

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
July 10, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") met in regular session at the District's office at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, Louisiana on July 10 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Ben Adams, Steven Cornes, Deborah Garber, Joseph Cain, Troy Lombardo, Matthew Tycer and Adam Mayon in attendance. Matthew Glover was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenant Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; along with members of the general public.

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. Raymond Wade led the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2023 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Adams that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of June, 2023 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of June, 2023 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Garber presented the 2023/2023 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Cornes and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the 2023/2024 budget be adopted, the expenditures of the funds therein for 2023/2024 be authorized and the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2023/2024 budget for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District").

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners ("Board") deems it necessary and proper to prepare and adopt a budget with defined goals on revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2023 through June 30, 2024;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby approve the budget presented and adopts it as an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operating Budget for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, during the same period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that any deviations of budgetary amendments require the approval of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Timothy Connell reported that: (i) there will be a bid opening Thursday for the supplemental cutterhead dredge; (ii) the proposal from Brice is due back tomorrow for the new *Arulaq* contract, with an award prior to August 3rd providing everything is in line; (iii) a bid opening is set for July 18th for Berwick Harbor/Stouts Pass IDIQ contract, with a task order being awarded 2-3 weeks after the bid opening and a dredge arriving 2-3 weeks after that; and (iv) the *Crosby Dredger* continues to work Bayou Chene, with new surveys released on the website.

Lieutenant Piche reported that: (i) 2,290 total transits in May through the VTS zone, at an average of 78 per day; (ii) the AXE has repositioned buoys at Stouts Pass as needed; and (iii) the train bridge closures have been suspended until further permits are granted, with closures possibly resuming July 20th through mid-August.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we are requesting a waiver for the match on our capital outlay requests; and (ii) we are still awaiting word on the Port Security Grant (PSG), earmark, PIDP and Maritime Highways applications, but have received word we will not be receiving funding from the RAISE grant.

Charles Brittingham reported that (i) the last two weeks were recessed, with members returning tomorrow; (ii) the good news from June is that the House kept the \$62.5 million in FY24 president's budget and is expecting that the Senate does the same; and (iii) a continuing resolution has been drafted and expects Congress will wait and pass an omnibus at the end of the year, with funding to come in the 1st quarter of 2024.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) the East Dock project is 40% complete, cap sills are 50% complete and DOTD witnessed and inspected the project for reimbursement; (ii) he presented Sealevel Construction's Payment Application No. 5 in the amount of \$964,398.20, with Mr. Tycer moving for payment, seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously; and (iii) we met with the MARAD engineer on the West Dock project, who was impressed with ongoing design that should be completed by the end of the year.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) a renewal of the contract between District and L.R. Services, LLC for provision of as-needed marine captain services at a rate of \$450 per day. Mr. Adams moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to execute said contract, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the execution of a vessel captain agreement for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District"), designating the terms and conditions of the contract, and granting the authorization therefor.

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners ("Board") is authorized by the provisions of LSA-R.S. 34:324 to "contract with the employ attorneys, clerks, engineers, deputy commissioners, superintendents, stevedores and other agents and employees and shall fix their compensation and terms of office or employments," and,


WHEREAS, this Board, after due deliberation deems it necessary that a real and genuine necessity exist therefor, to contract with L.R. Services, LLC. for marine captain vessel services and other services related to the advancement of the District.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Pete Orlando, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District, an agreement with L.R. Services, LLC. for the provision of marine captain services to the District, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement presented this day.

(ii) a maintenance and support plan for video surveillance systems and access control through American Integration contractors, LLC. Mr. Adams moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said plan, which motion was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:


Steven W. Cornes, Secretary