**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF**

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**April 11, 2016**

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 218, Morgan City, Louisiana on April 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Vice-President Duane Lodrigue convened the meeting with Commissioners Jerry Gauthier, Deborah Garber, Thomas Ackel, R. Scott Melancon, Gary Duhon, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams and Joseph Cain in attendance. Also present at the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Captain Dave McClellan, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Tim Connell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Nicholas Cox, Moffatt & Nichol; 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. Melancon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2016 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Garber that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of March, 2016 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of March, 2016 be paid. Mr. Ackel seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Captain McClellan reported that: (i) there were 3,475 total transits for the month of March, averaging 112 per day.

Tim Connel reported that the river conditions throughout are extremely poor and that there is a very small manipulation that can be done to help with the shoaling upriver; all of which may impact the demonstration project.

Raymond Wade reported that: (i) he has had telephone conferences with Senator Cassidy and Congressman Boustany’s offices, Corps, state delegation, FEMA, GOHSEP, DOTD and LED trying to find additional monies to help with the shoaling upriver. He presented a draft of a request to the Corps for change of the option portion of the demonstration project to bring in a cutter head dredge to help remove the sand plug at Deer Island, which has never had to be dredged before. (ii) Paving and striping in the parking lot was completed Friday afternoon; there are a few punch items left to complete on the building; there is a preconstruction meeting tomorrow for the Levee District buildout, with hopes of beginning construction on Monday; interior signage has been hung and exterior letters have arrived and should be hung this week. (iii) Mr. Wade noted that he plans on making a presentation to CPRA on April 20th about all the sediment material belonging to the State stopping up our Channel and that we need to get rid of it.

Nicholas Cox reported that both the import/export and oil and gas economic impact studies are complete.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY 2011 Port Security Grant is now closed; (ii) all five FY 2015 Port Security Grant projects are being implemented now; (iii) FY 2016 Port Security Grant application is due on April 25th, Fast Lane Grant application is due on April 14th and TIGER Grant application is due on April 29th. It was moved by Mr. Ackel and seconded by Mr. Duhon that the Fast Lane Grant application be submitted in the amount of $15 million with a match of 40% and that the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby authorize the submission of a FY 2016 *Fostering Advancement in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (*FASTLANE) Grant application to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for its proposed “Dock Extension and Enhancement Project,” which is estimated to total $15,000,000; and, it, also, agrees to provide a forty percent (40%) local match (estimated at $6,000,000) for the submitted FY 2016 FASTLANE Grant project.

It was also moved by Mr. Ackel and seconded by Mrs. Garber that the FY 2016 TIGER Grant application be submitted in the amount of $15 million with a match of 20% and that the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, does hereby authorize the submission of a FY 2016 *Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery* (TIGER) Discretionary Grant application to the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) for its proposed “Dock Extension and Enhancement Project,” which is estimated to total $15,000,000; and, it, also, agrees to provide a twenty percent (20%) local match (estimated at $3,000,000) for the submitted FY 2016 TIGER Discretionary Grant project.

Clay Breaud reported that: (i) surveying was completed for FY2014 Port Security Grant permit applications and drawings were submitted to Mike Knobloch.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we had a meeting with our Parish President, St. Mary Levee District and a member from the Corps to discuss future possible CWPPRA projects that have to fit into the states master plan including beneficial use of material from the River or the Parish suggested beneficial use of sediment from Atchafalaya Basin on the west end; (ii) we’ve been meeting with stakeholders and have received some really good support letters that will help strengthen our case for additional dredging funds. Mr. Wade thanked Representative Sam Jones for pushing every button possible and putting us in touch with the Governor’s office, LED and DOTD in trying to find funding. Mrs. Cutrera also thanked Duval Arthur and LAGOSEP for attempting to get us funding through FEMA; (iii) On April 14th & 15th Mac will be participating on a stakeholder’s panel along with CPRA, DOTD and St. Mary Levee District in conjunction with the Mississippi River Commission public meeting, where local stakeholders with issues will speak as well; on April 20th he will be testifying to CPRA about the need for emergency dredging as well as the benefits of sediment that will be perfect for coastal restoration in hopes that they will begin using the sediment in some of their projects; and on April 28th he will be making a presentation to Morgan City Rotary focusing on the EOC and what has taken place since the beginning of year but also highlighting the demo project. (iv) She urged any stakeholder who uses the River and those who depend on the River to contact the Port anytime there is a navigation issue since the Port is the local sponsor with the Corps and can make sure their concerns get to the appropriate party at the Corps.

Mr. Bourgeois presented: (i) Ordinance No. 54 for adoption of the 2016 millage by the District, which provides for a decrease in the Port’s millage rate from the past year’s 4.49 mills to 4.48 mills as suggested by the St. Mary Parish Assessor and Mrs. Garber. It was moved by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Matthews that Ordinance No. 54, providing a rate of 4.48 mills, be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 54**

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

2016 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 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District:

**MILLAGE**

**administrative, operative, and maintenance expenses 4.48 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 2016, 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.

The foregoing Ordinance was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Ordinance was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Ben A. Adams, Thomas Ackel, Joseph E. Cain, Gary Duhon, Deborah B. Garber, Jerry A. Gauthier, Duane W. Lodrigue, Tim Matthews, Sr., and R. Scott Melancon

NAYS: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

(ii) a letter of no objection on behalf of Marmac, LLC for a barge fleeting operation in Bayou Black. Mr. Duhon moved that Mr. Wade be authorized to execute said letter, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cain and carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Thomas Ackel, Secretary