

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
April 14, 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 April 14, 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; 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”); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; 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. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 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 March, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of March, 2025 be paid. Mr. Lombardo seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging 24/7 in the Bar Channel, Dredge *Mike Hooks* was moved above the Bayou Chene flood structure and is now headed to shipyard for repairs for a couple of weeks, and Coastal Dredging will be working the Bollinger slips after disposal areas have been identified. He also noted the Corps is monitoring Stouts Pass, as no funding was issued for that area.

Lt. Piche reported that: (i) there were 2,312 total transits in March through the VTS zone; (ii) the 1st two weeks of April have been busy, with MSIB’s issued for Stouts Pass, to close the river for 12 hours while removing scaffolding from bridge due to water levels rising and for the closure of Bayou Chene. And, (iii) she noted once the Atchafalaya River hits 5’, assist tow restrictions go into effect. Mr. Wade noted that Mrs. Cutrera has been in contact with our stakeholders regarding sail outs.

Charles Brittingham reported that Congress passed a full CR in March and the Corps is operating on FY24 baseline levels, allocated on a discretionary basis by the work plan, which will be made available mid-May. The president’s budget should be released by May 19th, with top-line items only and no individual line items. His priority is to make sure there are sufficient funds for the Atchafalaya River in work plan as well as President’s budget.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) plans are being reviewed by the Fire Marshall’s office for the warehouse fire suppression system; (ii) he expects the camera project to be completed by the end of May; and (iii) we submitted the FY2026 Community Project Funds and Congressional Directed Spending application to Senator Cassidy prior to the March 28th deadline, but we are still awaiting Congressman Higgins and Senator Kennedy deadlines.

Robert Karam reported that we are waiting on the public comment period to expire and the permit to be issued on the West Dock.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) drydock work continues and presented Change Order No. 1 for 45 additional days at no additional cost, which was moved by Mr. Tycer, seconded by Mr. Cain and carried unanimously; (ii) Notice to Proceed was issued to Coastal Dredging on April 14th, but discussions continue regarding cubic yard differences for disposal areas; and (iii) bulkhead design is currently underway.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) our 13th Annual Hurricane Preparedness meeting will be held on April 22nd at 9 a.m.; (ii) she and Mr. Wade attended the Corps high water public hearing where Mr. Wade stressed the benefits of this area to industry and the need for dredges, as well as Stouts Pass dredging need; and (iii) she attended a Sustainable Rivers two day workshop, focusing to improve the basin by possibly altering the flows at Old River, with information being turned over to the LMR comprehensive study.

Gerard Bourgeois presented Ordinance No. 63 for adoption of the 2025 millage by the District of 4.45 mills. It was moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the following ordinance providing a rate of 4.45 mills be adopted, which motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 63

An Ordinance levying and imposing a tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, State of Louisiana, for the year 2025 for the purpose of paying the administrative, operative and maintenance expenses of the Board in said District.

SECTION 1, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Harbor and Terminal District; in regular session convened, that under and by virtue of the Authority of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 LSA-R.S. 34:329, as amended and Art. 7, Sec. 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District:

MILLAGE

administrative, operative, and maintenance expenses	4.45 mills
(Tax for: e.g. General Alimony, Library, Maintenance)	

SECTION 2, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 3, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, the public welfare so demanding.

(ii) We received last reimbursement payment related to advances made on Baker Hughes’s behalf in April of last year; (iii) the proposed deal between Baker Hughes and Vamtec will not happen, but another party is interested; (iv) Mr. Wade and Mr. Knobloch are in discussions about adding additional rail lines, which could result in purchasing property for tracks; and (v) the Corps asked to use disposal areas 2 and 3 right above the IWCC and turn at Bayou Black, and as neither has been used in over 30 years asked the Board to let him know if they hear about any problems from owners or hunters in those areas.

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

Attest:

Matthew K. Glover, Secretary