

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
July 8, 2019**

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 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Tim Matthews, Sr., Pete Orlando, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon and Steven Cornes in attendance. Deborah Garber, Lee Dragna and Troy Lombardo were 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; CDR Heather Mattern, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Mohan Mendon, GIS; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional; Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilmen Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; along with members of the media and 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. Orlando and seconded by Mr. Matthews that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Orlando that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of June, 2019 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of June, 2019 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Wade presented the 2018/2019 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Cornes and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the 2019/2020 budget be adopted and the resolution below and expenditures of the funds in 2019/2020 be authorized in accordance with the budget presented, which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2019/2020 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 1st, 2019 through June 30, 2020;

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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an 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, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020 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 of budgetary amendments require the approval of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Heather Mattern reported that: (i) they are 70% moved into their new space, with VTS to arrive later in the year. They will soon be having a ribbon cutting with Admiral Thomas, and once VTS moves in, they will host industry visits. (ii) We are still under high water conditions and are now in hurricane season, so she reminded everyone to stay vigilant.

Tim Connell reported via telephone conference that: (i) the indefinite delivery contract for Atchafalaya Basin dredging will be awarded sometime in July with task orders to be issued; (ii) unless we receive supplemental funding we will not be dredging the Berwick Bay harbor, until next fiscal year; (iii) Funding for dredging in Bayou Chene has been reduced by \$10 million to supplement cost overruns in the Bay; (iv) Brice dredge should be operational in August following July's sea trials; (v) Surveys from Berwick Bay will be done soon and will be posted to the web; and (vi) Bayou Boeuf guide wall project will continue to be on hold until the high water recedes and the barge in Bayou Chene is removed. Commander Mattern questioned Mr. Connell about securing traffic for the locks, during the repairs and reminded her of the work schedule of four 12 hours days, with night and weekend passages.

Mohan Mendon reported they have submitted the DEQ information requested, and the Corps of Engineers permit should be released soon.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY16 Port Security Grant will be wrapped up by the end of August, with radio room equipment purchases of approximately \$7000; (ii) we are still waiting to hear the status of FY19 Port Security Grant award; (iii) we intend to submit a Port Priority application to DOTD prior to the September 1st deadline for rail spur creation; and (iv) ahead of the tropical development forming in the Gulf, he thanked Lester Beam for securing the dock facility.

Clay Breaud reported that: (i) Phase I – Railroad Maintenance is currently in the 45 day lien period; (ii) final plans for Phase II – Aggregate loading/unloading areas were approved by DOTD and we expect to receive a Letter of No Objection from Corps of Engineers soon; and (iii) plans for Phase III – East Dock Expansion are near completion but we are unable to get the Geotech information due to high water.

Cindy Cutrera presented a slide and video show, in lieu of her report, where drone footage was shown of areas recently dredged material that has been placed along the river. This was also sent to Terrebonne Parish officials and CPRA personnel as well.

Gerard Bourgeois reported: (i) the Board is required to select an official journal annually. Mr. Adams moved that the following resolution be adopted, designating the Daily Review as its official Journal, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously;

RESOLUTION

A Resolution designating the Daily Review as the official journal of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statute 43:171 requires the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District to designate an official journal for publications of the proceedings of its board and such financial statements required by and furnished to the legislative auditor.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) finds that the Daily Review, a newspaper in Morgan City, meets all the requirements for its designation as the official journal of the District.

Accordingly,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Daily Review, a newspaper being published in Morgan City, Louisiana, is designated and selected as the official journal of the District.

Gerard Bourgeois also presented: (ii) Partial Payment Application No. 2 and Certificate of Substantial Completion for electrical modifications in the VTS room, submitted by Chris’ Electric and approved by Carl Blum, Architect. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize said payment in the amount of \$78,219.81, which was seconded by Mr. Orlando and carried unanimously. Mr. Wade noted that the United States Coast Guard will be reimbursing us for this expense; (iii) Mac was going to review with Mr. Dragna and Mr. Orlando the bid solicitation to determine the most cost-effective way remove and replace the damaged NOAA Met station; and (iv) he has been working on the port priority rail spur projects.

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

Attest:


Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary