

# **SOUTHEAST TEXAS WATERWAYS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Southeast Texas Waterways Advisory Council was held on April 25, 2013 at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, TX. The current SETWAC Charter is dated July 21, 2011. Printed materials presented at the meeting are available for copying at the office of the Council's Executive Secretary, Mrs. Jackie Grayless, at the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Office, 2901 Turtle Creek Drive, Port Arthur, TX 77642. The meeting information is also available electronically through the SETWAC website [www.setwac.org](http://www.setwac.org).

### **1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am.

### **Remarks by the Chairman:**

Randy Reese welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Sunoco for providing the refreshments for the meeting.

### **2. Remarks by the Acting Captain of the Port:**

LCDR Jackie Twomey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He introduced the new Prevention Department Head, LCDR Randy Jenkins. LCDR Jenkins replaced He also congratulated Captain Mark Taylor and Captain Ellen Warner for their new positions as President and Vice President of the Sabine Pilots Association. The CAPT also thanked Captain Duane Bennett for all his work with the committee.

### **3. Approval of the January 24, 2012 minutes:**

A motion was made and passed to approve the previous meetings minutes.

### **4. Committee Reports:**

#### ***Navigation Sub-Committee Report***

#### ***Waterway Suitability Assessment Process***

Mr. Scott Whalen with VTS Port Arthur gave a report on the Waterway Suitability Assessments. He discussed the following:

- Who is required to do a Waterway Suitability Assessment
  - Owners that intend to build a new LNG/LHG facility
  - Owners that intend to expand or modify an existing LHG/LHG facility.

- What needs to be submitted
  - Letter of Intent (LOI)
  - Preliminary Waterway Suitability Assessment (WSA)
  - Follow-on Waterway Suitability Assessment

Also, discussed that a public notice will be in the Federal Register for public comments.

*Martin Operating Partnership LP*

An overview on the Beaumont LHG Project Review was given.

A motion was made to the Chairman to from the Navigation Sub-Committee to consider establishing a Liquefied Hazardous Gas export terminal at the Martin Stanolind facility in Beaumont, TX.

*Sunoco Logistics Partners Marketing & Terminals*

An overview on Sunoco's Mariner South Project LPG Terminal was given.

A motion was made to the Chairman to from the Navigation Sub-Committee to consider establishing a Liquefied Hazardous Gas export terminal at the Sunoco Partners and Marketing Terminal in Nederland, TX.

*Port Welfare Sub-Committee Report*

*Port Vision Gate List*

Niels Aalund, with WGMA gave a report on Port Vision's Gate List. Port Vision is initiating a standardized gate list that can be combined with Terminal Smart System. There will be no fee for users. They will be reaching out to users for feedback.

*Waterway Maintenance and Improvement Sub-Committee Report*

*Waterway Maintenance Report*

Randy Reese with the Sabine Neches Navigation District gave a report on the Water Resource Development Bill and that they hope to have it approved.

*USACE Waterway Maintenance Report*

Paula Wise with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave an operations and maintenance update on the following:

## FY12 Port Arthur Canal, Turning Basin, Junction Area, and Taylors Bayou

- Contractor: Manson Construction
- Estimated Completion: Aug 2013
- Contract Efforts:
  - Schedule 1 (SNC, PAC Junction) – Culvert work done; SNC done, PAC almost complete. Will start Junction Area
  - Option 1 (Sabine River – Critical shoals) - done
  - Option 2 (SNC TB) - done
  - Option 3 (Port of Port Arthur Docks) - done
  - Option 4 (Taylors Bayou TB) – after Junction Area
  - Option 5 (Taylors Bayou East TB) - after Junction Area
  - Option 6 (Taylors Connecting Ch) - after Junction Area
  - Option 7 (Taylors Entrance Channel and West TB) - after Junction
  - Option 8 (Sunken vessel removals – Sabine River) – Removed wooden vessel; Will not pursue removal of steel vessel.
  - Option 9 (P.A. No. 11 Erosion Protection) – done

## FY13 Neches River Channel

- Dredging depth: 42 ft required depth
- Dredging with: 400 – 1,200 ft.
- Dredging length: varies
- Dredging quantity: 3,500,000 cubic yards
- Material type: sand/silt/clay
- Placement area: various upland PAs
- Estimated start date: late September 2013
- Estimated completion date: mid-March 2014

## Outer Bank and Channel

- Delayed to FY14

## Sabine Jetty Marking

- Project team efforts initiated
- Contract award delayed to FY14 due to funding limitations
- Anticipate construction of 6 – 8 breakaway radar reflectors on west jetty
- Contract will be combined with riprap repair at the old USACE Port Arthur Office

## *Waterway Security Sub-Committee Report*

No report to pass.

## *ATON Status/Projects Report*

BMCS Chris Evan reported that they would be soliciting feedback on the Sabine Jetty Range A light.

### 5. New Business:

#### *Hurricane Brief*

LTJG Joshua Valdivia gave Hurricane Readiness presentation. The full report on the following is located the SETWAC website.

The following information was discussed:

- Port Plans
- Port Readiness
- Coast Guard pre-storm actions
- Port Conditions/HURCONs
- Port Coordination Team
- Hurricane Port Conditions
- Port Restoration and Recovery
- Coast Guard post storm actions

#### *USCG Report*

#### *TWIC*

MST3 Lawson Boring gave a presentation on the TWIC NPRM overview.

He discussed the following on the summary of the proposed rulemaking.

- Classifies facilities and vessels into risk-based categories to define affected population (A, B & C)
- Incorporates flexibility for affected population:
  - Waiver process
  - Placement of readers
- Two-year implementation Period

TWIC Town Hall Meeting to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at the quarterly FSO meeting, MSU Port Arthur office.

#### *Subchapter M*

LCDR Randy Jenkins gave an update on Subchapter M. He stated that they are still working through the comments from the public notice. They will continue to renewal and exams.

### ***Board Member Changes***

The following board member changes were made:

- Corey Winkler replaced Gregg Stephens from Exxon Mobil for the alternate seat for Chemical/Oil Refining Docks.
- Brian Hall replaced Billy Greer for the primary seat for U.S. Maritime Administration.

### **6. Next Meeting**

The working group meeting will be held at the Sabine-Neches Navigation District office on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 10:00 am.

The full committee meeting will be held at MSU Port Arthur on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 10:00 am.

### **7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.