

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
September 12, 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 September 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Pete Orlando, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Deborah Garber was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; LT Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); 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. Orlando and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

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

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell: (i) Stouts Pass dredging should be completed around Wednesday and will commence in Berwick Harbor on Friday. He noted a conference call was held this afternoon with Corps, USCG, CAMO and the Port and a picture was sent showing the dredge nozzle discharging into the wood line; (ii) Manson was awarded a \$14.4 million contract to dredge from Crew Boat Cut to Eugene Island; and (iii) a bid opening will be held Friday for a \$24.4 million dredging contract for Bayou Chene. Mr. Cain reiterated the emphasis that the Captain of the Port put on the importance of Stouts Pass during the Mississippi River Commission public hearing last Friday.

LT Jenelle Piche thanked the Port for invites to the MRC activities and congratulated Morgan City on a successful Shrimp and Petroleum Festival. She also reported that: (i) 2,490 total transits in August, averaging 80 transits per day through the VTS zone; and (ii) there were 4 groundings last month at Stouts Pass and a MSIB was issued with restrictions.

Michael Knobloch reported that we were not awarded funding through the Port Security Grant nor the RAISE grant; and (ii) we will be having our 3rd quarter training and drill as mandated by our Facility Security Plan.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Charles Brittingham that: (i) Congress is back in session this week; (ii) preliminary word is that Tad Brown will be the new Civil Works Director, who is familiar with Morgan City from previous trips on the M/V Mississippi.

Eric Matte reported via teleconference that: (i) we received minor comments back from DOTD for the East Dock Project construction documents and will be addressing those comments and submitting them back this week. Mr. Orlando moved to authorize advertisement of said project, contingent upon DOTD approval, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. (ii) He recommends substantial completion of Youngswood Yard rehabilitation project, only punch list item being installation of check valve, which was moved by Mr. Lombardo, seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously; (iii) he recommends the Contract Amendment for the CCTV of the drainage system in the amount of \$4313, which was moved by Mr. Mayon, seconded by Mr. Glover and carried unanimously; and (iv) Patriot Construction, LLC submitted Partial Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$384,063.35 payment, which was moved by Mr. Mayon, seconded by Mr. Glover and carried unanimously. Mr. Bourgeois noted the check should not be released until documentation is certified.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Cindy Cutrera that: (i) she is attending the LIDEA Conference in New Orleans but has sent her report to the Board; and (ii) we hosted a visit from Colonels Murphy and Jones and will attend their Change of Command in New Orleans on Friday. He noted that he invited Colonel Jones back down for a boat ride to see the three dredges in action.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) a request for a Letter of No Objection to Cleco for underground power lines to Belle Island. Mr. Orlando moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said letter, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously; (ii) Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, which was moved for authorization by Mr. Tycer, seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois brought up the possibility of properties for purchase in the area. After motion of Mr. Lombardo, second of Mr. Mayon and unanimous rollcall vote, the agenda was expanded to discuss possible capital expenditures for purchase of properties. After discussions, Mr. Cain appointed Mr. Orlando a special spokesman for the Board to review data regarding the property and then to recommend to calling a special meeting for further discussions.

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

Attest:

Steven W. Cornes, Secretary