

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
August 18, 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 August 18, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Ben Adams, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Steven Cornes, Marc Felterman, Matthew Glover, Adam Mayon, Matthew Tycer and Michael Wise in attendance. Deborah Garber and Troy Lombardo 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; CPO Caitlin Barker and LTJG Timothy Piquette, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; 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. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2025 and the minutes of the special meeting of July 23, 2025 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 July, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of July, 2025 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade and Tim Connell jointly reported that: (i) Dredge RM White commenced dredging operations yesterday in Berwick Harbor and will move to Stouts Pass, 20 Grande, 99, and Calumet Cut upon completion; (ii) the daylight hours closure of Bayou Boeuf Locks has been extended for another month; (iii) Dredge *Arulaq* is currently in the shipyard for a few weeks for annual maintenance; (iv) awarding of contract for dredging in the Bay and Bar has been put on hold; and (v) Dredge *Mike Hooks* is still working in Bayou Black, with quite a bit of dredging left in Bayous Chene and Boeuf to be completed.

Timothy Piquette, Chief of Waterways introduced himself as Jenelle Piche's replacement and CPO Caitlin Barker reported that there were 2,133 total transits in July through the VTS zone, averaging 69 per day.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) the back flow preventer for warehouse fire suppression system has been installed and the project is nearing completion, but we still have to go before the Interim Emergency Board for permission to include the roof and insulation in this project; (ii) we will be requesting funding from US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) "FY 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program" (PIDP) Grant Program, with application due on September 10th. It was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the following resolution be submitted for \$6,400,000 for construction of a 35,000 SF multimodal warehouse facility and be matched by \$1,600,000 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 "*35,500 SF Multimodal Warehouse Facility*" to the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) "*FY 2025 Port Infrastructure Development Program*" (PIDP) Grant Program. In addition, since the project totals \$8,000,000, the MCHTD requests \$6,400,000 from the FY 2025 PIDP program and agrees to provide a local, non-federal match of \$1,600,000.

(iii) FEMA released details of the "FY 2025 Port Security Grant Program" (PSGP) and with only 15 days to apply, so we requested funding for three (3) projects including electrical improvements, security cameras and cybersecurity enhancements at a cost of \$1,295,400 that will be matched by \$431,800 local funds. (iv) We held bid openings on August 8<sup>th</sup> for equipment purchases funded through "FY 2023 US Marine Highways Program" (USMHP) and received three (3) bids on the 250-ton crane, with only MGX Equipment being BABA compliant for a Manitwoc Crane in the amount of \$3,490,109 and received one (1) bid on the 25-ton forklift being BABA compliant for a Taylor Forklift in the amount of \$681,170. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize said equipment purchases, which was seconded by Mr. Wise and carried unanimously.



## RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of a bid received on August 8, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement approved by the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Board at its June 9, 2025 meeting, did request bids to provide complete factory assembled 275 Ton Manitowoc Crawler Crane and with attachments & misc. rigging kit ("Crane"), as further described in said advertisement and bid package.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director, be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District"), the Notice of Award in favor of MGX EQUIPMENT SERVICES, LLC and that Raymond M. Wade, be further authorized to execute on behalf of the District, the Agreement with MGX EQUIPMENT SERVICES, LLC for delivery of Crane package described in their bid opened on August 8, 2025 and take such other action as he deems necessary in this regard.

## RESOLUTION

A Resolution providing for the acceptance of a bid received on August 8, 2025

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement approved by the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Board at its June 9, 2025 meeting did request bids to provide complete factory assembled Taylor XH-550M forklift and with attachments ("Forklift"), as further described in said advertisement and bid package.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director, be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District"), the Notice of Award in favor of Hugg and Hall Equipment Company and that Raymond M. Wade, be further authorized to execute on behalf of the District, the Agreement with Hugg and Hall Equipment Company for delivery of Forklift package described in their bid opened on August 8, 2025 and take such other action as he deems necessary in this regard.

Robert Karam reported that all costs have been paid for the mitigation plan, the NEEPA agreement was approved by MARAD, and final plans will be submitted soon to DOTD for their final approval for the West Dock. He noted that he believes we are still on track for advertising mid-October, bid opening in November and construction to begin at the beginning of the year.

Bill Blanchard reported that Coastal Dredging has completed the work in slip #1 except for the area that they claim to be "virgin material". They submitted a Change Order for examination of that material, which was rejected. Gerard Bourgeois noted they are now 35 days behind already and requested that liquidated damages be implemented. Mr. Tyner moved to authorize Mr. Wade to withhold delay or liquidated damages in the amount of \$1500 per day from current pay app or future pay apps, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we had a visit from representatives of the Office of Management and Budget, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Corps Chief of Navigation, and several Corps officials from the DC, Vicksburg and New Orleans offices. Mac told our story, we showed our industry video, and he provided information about our strategic waterway location, the history of oil and gas in the Port District and challenges we have overcome through innovative dredging techniques (Brice) and increased operations & maintenance funding. He also spoke about current industry activities including LNG, offshore oil and gas, aerospace, and U. S Government contracts that support our national defense. He credited the Corps for our renewed economic environment by working with the Port to keep the channel open. Mr. Wade noted the fantastic job Cindy did preparing for this visit; and (ii) Charles Brittingham will be coming down to attend the MRC low water public meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Port dock and we will also bring him on a boat industry tour for him to see first hand what he is always hearing about from us.

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

Attest:



Matthew K. Glover, Secretary