Hebert, Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: Kim Chauvin

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. The Chairman welcomed the two new commissioners, Mr. Bill Purvis and Mr. John DeBlieux. Mr. Bill Purvis is happy to serve. Mr. John DeBlieux is happy to serve and be involved in the HNC status. The Chairman acknowledged Eddie Rome and Charles Giglio for their service. The Chairman also thanked Greg Landry for his service as Chairman for the past two years.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – None**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   1. **A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approving the minutes of the December 8, 2020 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of December 2020 on a motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Greg Landry. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion (DDG) – Craig Hebert was present to give the project status. Craig is awaiting authorization from GSA to go out for bid.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – David advised that after 20 years, the WRDA bill was authorized. He plans to set up a meeting with DOTD to hire an engineer to begin the process of lowering the pipelines. Dredging cannot be done until the lock is in place which is estimated to be three to four years.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed funding.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump and East Side of Slip Improvements – Jacob Waitz was present to give a project update. Onshore will begin construction in the next week or two. There may be a possible upcoming change order for an ingress and egress.**
      5. **Terrebonne Port Intracoastal Earhart Drive Upgrade (Thomasea) – Nothing to report.**
      6. **Discussion and possible action supporting the petition to restore the Lower Bayou Petit Caillou East Bank Ridge south of the MTG floodgate. Kim Chauvin was present to discuss the economic value to the Parish. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Greg Landry to support this petition. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      7. **Discussion and possible action supporting the petition to consider the state dredge a by-pass canal connecting the HNC to Bayou Grand Caillou just south of the HNC lock. Kim Chauvin was present to discuss the concerns without this project. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Greg Landry to support this petition. Bill Purvis and John DeBlieux voted nay. Motion passed.**
      8. **A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to terminate the six month consulting contract with Alpine Group. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      9. **David and O’Neil Malbrough will plan a strategic planning retreat in the next couple of months.**
      10. **Chris Jeanice presented maps to discuss the pump station and levee right of way requested by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government. Maps of a site plan, cross sections and proposed pump station were presented. The current levee will need to be shifted about twenty feet. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard authorizing this project. No opposition. Motion passed.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – John DeBlieux discussed the website. He suggested that a mission statement, marketing strategies and a tenant listing be added. He also noticed that several links do not work. He would also like to include funds in the budget for a marketing plan.**
7. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS –**
8. **STAFF REPORT –**
9. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Chris Erny and seconded by Greg Landry. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**