**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**November 14, 2016**

 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, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President convened the meeting with Commissioners Gary Duhon, Deborah Garber, Thomas Ackel, R. Scott Melancon, Tim Matthews, Sr., Joseph Cain and Ben Adams in attendance. Also present at the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Captain Blake Welborn and Chief Clayton Franklin, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Clayton Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Mike Lowe, GHD Services; Randy Moertle, land manager for Point Au Fer, along with members of the media and general public.

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

It was moved by Mr. Duhon and seconded by Mr. Melancon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2016 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Garber that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of October, 2016 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of October, 2016 be paid. Mr. Ackel seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

 Mr. Duhon moved to authorize property renewal with Paul’s Agency for both facilities, which was seconded by Mr. Cain and carried unanimously. Mr. Wade noted that due to shifting equipment to the new facility, we were able to save approximately $5,000.

Captain Welborn reported that the vessel passages from this month were about the same from the previous month. Chief Franlkin noted no new buoys were needed on Berwick Bay and Mr. Wade noted that that the dredge Leonard J will return to Berwick Bay in approximately a month.

Randy Moertle made a presentation to the Board on the importance of keeping the Point Au Fer marsh creation project in the master plan. He also urged a letter writing campaign in January from various stakeholders.

 Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY14 Port Security Grant’s final reimbursement was approved tonight, which was $1500 under budget, with final paperwork being filed by the end of the month; (ii) FY15 Port Security Grants are being implemented; (iii) FY16 Port Security Grant requires three separate EHP clearances, with one being received and the other two by the end of the year; (iv) our annual Coast Guard inspection will be this week, where we expect to receive approval for the amendments to our Facility Security Plan (FSP) we submitted; (iv) USDOT has announced the FASTLANE grant, with an application deadline in December and that he will discuss then an application for $16 million to extend the dock with a 40% match or $6.4 million.

Mike Lowe reported that: (i) GHD continues to provide support to our dredging engineers and consultants on the demo project in the Bar Channel, WRDA, and 408 permitting process.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that: (i) the Bar Channel demonstration project was completed in August at cost of $3,981,000. ERDC is developing a report that determines the effectiveness of the method and should release it by the end of December. (ii) New Channel surveys have been taken and are posted on the Corps website.

Mr. Wade also reported that: (i) he will be meeting with the Corps later this week to discuss our upcoming dredging funding for 2017; (ii) we have had a good bit of traffic in the Channel and have recently done some surveying, with updates to be reported next month.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) in addition to working with Randy Moertle on the Point Au Fer marsh creation project, she and/or Mac have attended any and every coastal restoration group meetings, including CWPPRA, CPRA, Restore and Retreat Rendezvous, Community Conversations, Land Owner Coastal Restoration Workshop at Conoco Phillips. (ii) We hosted a stakeholder meeting, with about 40 people in attendance and discussed several things including how to access and read surveys, update on the demo project in the Bar Channel, shrinking O&M appropriations, WRDA 2016 and additional permitting, projects being evaluated in the master plan, Point Au Fer marsh creation project and tonnage reporting. Stakeholders were urged to provide letters of support to keep the Point Au Fer project in the master plan. Mr. Melancon also noted that the stakeholder meeting was excellent and urged that we continue it on a quarterly basis. (iii) The Increase Atchafalaya Flow Diversion project is nearing the engineering design phase and public meetings will be held on November 28th in Terrebonne and December 8th at our EOC, which stakeholders and commissioners are urged to attend; (iv) Mac attended the St. Mary Parish School Board meeting, along with Conrad Industries, in support of their foreign trade zone, which was unanimously approved. (v) Other conferences attended included LIDEA Conference, attended by herself and Mr. Wade and AAPA Conference, attended by herself, Mr. Wade, Mr. Melancon and Mr. Duhon. Mr. Duhon noted that Senators Vitter, Scalise and Palozio gave a question and answer session and Mr. Melancon noted that Ports of South LA, New Orleans, Terrebonne, West St. Mary and Fourchon are all experiencing the same problems, tight funding!

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) he is waiting on comments on the Danos short form lease presented; (ii) the Levee District buildout is currently in its retainage period; (iii) Swiftships project will meet all the requirements for the Port Priority Funding, if you choose to proceed.

Mr. Duhon moved to expand the agenda to include discussion of a Memorial Resolution in honor of Mr. Alfred S. Lippman, which was seconded by Mr. Melancon and carried unanimously. Mr. Duhon, Mr. Lodrigue and Mr. Wade all reiterated the many years Mr. Lippman served this Port and this community. Motion was moved, seconded and carried unanimously.

**Memorial Resolution**

WHEREAS, Almighty GOD, in HIS infinite wisdom, bestowed seventy-eight years of earthly life upon ALFRED S. LIPPMAN, who departed this earth on October 17, 2016.

 WHEREAS, ALFRED S. LIPPMAN is survived by his wife, Gail Poche Lippman, and three children namely, Beth Lippman Busbice, David Lippman and Karen Lippman.

 WHEREAS, ALFRED S. LIPPMAN was known in statewide as an esteemed attorney and a very good friend of politicians, local and state, and of the common man. In that capacity, he often was the invaluable “middle man” who communicated local ideas and needs to federal agencies and elected officials at all levels whom he also befriended by the dozens. His tireless efforts on behalf of the industries and people who work on, around, or in the waters of southern Louisiana and the Gulf won him great respect and admiration.

 WHEREAS, ALFRED S. LIPPMAN served on the Board of Commissions for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal district from 1967 through 2004 including various officer positions from 1972 through 2002.

 WHEREAS, ALFRED S. LIPPMAN served at various times as Trustee of the prestigious United States Coast Guard Foundation, Chairman of the Louisiana Pilotage Fee Commission, Board Member of the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors, United States Magistrate Judge Selection Committee- Western District of Louisiana, Chairman of the Commemorative Coin Advisory Commission, Louisiana Board of Tax Appeals, United States Assay Commission, Louisiana Pan American Commission, Republican National Convention Delegate, Member of National Rules Committee, Presidential Elector-Louisiana-George W. Bush, Republican National Convention Gala, Chairman of the Community Foundation of Acadiana, President of Petroleum Club of Morgan City, Board of Director for Whitney National Bank, Board of Member of the Berwick and St. Mary Parish Planning Commissions, Berwick Charter Commissions, Officer and Director of Atchafalaya River Coalition, a Martindale-Hubble “A” rated attorney and Preeminent Attorney for more than 40 years, as a Super Lawyer in 2012, awarded the first recipient of William Prescott Foster II Memorial Award by the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame, and the 2014 Excellence in Law and Professionalism by American Inns of Court, Teche Chapter.

 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District and its entire staff, to a person, regret and lament that ALFRED S. LIPPMAN, our friend, our colleague and trusted adviser, has been taken from our midst.

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners and staff of the Port Commission extend their heartfelt sympathy to ALFRED S. LIPPMAN’s wife, Gail Lippman, and Mr. Lippman’s children, Beth Lippman Busbice, David Lippman and Karen Lippman; and

 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, adopted in regular session by the Board of Commissioners of the Port Commission on the 14th day of November, 2016, be presented to ALFRED S. LIPPMAN’s family and that this resolution occupy a separate page of the minutes of this session and out of respect for ALFRED S. LIPPMAN, this meeting be adjourned.

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 Thomas Ackel, Secretary