

**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
February 8, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) met in special session at the District’s office at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, Louisiana on February 8, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Joseph Cain, Ben Adams, Steven Cornes, Matthew Tycer, Deborah Garber, Troy Lombardo and Adam Mayon in attendance. Matthew Glover was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director, Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager, Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenant Jenelle Piche and Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Philip Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; along with 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. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the special meetings of January 10, 2024 and January 29, 2024 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 January, 2024 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of January, 2024 be paid. Mr. Lombardo seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Timothy Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) all surveys look fantastic; (ii) Dredge *Texas* should complete Crew Boat Cut by February 24<sup>th</sup>; (iii) Dredge *Kingfisher* is currently working Stouts Pass for the next 21 days; and (iv) a contract should be awarded in late summer for Bayou Chene.

Lieutenant Piche reported 2,309 total transits in January through the VTS zone, at an average of 66 per day.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we received the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements from the State, Mr. Wade signed and returned them; (ii) we will be requesting funding from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, with the application due February 28th. It was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the following resolution be submitted for \$6,400,000 and be matched by \$1,600,000 of Port funds for Phase 4 – Aggregate Loading and Unloading Area and Extension of Rail Spur, which resolution was unanimously adopted. He did note that he will request a waiver for the match.

**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 “*Phase 4 – Concrete Cargo Transloading Area and Rail Extension Project*” to the US Department of Transportation’s (USDOT’s) “*FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*” (RAISE) Grant Program. In addition, since the project totals \$8,000,000, the MCHTD requests \$6,400,000 from the FY 2024 RAISE program and agrees to provide a local, non-federal match of \$1,600,000. If fully-awarded, the project will complete *Phase 4* of the port District’s informal “*Port of Morgan City Terminal Facility Infrastructure Improvement Master Plan*.”

Charles Brittingham reported via teleconference that we are still operating under a continuing resolution but hopes the House and Senate will come to an agreement before it expires on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Philip Chauvin presented Sealevel Construction’s Payment Application No. 12 in the amount of \$13,376 with Mr. Tycer moving for payment, seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. He also reported that: (i) they continue to provide information to Mike Knobloch as needed on the West Dock, with plans and specs expected to be completed by March; and (ii) East dock test section was completed but changed slightly. He is preparing a “decrease” change order of \$5500 by using existing material on site.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we hosted the CWPPRA Region III planning meeting, where EPA proposed a project for sediment disposal at Point Au Fer; (ii) the Corps will be holding a Lower Mississippi River Study public meeting in Morgan City on March 7<sup>th</sup> and Mr. Orlando encouraged all commissioners to attend; (iii) our Stakeholder meeting was well attended and dredging the GIWW to its authorized depth was brought up and are awaiting Corps responses on authorizations, pipeline

locations and funding; (iv) we have sent out the Waterways Journal article to all Stakeholders and Mr. Cain encouraged all Commissioners to forward it out as well the their contacts!

Gerard Bourgeois reported that: (i) Halliburton's current sublease of 25,000 square feet across from transit shed is up for its 2<sup>nd</sup> option term, and they've asked that we extend on same terms, except for 2- or 3-year periods. Mr. Adams moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to execute such a lease or amendment to lease with two (2)-(3) year terms, at an initial rate of \$5,231.38, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

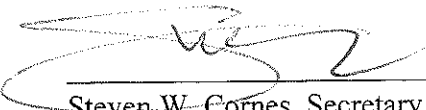
#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District"), the governing authority of said District, that Pete Orlando, President; be and is hereby authorized to sign a lease or amendment to lease agreement with Halliburton Energy Services, Inc. for 25,000 sq. feet of transit yard space, at \$5,231.38 per month and on such terms as are deemed advisable;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Pete Orlando, President, be authorized and directed to do any and all act and things necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the transactions contemplated with regards to said agreement with Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.

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

Attest:

  
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Steven W. Cornes, Secretary