

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**
July 12, 2021

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 June 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Pete Orlando, Deborah Garber, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, Steven Cornes, Matthew Tycer in attendance. Troy Lombardo and Matthew Glover were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenants Hayley Gipson and Chrisina Jeanes, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors; Kevin O’Gorman and 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. Gerard Bourgeois swore in Matthew Tycer as the newest member of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District’s board.

It was moved by Mr. Orlando and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2021 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of June, 2021 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of June, 2021 be paid. Mr. Cornes seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Garber presented the 2021/2022 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. It was moved by Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Orlando that the 2021/2022 budget be adopted, the expenditures of the funds therein for 2021/2022 be authorized and the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2021/2022 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, 2021 through June 30, 2022;

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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 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, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 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.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell: (i) Dredge Jadwin will return to Twenty Grande and Tidewater Point to polish off those areas because we won’t have a dredge working in Berwick Harbor until late September, early October; (ii) a preconstruction meeting for Great Lakes Dredge Alaska was held Friday and hopes to be arriving by end of the month to Eugene Island and then work its way up to Bay and Bar; (iii) the Brice Dredge continues dredging in the Bar Channel, with drag heads showing anywhere from 19’-21’; and (iv) Bayou Boeuf guide wall work continues and is expected to be completed in December.

Lieutenants Hayley Gipson and Chrisina Jeanes reported that: (i) the total transits for the month of July were 2,540, averaging 85 per day, which is an increase of 8% from last year; (ii) new buoys

have been placed in Stouts Pass; (iii) lots of Marine Safety Incident Bulletins (MSIB's) have been issued lately, but the most active one is at Bayou Chene, where 30 violations so far have been issued, with fines totaling \$115,000; (iv) we are entering the next critical phase of Bayou Chene, shifting traffic to the other side, with another industry call to be held on Friday for updates to mariners; and (v) the four (4) remaining sections of the Golden Ray will be coming into MARS in two (2) separate transits.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we are still awaiting news if we've been awarded funds from the FY21 Port Security, Port Priority Program and RAISE grants; and (ii) we will request funding from U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Port Infrastructure Development Grant, with an application due at the end of the month. It was moved by Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Mayon, the Port Infrastructure Development Grant application be submitted in the amount of \$8,000,000 with a match of \$3,000,000, and that the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the above, does hereby authorize the submission of its proposed funding request, entitled "*Western Dock Expansion-Phase 3B*," estimated to cost \$8,000,000, to the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) *FY 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Grant*" to help fund the Port of Morgan City's portion of its "Western Dock Expansion" project, which totals \$26,000,000; and, the Port District Commission, also, agrees to be responsible for providing a local match of an estimated \$18,000,000 (consisting of \$3,000,000 in funds from the Port of Morgan City and, if funded, \$15,000,000 from the state of Louisiana's "*Port Construction and Development Priority Program*"), for the submitted FY 2021 Port Infrastructure Development Grant project application.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) House Energy and Water Subcommittee passed their bill today with 25 projects including additional funding, but none for State of Louisiana; and (ii) he is monitoring the current bipartisan infrastructure workgroup that Senator Cassidy participates on, which should have a plan introduction on Monday.

Kevin O'Gorman reported that: (i) their main effort this last month has been the assessment of the InterMoor yard; and (ii) they submitted a proposal for construction administration and inspection services of the east dock expansion project. Mr. Orlando moved to authorize the District to enter into an agreement with T. Baker Smith, which was seconded by Mrs. Garber and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera welcomed our newest commissioner Mr. Matthew Tycer to the Board. She also reported that: (i) she and Mac accompanied Shawn Welcome of LED on a few business retention and expansion industry visits around our project area to discuss any potential impacts the Increase Atchafalaya to Terrebonne project may have to them. They are waiting on a call back from Micaela of CPRA but will begin our stakeholder meetings again to keep everyone updated on issues such as the proposed diversion, dredging and a unified effort for funding. (ii) The portal for the Louisiana Port Relief fund should be open in the next month and the state plans to distribute those funds by the end of the year. The Capital Outlay bill has increased Port Priority to \$39.4 million, moving our projects up on the list, but DOTD has not heard about the additional \$30 million through the American Rescue Plan yet;. (iii) We have been working on the Atchafalaya Maritime Roundtable event with MARAD scheduled for November 9-10, to increase cargo on the Atchafalaya and Red River Waterways, which will include users and shippers. (iv) Mac attended Rear Admiral Nadeau's retirement ceremony, with Rear Admiral Richard Timmy as his replacement; and (v) she continues to participate and monitor the potential development of offshore wind energy efforts.

Raymond Wade noted former Governor Edwin Edwards passed away this morning and was a very good friend of the Port in the late 80's and early 90's and very instrumental in our dock and warehouse construction for the Port, as well as the hospital for Morgan City.

Gerard Bourgeois reported (i) the Board is required to select an official journal annually. Mr. Cornes moved that the following resolution be adopted, designating the Daily Review as its official Journal, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution designating the Daily Review as the official journal of the
Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 43:171 requires the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District to designate an official journal for publications of the proceedings of its board and such financial statements required by and furnished to the legislative auditor.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") finds that the Daily Review, a newspaper in Morgan City, meets all the requirements for its designation as the official journal of the District.

Accordingly,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Daily Review, a newspaper being published in Morgan City, Louisiana, is designated and selected as the official journal of the District.

(ii) T. Baker Smith's report on Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation project failure will be available at the end of the month. As a result of the failure, InterMoor will have expenses or claims relative to repairs, rent lost and peaceful possession in excess of \$75,000. Mr. Orlando moved to reimburse InterMoor \$75,000, which will meet our obligations, with Mr. Cornes seconding and carrying unanimously

Mr. Bourgeois also presented (iii) a proposal from Encos, Inc. for Meteorological Station Maintenance and Sustainability and Monitoring for \$80,796 and equipment purchase from state contract in the amount of \$17,529. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize Mr. Cain to execute said contract, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

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

Attest:


Steven Cornes, Secretary