

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
March 10, 2025**

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 March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Deborah Garber, Vice-President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Joseph Cain, Steven Cornes, Matthew Tycer, Troy Lombardo and Michael Wise in attendance. Ben Adams, Adam Mayon and Matthew Glover were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lt. Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Councilman Les Rulf, St. Mary Parish Council; and 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. Lombardo that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 10, 2025 and minutes of the special meeting of February 26, 2025 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Tycer that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of February, 2025 be paid. Mr. Cain seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that we currently have two dredges running at this time, Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging in the Bar Channel and Dredge *Mike Hooks* continues dredging in Bayou Chene. He also noted in a few weeks Coastal Dredging will be working at Bollinger for the capital outlay project.

Lt. Piche reported that there were 1,914 total transits in February through the VTS zone; (i) on February 19th we entered high water restrictions due to water levels rising over 3’ and currently holding at 4.8’; and (iii) we will have a Ports Waterways and Safety Assessment (PWSA) on March 26th and 27th, where waterway users will be able to bring up concerns, questions or suggestions for improvements that will also assist the USCG in better prioritizing ATON.

Charles Brittingham reported that the House is negotiating a CR until September 30th, which means the Corps will operate on FY24 available funding. Discussions were also had on impacts from proposed tariffs to the Port and its stakeholders.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we met with FP&C on the proposed repurposing of the \$282,000 capital outlay funding that will be brought before the Interim Emergency Board and would like the Board to allow roof and insulation work to be included in the project. Mr. Tycer moved to authorize Mr. Wade to authorize the change in our Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements (Fire Suppression System), Planning and Construction (St. Mary) Facility Planning Project to not only include Fire Suppression System, but to also include New Roof and Insulation work, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. (ii) Work continues on the camera project, including installation of two concrete bases for camera poles to enable viewing of the rail spurs at all times; (iii) Title VI documents were submitted to MARAD; and (iv) Senator Cassidy’s deadline to submit an application to the FY2026 Community Project Funds and Congressional Directed Spending is March 28th. Mr. Lombardo moved, and Mr. Cain seconded that the following resolution be submitted for \$5,600,000 and be matched by \$1,400,000 of Port funds for “Multi-Modal Warehouse Project”, which resolution was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the above does hereby authorize the submission of its proposed funding request entitled “*Multi-modal Warehouse*” and officially requests \$5,600,000 (or, 80% of the \$7,000,000 total estimated construction costs) from the *FY 2026 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) Program* and/or the *FY 2026 Community Project Funding (CPF) Program*. Additionally, the Port District Commission agrees to be responsible for providing a 20% local, non-federal cost-share in the amount of \$1,400,000 from its general fund for this project.

Robert Karam reported that: (i) we met with the Corps to discuss questions regarding geotechnical analysis and proposed layout on the West dock expansion permit and they will prepare an exhibit to submit to them. Mr. Wade thanked Tim Connell for all of his assistance in helping push

this permit process forward.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) drydock work continues, but there was a slight delay from Bollinger so next month he will submit a change order for additional days but no additional funding; (ii) we awarded the dredging project to Coastal Dredging at a cost of \$2,600,000, with hopes of the pre-construction meeting being scheduled within the next few weeks; and (iii) bulkhead design is currently underway.

Gerard Bourgeois presented a Resolution for a board member participation policy, which was moved by Mr. Tycer, seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for recusal by members of the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District").

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners ("Board") recognizes that this body should function as an independent and impartial entity and that its acts be for the good of the public and not for any individual;

WHEREAS, any member of the Board shall not participate in discussions, debates or voting on any matters related to the entity that employs such Board member and that if any member of the Board in the discharge of his or her duties would be required to vote on a matter that would be in violation of R.S.42:112 such Board member's vote will be marked as "abstain" on any such matters; and;

BE IT RESOLVED that "abstain" will be marked as the vote of any member of the Board who in the discharge of his or her duties or responsibilities participation would be in violation of La. R.S. 42:112, that such Board member will not participate in any matter related to such abstention and that the employees of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District are prohibited from discussing any matters related to said abstention with the Board;

With there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Cornes and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Matthew K. Glover, Secretary