PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**September 11, 2017**

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 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Gary Duhon, Joseph Cain, Thomas Ackel, Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr. and Ben Adams, Adam Mayon and Lee Dragna 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; Commanding Officer Mattern and Chief Bosman, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Clayton Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Parish President David Hanagriff; Mayor Grizzaffi and Councilman Tamporella, City of Morgan City; Mike Lowe, GIS; Ancil Taylor and Jim

Bean, CF Bean; 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. Dragna that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2017 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 August 2017 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of August 2017 be paid. Mr. Ackel seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Commander Mattern reported that: (i) there were 3,059 total transits in August, averaging 100 per day; (ii) Coast Guard had great participation in the Shrimp and Petroleum Festival and the Coast Guard felt very warmly welcomed. Chief Bosman echoed her comments and also reported that: (i) there is continued monitoring of the shoaling buoys; (ii) no groundings have been reported.

Mr. Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that: (i) the Corps contracting officer has made contact with Brice Civil Constructors and an initial meeting will be set up as soon as the end of fiscal year/start of fiscal year activities at the Corps allows; (ii) progress has been made on the MOA/modification of Project Agreement that allows the Port to contribute funds; (iii) Berwick Harbor dredge is still inoperable as they are awaiting parts from Germany; (iv) the Corps has submitted supplemental funding requests.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY15 Port Security Grant project has been completed with $5,000 remaining; (ii) FY16 Port Security Grant Special Systems RFP have been released and winning bidders will be selected at next month’s board meeting; (iii) FY17 Port Security Grant recipients were announced and we did not receive any funding, as only 14.7% of the recipients were Ports; (iv) we will again be applying for the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant and the Transportation Infrastructure Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant and will be requesting funding to enhance our dock; (v) while on vacation, he visited Cuban Embassy in Washington, DC and met with Yusel Arias about a MOU between the District and Cuba.

Clay Breaud reported that: (i) the mechanical engineer recommended installing programmable thermostats and to air balance test the problem areas due to the low temperatures at night causing humidity in the HVAC system. Mr. Dragna moved to authorize Mr. Wade to have the thermostats changed to programmable ones and have the system balance tested at a cost not to exceed $8,000, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

Mike Lowe reported that: (i) they are continuing to work on the permit and have revised their draft description of the project as requested; (ii) they have sent all documents to DNR regarding beneficial use of material in the Bar Channel; (iii) they will meet with the State at the end of the week or beginning of next week.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Mac and Tim Matte did a joint presentation to the CPRA Board. Mac encouraged them to take advantage of the material we have for coastal restoration projects, with added benefit of flood protection by allowing water to flow out to the Gulf; (ii) General Kaiser will be replacing General Wehr in Vicksburg and General Wehr will be going to the Chief of Engineers office in DC; (iii) she attended a round table discussion with Governor Edwards and Terrebonne officials to discuss the fiscal cliff; (iv) we have had discussions with Greg Fell, who represents Avoca, about several projects for beneficial use of sediment in Berwick Bay and Atchafalaya Bay; (v) she is putting together a document for commissioners explaining all of the different revenues we have pursued for additional funding sources since we have lost all earmarks.

Mr. Duhon moved to authorize the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) no bids were received for the agitation dredge pumps. Mr. Dragna moved to re-bid the agitation dredge pumps at the current specs, with advertisement dates to be changed to Wednesday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 18th and bid opening date of September 29th. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously; (ii) A special meeting will be held in the future to further discuss the extension of the InterMoor lease once commissioners have had a chance to review all of the information; (iii) work continues on the MOA between the District and the Corps.

Mr. Dragna noted his support for consolidating the two Ports in the Parish, so that through the millage we can become self-sufficient with dredging. Parish President Hanagriff also agreed that we need to take our destiny into our own hands by knowing we can maintain the Channel ourselves and not have to rely on the Corps.

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

Attest:

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