PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**March 3, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) called a special meeting in conjunction with the Atchafalaya River, Bayous Boeuf, Black and Chene Stakeholders Workshop at the District’s office, 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, Louisiana on March 3, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Gary Duhon, Thomas Ackel and Adam Mayon 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; and along with members of the media and general public.

The meeting was called to order and a lack of a quorum was noted.

Mr. Wade provided an update on: (i) Channel conditions which are at 14’, but a dredge is expected to arrive in late March or early April to remove sand from stations 350 to 750; (ii) budget restrictions to agitate the Bar Channel until FY2018 funds are made available in October 2017; (iii) dredging options of building a dredge, buying a dredge or retrofitting an OSV that can reduce the cost of maintaining the Channel in a fashion that will be beneficial to all users at a cost of $10,000 to $15,000 per day. Questions were posed regarding the cost and how to pay for it, as well as life expectancy of versions proposed; and (iv) Possible secondary funding sources including USACE, State of LA, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana Coastal Authority Beneficial Use of Dredge Material Continuing Authorities Program, Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Restore Act, Long Distance Sediment Pipeline from the Atchafalaya River to Terrebonne Parish.

Ancil Taylor presented four primary initiatives for the dredging program including the following: securing a permit for the Port or 3rd party to execute the work, officially publishing the elevation of the 1200 gms/litre for marine traffic; invoking the new language of WRDA/WIIN 2016 authorizing the USACE to transfer funds to the Port and identifying the most viable dredge option.

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Thomas Ackel, Secretary