PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**November 14, 2022**

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 November 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Pete Orlando, Ben Adams, Troy Lombardo, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Deborah Garber and Adam Mayon were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; LT Jenelle Piche and Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; 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. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2022 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Cornes that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of October, 2022 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of October, 2022 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) the *Captain Frank* returned to Berwick Harbor and made another sweep from Tidwater Point past Conrads, leaving us in good shape for a while; (ii) a Notice to Proceed has been issued to Crosby for dredging in Bayou Chene. Mr. Orlando questioned the duration of the project, with Mr. Connell noting no longer than 6 months; (iii) Manson’s *RM White* is in a holding pattern due to a number of issues, but will eventually work the Bar along with Brice, down to station 900, meeting up with Brice’s work below station 900; and (iv) Brice continues to work the Bar channel, with funding through August of 2023 and the Corps actively pursuing action through SBA for another similar contract.

LT Jenelle reported that: (i) 2,283 total transits in October, averaging 73 transits per day through the VTS zone; (ii) there has still been some groundings at Stouts Pass around MM115 so the *AXE* will be placing an additional buoy, with that information being sent out to GICA and mariners; and (iii) USCG Air Station will be doing a flyover from Berwick VTS area taking imagery and studying all of the aids to navigation in that area.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we will be holding our annual exercise Thursday as per our Facility Security Plan; (ii) we were notified that we have been awarded $10 million in funding through the PIDP grant. Mr. Wade noted he’s been told the average turnaround for a MARAD grant is 445 days; and (iii) after several discussions with James Purpera, Senator Bret Allain and Representative Vinny St. Blanc, we will be applying to repurpose capital outlay funding from purchasing dredge pipe to Warehouse Fire Suppression System and West Dock Project.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) an additional geotechnical analysis is needed for the West Dock Project and Mr. Orlando moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said Amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously; and (ii) Bid opening was held for East Dock Project, with Sealevel Construction being the lowest bidder at $4,983,957, which is $329,000 below the engineers estimate. Mr. Orlando moved to award contract to Sealevel Construction, which was seconded by Mr. Glover and carried unanimously. Mr. Orlando also moved to authorize Mr. Cain to execute the contract between the District and Sealevel Construction, pursuant to legal review and public bid law, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera report that: (i) on October 12th, a meeting was held with GICA about concerns for the diversion around Bayou Boeuf Locks, with an additional meeting scheduled with the towing industry and stakeholders to discuss effects from increased flow. Mr. Orlando noted he has spoken with several businesses, including some in Terrebonne Parish; (ii) she attended two landowner workshops prior to the upcoming CWPPRA regional planning meeting, where projects are selected for funding for the upcoming year. She noted that EPA is very interested in promoting projects using Atchafalaya sediment; (iii) the NOAA/CPRA LANEER meeting was held at the MC Auditorium and St. Mary Excel provided comments supporting Morgan City; (iv) they are looking for projects/proposals for the 2024 Atchafalaya Basin Program and Senator Allain is encouraging submission of projects from within his District; (v) Tori has been working with auditors in the office and will be wrapping it up on Thursday; and (vi) Mac attended the WEDA Conference in New Orleans, with about 75 Corps officials attending from New Orleans, Vicksburg, Mobile and Galveston offices.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that they have received several boxes of documents on the Youngswood yard failure, which are under review and will be discussed in executive session next month.

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

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Steven W. Cornes, Secretary