

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
July 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 July 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Deborah Garber, Vice-President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Steven Cornes, Marc Felterman, Matthew Glover, Troy Lombardo, Adam Mayon, Matthew Tycker and Michael Wise in attendance. Ben Adams was 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; CPO Caitlin Barker, 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.

Gerard Bourgeois swore in Marc Felterman as the newest member of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District's board, who was welcomed by Mr. Wade and the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Tycker that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 2025 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

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

Ms. Garber presented the 2025/2026 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Tycker that the 2025/2026 budget be adopted, the expenditures of the funds therein for 2025/2026 be authorized and the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2025/2026 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 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;

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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby adopted as the 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, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026 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 or budgetary amendments require the approval of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that: (i) Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging 24/7 in the Bar Channel, with two years left on their contract; (ii) Dredge *Mike Hooks* moved to Bayou Black to begin removing over 2 million yards of plugged material; (iii) Manon will bring in a dredge in Berwick Harbor and Stouts Pass by the end of the month; and (iv) Bayou Boeuf Locks are closed during daylight hours, Monday through Friday with the alternate route being Bayou Chene.

CPO Caitlin Barker reported that: (i) there were 2,164 total transits in June through the VTS zone, averaging 79 per day; (ii) there were three (3) incidents within one week, prior to Dredge *Jadwin* completing dredging in Stouts Pass; and (iii) a bulletin to mariners was sent out this morning regarding the Bayou Boeuf Lock closure.



Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) the warehouse fire suppression system is nearing completion, but we still have to go before the Interim Emergency Board to get their blessing to include the roof and insulation in this project; (ii) we received a Notice to Proceed from MARAD last week for BABA compliant equipment purchases and will begin advertising next week; and (iii) we will be requesting funding from US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) "FY 2025 US Marine Highways Program" (USMHP) Grant Program, with application due on July 15th. It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Wise that the following resolution be submitted for \$772,800 for equipment and be matched by \$193,200 local funds, which resolution was unanimously adopted.

### **RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby authorize and support the submission of its proposed funding request entitled "*Procuring Cargo Transloading Equipment – Phase 4B*" to the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) "*FY 2025 US Marine Highways Program*" (USMHP) Grant Program. In addition, since the project totals \$966,000, the MCHTD requests \$772,800 from the FY 2025 USMHP program and agrees to provide a local, non-federal match of \$193,200.

Robert Karam reported that (i) they are finalizing the mitigation plan for the West Dock for Corps approval; and (ii) the Corps forgot to submit some information for water quality for the permit but recognized their error and changed some of the permit process to bypass it, which sped it up.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) Mr. Brett drydock is substantially complete and currently in the clear lien phase; (ii) Coastal Dredging is facing some challenges due to the clay material they are encountering, so we expect a change order submission to address this issue. They have also submitted a change order in the amount of \$1,165,000 for the access Channel to dispose of dredge spoils. The initial estimated volume of material was 33,000 cubic yards, but after it went out for bid and was awarded, the landowner now wants the bottom depth of channel resulting in additional 83,000 cubic yards of material and an additional 94 days of work. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize said change order, contingent upon FP&C approval, with was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. Mr. Mayon moved to amend said motion, seconded by Mr. Tyner to include an Amendment to the GIS contract for administration services and resident project representative. Mr. Bourgeois noted that we are not paying any additional funds for this project.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Charles Brittingham noted that the Energy and Water appropriations committee will be meeting on the markups on the bill and is not expecting any changes in the President's budget; (ii) the MRC will be holding their annual low water inspection trip, with the public meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Charles plans to attend the meeting, along with a boat tour of industry; (iii) Mac will be attending the Corps Change of Command ceremony from Colonel Jones to Colonel Autin, of Houma; and (iv) CPRA announced their new Executive Director, Michael Hare, formerly of Congressman Charles Boustany's office. She noted she would send out her board report with more details tomorrow.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that after last month's discussion, it has been unanimously agreed upon to move the monthly board meeting to the third Monday of the month at noon, beginning August 18, 2025.

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

Attest:



Matthew K. Glover, Secretary