

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
February 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 February 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Ben Adams, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Deborah Garber, Joseph Cain, Adam Mayon, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover, Matthew Tycer and Troy Lombardo in attendance. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lt. Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); 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 January 13, 2025 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

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

Tim Connell reported that: (i) Dredge *Mike Hooks* continues dredging in Bayou Chene and Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging in the Bar Channel; and (ii) we are in good shape with funding currently.

Lt. Piche reported that there were 2,182 total transits in January through the VTS zone; and (ii) high water standards for the VTS are found on homeport, but currently the Atchafalaya is holding at 2.5’ and not at high water levels.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we are working with Senator Allain to assist in getting our \$282,000 capital outlay funding balance repurposed for the compromised roof and insulation in the warehouse; (ii) we had a site visit on the West Dock for future layouts of electrical work and security cameras; and (iii) FY25 RAISE has had several changes since President Trump’s election including, name change to BUILD, decrease in funding from \$1.5 billion to \$150 million, absence of climate change verbiage and change of Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America.

Charles Brittingham reported that we are currently operating on a continuing resolution that expires on March 14<sup>th</sup>, but he expects the President’s budget by end of March.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) drydock work continues, and Payment Application No. 1 was submitted in the amount of \$790,096.23, with Mr. Tycer moving for payment, seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously. (ii) Dredging plans are currently out for bid, with the opening scheduled for next Tuesday; and (iii) bulkhead design is currently underway.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Gordy Dove, CPRA Chairman, was the guest speaker at AIC meeting today and reported that the Bayou Boeuf Locks diversion project has been terminated and also that they are beginning to work on a sediment diversion project from Crew Boat Cut to Terrebonne Parish; (ii) we hosted the CWPPRA Region III planning meeting and EPA presented a project to send sediment from the Atchafalaya River to Point Au Fer; (iii) the Lower Mississippi River (LMR) Management Study quarterly update included possibly changing the flow through the Old River Structure from 70/30 to 60/40 and also mentioned optimizing the existing floodways such as dual use of the Old River Structure and Morganza before opening the Bonnet Carré. Chairman Dove assured everyone at AIC that he has been in discussions with the Corps on this about the problems they will create for this area by doing so. (iv) With the new administration in place, there has been a shift in focus in this area on energy production that once again includes oil and gas; and (v) today we began receiving trucks of concrete mats that will be stored anywhere from 2 to 6 years.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that: (i) Baker Hughes intends to sell its interests in land that the Port subleases to VAMTEC, who wants to increase production at the plant for benefit to area economy and our customer Stellar Drilling Fluids. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute a “no objection to the assignment” letter, once Baker Hughes became current, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. Mr. Adams noted that should something happen with VAMTEC, it would fall back to Baker Hughes.

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.

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Matthew K. Glover, Secretary