TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**October 10, 2023**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Bill Purvis, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: None**

Staff: David Rabalais – Executive Director and Wayne Lirette - Maintenance

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

**Consultants Bill Blanchard – GIS, Stevie Smith and Melanie – All South, Amber Plessala – Delta Coast, Jack Plaisance – T. Baker Smith, Jacob Waitz**

###### Media: None

###### Guests: George Ray

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 thanked T. Baker Smith for providing lunch.**
2. **PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION – None**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND ABSENCES**
   1. **A motion by Steve Crispino and seconded by Joe Caldwell approving the minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of September 2023 on a motion by Greg Landry and seconded by Dan Davis. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** 
   1. **Government Multi-Use Complex**
      1. **CBP (OFO) Expansion – David Rabalais advised that all we are waiting for is an occupancy certificate from the Fire Marshall.**
      2. **David discussed having the fuel tank, located in the back of the facility, connected to the generator. David discussed partnering with the tenants in the back on the cost of the connection and then sharing the fuel in the event of an emergency. Cost estimates will be provided.**
      3. **The tenants in the back of have requested to build an awning over the landing. Craig Hebert will review the plans and if approved, they will be allowed to build it.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – Bill Blanchard with GIS was present to give a project update. He advised that they are continuing to work with Hilcorp. The survey data of the Northern Reach is being reviewed. Letters of intent will be sent to TPIC. They plan to continue to meet with the pipeline companies. A motion by Dan Davis, seconded by Steve Crispino to approve the GIS invoice in the amount of $78,561.25. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed his report. The dredge of the Northern Reach and the Short Cut Canal are complete. The dredge of the Bay Reach has started and mile 2 to mile 11 will be dredged to 17 feet.**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – A request from Capital Outlay was made and industry will be asked to send support letters.**
      4. **Bollinger Project – David advised that we are waiting for the CEA from the State and will begin working with the attorney on the lease.**
      5. **Acorn Consulting Agreement – David advised the board that Mike has left Alpine Group. A motion by Steve Crispino, seconded by John DeBlieux to approve the Acorn Consulting Agreement. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      6. **Airport Resolution – George Ray was present to give a presentation of multimodal fuel as this is a new initiative to support major airport tenants such as Bristol and PHI. The transporting of fuel was discussed as they plan to truck the fuel in the beginning and pipe it in the future. They are looking to partner with the Port for an area to house the blending. He discussed funding opportunities such as grants which one application is due November 27th. All South is working on a study for the project to determine acreage needed. A motion by Dan Davis, seconded by Steve Crispino to approve a resolution to partner with the Airport Commission. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      7. **LED Proposal for Fuel Company – Melanie with All South discussed a possible blending facility.**
      8. **LED Site Certification – Amber Plessala with Delta Coast was present to discuss the status of the LED Site Certification. The topographic field work is complete. Quotes are being obtained to proceed so that the application can be completed.**
      9. **EDA Sewer Grant – Melanie with All South was present to give an update on the sewer system project. They are working to complete the environmental narrative then will be submitted to South Central Planning.**

1. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – The marketing committee met with Brew for the first and second sessions, which is allowing them to look at things in a different perspective.**

**VIII.COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – None.**

**IX.STAFF REPORT – None.**

**X.ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Steve Crispino and seconded by John DeBlieux. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**