PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**September 10, 2018**

 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 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Gary Duhon, Thomas Ackel, Joseph Cain, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams, Adam Mayon and Lee Dragna in attendance. Deborah Garber was absent. Also present at the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Jennifer Reasoner and Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorneys; Executive Officer Beth Newton, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); ”); Tim Connell, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilman Louis Tamporella, City of Morgan City; Councilwoman Jackie Ackel, Town of Berwick; Roger Beaudean along with members of the media and general public.

 The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. Mr. Wade led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Duhon and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Ackel that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2018 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of August 2018 be paid. Mr. Matthews seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Beth Newton reported that: (i) dredging has been going on in Berwick Bay; (ii) she thanked the Corps for leaving the locks open during Tropical Storm Gordon; and (iii) the Bayou Boeuf Locks will be closed until October 15th for repairs.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) the Berwick Harbor dredge will be completed within the next week and they were able to do a very thorough job due to the additional funding received; (ii) Atchafalaya Bar Channel dredging activity will not include Bayou Chene reaches but Crew Boat Cut and Miles 141-144 will be the full 400’ W x 24’ D, and further out will be 300’ W x 24’ D; and (iii) after the August 24th meeting, they continued having meetings every day with Brice for the special purpose dredge. Things surfaced during discussions and technical issues have been remedied, with an award goal still in September.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) we were not awarded funding for the FY18 Port Security Grant, nor did anyone else in the Captain of the Port District received an award; (ii) FY15 Post Security Grant has expired and all funds have been expended; (iii) we submitted our application for port priority funding in the amount of $4,762,620, with a local match of $1,152,380. We should hear from DOTD by late October for an update and if approved, should have to go before the Joint Legislative Committee in December.

Clay Breaud reported that the HVAC project is 99% complete with a door grill left to install that was damaged in shipment and a failed dehumidifier that will be installed tomorrow.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) the Corps of Engineers M/V Mississippi boat ride was held on August 23rd. She, Mac, Joe Cain and several stakeholders rode the vessel, along with District members from Vicksburg and New Orleans, and Assistant Secretary of the Army RD James. Mac made a presentation to Mississippi River Commission at the public meeting on August 24th, where he stressed that internal processes with the Corps are an issue and they need to spend less time on processes and more on results! (ii) Mac also attended an Environmental Mitigation Industry Day where he was able to visit with Colonel Clancey, Mark Wingate and Charlie Zimmet with the Corps. She will be meeting with Dr. Joe Mannis of Institute for Water Resources, along with IRPT about better metrics to collect data and report tonnage. (iii) The ULI visit begins next week with industry tours and interviews.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, which was moved for authorization by Mr. Dragna, seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously; (ii) a draft lease for the Coast Guard’s Marine Safety Unit for lease of a portion of the first floor of the Port’s building, which was moved for approval by Mr. Dragna, seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously. He noted that the Vessel Traffic System and infirmary portions of the lease will come at a later date.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) to lease certain portion of its facility at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, LA 70380 to the United State Coast Guard (“Coast Guard”).

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of said District, the governing authority of said District, that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director; be and is hereby authorized to sign a lease or leases with the U.S. Coast Guard, as lessee, for the lease of office spaces in the District’s Governmental Operations and Emergency Center (“GEOC”) located at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, LA 70380, for all or part of the base area of 10,412 sq. ft.; a VTS area of 1,218 sq. ft. and GEOC tower space; and an infirmary area of 244 sq. ft, at an initial monthly rental of $12,147.33 for the base area, $1,421.00 per month for the VTS area and $284.67 per month for the infirmary area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director, be and is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all acts and things on behalf and in the name of the District that he deems necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the intent and terms of the lease and the transactions contemplated thereby.

Gerard Bourgeois also reported that Stansbury and Associates submitted its report, along with quotes for repairs, to Crosby Tugs.

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

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Thomas Ackel, Secretary