TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

**June 8, 2021**

**1116 Bayou Lacarpe Rd.**

Houma, Louisiana 70363

# **Steve Crispino, President Presiding**

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

**Absent: None**

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

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

**Consultants Amber Plessala, Philip Chauvin, Jason Chauvin and Josh Gravois – T. Baker Smith, O’Neal Malbrough – GIS, Craig Hebert and David 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 Chris Erny and seconded by Bill Purvis approving the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting and the minutes of the June 3, 2021 special meeting. No opposition. Motion passed.**
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   1. **Reconciliation of finances were reviewed and approved for the month of May 2021 on a motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Chris Erny. No opposition. Motion passed.**
5. **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 has made several attempts to contact GSA in regards to bid approval. He has met with the contractors due to cost escalation. The escalated cost is estimated to be under $8,000. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard to proceed once notice to proceed is received from GSA. No opposition. Motion passed.**
   2. **Other Port Projects**
      1. **HNC Deepening Study – David and O’Neal Malbrough discussed the latest report.**
      2. **HNC Maintenance Dredging (Corp) – David discussed the latest report received from the Corp**
      3. **HNC Rock Jetty – No change.**
      4. **Port Pump – David Waitz was present to give a project update. The additional generator quotes were received.**
      5. **East Side of Slip Improvements – David Waitz was present to give a project update. OnShore will begin working on the ingress/egress in a week or two.**
      6. **Terrebonne Port Intracoastal Earhart Drive Upgrade (Thomasea) – Nothing to report.**
      7. **Boat Launch Slip Maintenance Dredging – The maintenance dredge will be visited within the Homeland Security Grant. Amber Plessala was present to provide the grant packet and discuss the status. The application was submitted on May 15th. Selections should be made by the end of August. There is a 20% cost match for the funding. Parking lot improvements, boat slip, dredging and a possible heliport were included in the grant package. Amber also discussed upcoming grants and she will meet with David to discuss further. David stated that if we do not get approved for the grant the Port will have to dredge.**
      8. **Short Cut Canal Maintenance – David discussed maps due to Thomasea’s requests of additional cubic yards to be dredged. David requested to increase the approved limit to $200K. A motion by Dan Davis and seconded by Greg Landry to increase the dredge limit from $150K to $200K. No opposition. Motion passed.**
      9. **Executive Session – A roll call vote was taken and a motion was offered by Chris Erny and seconded by Dan Davis to enter into executive session at 12:39 pm. Motion passed. Bill Purvis abstained from the roll call vote and entering into executive session. A roll call vote and a motion was offered by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Greg Landry to return to the agenda at 1:03 pm. Motion passed. A motion was offered by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Chris Erny to move forward with the recommendation in regards to the Thomasea Case. Motion passed.**
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS – The next meeting will not be held until after the strategic planning.**
7. **COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS – The Chairman thanked T. Baker Smith for providing lunch.**
8. **STAFF REPORT – None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion made for adjournment by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Chris Erny. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. No opposition. Motion passed.**