PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**April 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 April 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Lee Dragna, Pete Orlando, Troy Lombardo, Steven Cornes and Adam Mayon in attendance. Ben Adams 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; CDR Heather Mattern, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Tim Connell, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional; Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilmen Louis Tamporello and Mark Stephens, City of Morgan City; Hilary Thibodaux, APTIM; Mart Black, Terrebonne Parish, 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 Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2019 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, 2019 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of March, 2019 be paid. Mr. Dragna seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

 Heather Mattern reported that: (i) we are still under high water conditions, the water has started to fall but the spring melt has not made its way down yet; and (ii) because there is a good bit of shoaling, she asks if you see something, report it. They are monitoring the channel and are marking areas as soon as a problem arises, as well as issuing a marine broadcast on their Homeport page.

 Tim Connell reported that: (i) the $14 million set aside for Bayou Chene maintenance dredging was not enough, and now we have even less because we will have to move $4 million of those funds and the Port’s $1.2 million to cover the excess shoaling we are experiencing due to high water; (ii) Fortunately we had delayed the maintenance dredging, because if not, it would have filled back up. The contributed funds from the Port will be necessary to exercise additional options on contract and fund overruns, with dredging to begin later this week; (iii) Brice is still scheduled to begin in June; (iv) the Corps is continually surveying and pinging buoys, making them available on the website; and (v) the president’s budget has been released with $8.5 million for the River and $10.9 million for Berwick Harbor. Requests for supplemental funding have been submitted for funding due to high water and there is a possibility for additional workplan funding as well. Mr. Dragna asked Mr. Connell’s thoughts on pumping sediment to AVOCA and Mr. Connell urged the Board to work on a permit sooner rather than later.

 Hilary Thibodaux of APTIM and Mart Black of Terrebonne Parish provided the commissioners a presentation and discussion on Atchafalaya Long Distance Sediment Pipeline to Terrebonne project.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) a FY19 Port Security Grant $100 million funding should be announced later this month with applications due late May; (ii) we have been reviewing projects for Port Priority funding and may possibly apply in May or September; (iii) we are working with area law enforcement for possible projects to apply for under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program; and (iv) Scout will submit the Facility Security Plan (FSP) to the District by April 18th.

Clay Breaud reported that: (i) a pre-construction meeting was held for Phase I – Railroad Maintenance on April 4th, with a Notice to Proceed issued to Trac-Work, Inc. to begin on April 15th and completed by May 29th; (ii) final plans for Phase II – Aggregate loading/unloading area, were submitted to DOTD for approval; and (iii) preliminary designs are 60% complete for Phase III – East Dock Expansion.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) the Mississippi River Commission high water inspection trip will be on April 11th, with Commissioners Joe Cain, Lee Dragna and Steven Cornes scheduled to ride. Mr. Wade will give a presentation at the public meeting April 12th in Baton Rouge, where the focus will be high water with double and triple the sediment; and (ii) we will be hosting a Hurricane Preparedness Meeting on May 16th, along with National Weather Service - NOAA, St. Mary Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, St. Mary Levee District and United States Coast Guard.

 Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) a request for a Letter of No Objection to Basin Fleeting permit for mooring facility in Lower Atchafalaya River. Mr. Dragna asked Commander Mattern to review this and she assured the Coast Guard would be providing comments to ensure safe navigation. Mr. Orlando moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said letter, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

 Mr. Bourgeois also reported that (ii) the emergency shutdown switch project for the VTS room, which had an engineering estimate of $132,000, came in under budget at $114,000; and (iii) Crosby Marine Transportation, LLC has denied they caused the damages and we have put them on notice that the District intends to make the repairs to the damaged MET station.

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

 Attest:

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Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary