



TERREBONNE PORT COMMISSION

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MINUTES
March 17, 2009
8026 Main Street
Houma, Louisiana 70360
Dan Davis, President Presiding

Present: Andrew Blanchard, Dan Davis, Chris Erny, Charles Giglio, Don Hingle, and Ray Sick
Absent: Edward Rome
Staff: David Rabalais, Director, Natalie Lapeyrouse, Secretary
Engineer: Larry Dupre-T. Baker Smith, John Bourg - Shaw Coastal, Phil Schexnayder- GSE and Larry Picciola, Angelette -Picciola
Legal: Ken Watkins
Guests: Clay Naquin - Synergy Industries, Bobby Barthel- Gulf Island
Media: Kathrine Schmidt- Courier

I. WELCOME AND INVOCATION

- President, Dan Davis, called the meeting to order. David Rabalais led with the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Natalie Lapeyrouse called role. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 17, 2009 meeting minutes were approved on motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Don Hingle. No oppositions. Motion carried.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Reconciliation of finances from checking account, Lamp account and TPCG pay select invoices was reviewed and approved for the month of February 2009 on a motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Ray Sick. No opposition. Motion passed.

IV. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Larry Picciola reported that the construction contract has been signed and is pending Ken Watkins legal review before sending the final documents to the contractor. David Rabalais reported that contractor working on a building on the property found an issue with the soil stabilization. The port sent a letter to the contractor notifying him of the issue, but it should not be a problem. Larry Picciola does not think the issue will cause a change order. The pre construction meeting will be next week and the contractor will be given a notice to proceed. Dredging will begin once the bulkhead is in place. David Rabalais reported on the LaShip Dry Dock. The advertising will begin shortly and bids are due April 21, 2009 at 10 am.
- David Rabalais reported on the ThomaSea Dry Dock Project. The port has received authorization to bid and could start advertising as early as late next week.



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- David Rabalais reported on the Performance Energy Dry Dock Project. The project has made the short list and is #6. Funds are available for project #'s 1-5. The dry dock will be funded if more money is put into the program this year, or will be first on the list next year. The port has permission from DOTD to start the project now and get reimbursed when the project is funded by DOTD.
- Phil Schexnayder reported on the status of the Port's HWY 57 structure permit. A memo was received stating the corps permit will be drafted for review. No public notice will be needed. The Port is still waiting on DNR's approval Lumcon is still interested in the structures, but a permit was needed incase the CoOp fell through.

V. PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION
None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- David Rabalais presented the updated spreadsheet on the Downtown Marina. He reported that the LRA projects have been taken over by the Parish. They will be the fiscal agent and administrator.
- Natalie Lapeyrouse reported on the Downtown Marina Study Group. No new developments since last report.
- David Rabalais presented the commission with two quotes from Exterior Designs to trim, mulch and add plants to the marina. A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Ray Sick approved David Rabalais to spend up to \$10,000 in expenditures on the marina landscaping. No opposition. Motion Passed.
- David Rabalais discussed the status of FEMA and the damage from the hurricanes. The Port will be receive payment for the road damage shortly. The other projects have not yet been approved for reimbursement.
- David Rabalais presented the minutes from an internal Corps meeting to the commission on the status of the Houma Navigation Canal Deepening. David will notify commissioners when the meetings occur.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard approved a resolution terminating Synergy's lease for 34.26 acres under the following conditions:
 - 1) All obligations of Synergy will be current and fulfilled up to the effective date of termination;
 - 2) No damage will exist to leased property as of the effective date of termination;
 - 3) Synergy will provide evidence that all insurance requirements in the three lease agreements, are current up to the effective date of termination;
 - 4) All monthly rental payments will be prorated as of the effective date of termination, and Synergy Shipbuilding, L.L.C., will pay all legal fees incurred by the Terrebonne Port Commission related to the termination of the lease agreements; and
 - 5) The cancellation of all four lease agreements will be effective as of the execution of a lease, by the Terrebonne Port Commission as LESSOR, and Thom-Sea Boat Builders, Inc., as LESSEE of the entire 34.26 acres presently under lease to Synergy Shipbuilding, L.L.C.

No opposition. Motion Passed.



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- A motion by Chris Erny and seconded by Don Hingle approved a resolution for the Second Amendment and Restatement of Lease for ThomaSea to include the 34.26 acres released from Synergy. No opposition. Motion Passed. ThomaSea's total acreage at the port will be +/- 65.50.
- A motion by Don Hingle and seconded by Ray Sick approved a resolution opposing the elimination of 30 billion dollars from the Oil and Gas Industry from the Federal FY 2010 budget. No opposition. Motion Passed.
- A motion by Andrew Blanchard and seconded by Chris Erny approved an invoice from Lowland Construction for dredging the port slip in the amount of \$50,784.25. No opposition. Motion Passed. There is a possibility that FEMA will partially reimburse the port for the dredging.
- A motion by Charles Giglio and seconded by Ray Sick approved the pay rate increase for the Marina staff. No opposition. Motion Passed. The 2 employees will now be paid \$15 per hour at 10 hours a week. David Rabalais was given authorization at his digression to increase marina staff's hours when justified.

VIII STAFF REPORT

- David presented two letters from Landrieu and Vitter regarding the resolution passed by the Port opposing the Employee Free Choice Act.
- David Rabalais presented the press release from Walter Land regarding the donation of property to the Port.
- David Rabalais reported the silting in of the Short Cut Canal. Port tenants are losing business due to boats not being able to enter the Port slip. David presented a letter that will be sent to Landrieu, Melancon and Vitter regarding the matter and requesting federal funds. The port is permitted to dredge the canal until 2010, so David will request bids to dredge the material. He will also contact the Levee board about dredging the canal and keeping the spoil material. Don Hingle suggested a special meeting if the bids come in before the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to come before the commission, a motion for adjournment made by Chris Erny and seconded by Andrew Blanchard. No opposition. Motion carried.