

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
December 11, 2023**

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 December 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Joseph Cain, Steven Cornes, Troy Lombardo, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Ben Adams, Deborah Garber and Adam Mayon were 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; Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Philip Chauvin and Robert Karam, 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. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Cornes that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of November, 2023 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of November, 2023 be paid. Mr. Lombardo seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Timothy Spence reported 2,455 total transits in November through the VTS zone, at an average of 82 per day. He also noted an increase in traffic due to the Algiers Lock closure.

Timothy Connell reported teleconference that: (i) Brice’s *Dredge Arulaq* is now working under its new contract; (ii) *Dredge Texas* is “moving along” at Crew Boat Cut; (iii) *Dredge Emil Kurtz* is dredging in Berwick Harbor but the estimated completion date in February “may be delayed”; (iv) Crosby *Dredger* and *Susan Crosby* have completed dredging in Bayou Chene; (v) things are looking great in Stouts Pass, but ERDC is working on structural options to keep it open; (vi) new surveys are out on sheets 8-13 and are looking good, with dredging to full width to begin mid-summer.

Michael Knobloch reported that the RAISE grant has been announced with the application due on February 28th.

Charles Brittingham reported teleconference that Congress has passed two CR’s but expects adoption of spending bills prior to another CR needed.

Robert Karam presented Sealevel Construction’s Payment Application No. 10 in the amount of \$684,680.39 with Mr. Cornes moving for payment, seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously. He also reported that: (i) West dock design continues to progress with hopes of bidding out in April; and (ii) East dock is almost complete, with clean-up and a few punch list items remaining.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Mark Wingate retired, with Durand Elzey replacing him. Mac noted that he attended Mr. Wingate’s retirement dinner and that Mr. Elzey will be a great replacement, and is a great friend of the Port; (ii) we recently sent out a Stakeholder report, with reminders about tonnage reporting and referring to surveys when navigating; (iii) she helped staff the LED booth at the Workboat Show; and (iv) she was recently recertified as a Louisiana Certified Economic Developer.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that we have still not received the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements from the State for our capital outlay projects. He also presented a Right of Entry (ROE) with the Corps of Engineers for disposal easements for Area I and Avoca. It was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Cornes that Mr. Orlando be authorized to execute said ROE and related landowner agreements, which motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tycer nominated the current officers of the Board of Commissioners, namely, Peter Orlando, President; Ben Adams, Vice President, Deborah Garber, Treasurer; and Steven Cornes, Secretary, for re-election to their posts for an additional year. By consent and with no further nominations offered, Mr. Glover seconded the nominations and said motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Steven W. Cornes, Secretary