

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
November 9, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") met in regular session via teleconference and in person on November 9, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Raymond Wade, Executive Director, convened the meeting with Commissioners Joseph Cain, Lee Dragna, Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams, Troy Lombardo and Steven Cornes in attendance. Pete Orlando and Adam Mayon were absent. Also present in the meeting were Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois and Jennifer S. Reasoner, Board Attorneys; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Commander Ben Russell and Lieutenant Hayley Gipson, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Tim Connell, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); Terral Martin, Providence Engineering and Environmental; Laura Barnes, GIS Engineering; Charles Brittingham, Cassidy and Associates; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; 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 Ms. Garber and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Dragna that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of October, 2020 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of October, 2020 be paid. Mr. Matthews seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) The Brice Dredge continues to make progress, pumping at a very good and high density, moving lots of material. New surveys are to be done in the next few days and if it shows additional material pushed in there from the hurricanes, they will be requesting additional funds; (ii) Dredge *Ingenuity* shaved some of the westerly part of the shoaled area off between the bridges and should be completed in the next 3-4 days, then headed to Wax Lake Outlet; (iii) Dredge *Carolina* should arrive in January to Crew Boat Cut; (iv) new surveys for Stouts Pass were done recently but no funding is on the horizon for this area; and (v) repairs to Bayou Boeuf Locks continue to move forward, with completion date at a minimum of March, 2021.

Commander Ben Russell introduced VTS Director and Waterways Manager, Lt. Hailey Gibson. Together they reported that: (i) the delivery of the Golden Ray will be in December in three separate transits; (ii) total transits for the month of October were 2,444, averaging 78 per day; and (iii) Industry Day will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, with both in person and virtual options.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we were notified that we were not a recipient of funding through PORT Infrastructure Development grant; and (ii) next month we will have our annual tabletop exercise, with the assistance of Transportation Administration, along with our quarterly training/drill.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) the Senate passed the WRDA bill early May, along with the House in late July and are now working to negotiate a final bill; (ii) he is hopeful they will pass a \$500 million robust for operations and maintenance, and will work to ensure we get roughly \$12 to \$15 million; (iii) if Congress does pass an omnibus spending package, we should get \$6 to \$8 million plus up in the annual Work Plan.

Terral Martin of Providence reported on the Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation Project, that a balancing change order in the amount of \$5,110.84 underrun was ready for approval. Mr. Dragna moved to authorize change order, which was seconded by Mrs. Garber and carried unanimously.

Laura Barnes of GIS Engineering reported that the capital outlay application for Berwick Bay dredge disposal assistance, in the amount of \$3,840,000, was filed prior to the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that (i) we will bring back a full list of items to be declared surplus and sold next month; (ii) the NOAA station repairs could be finalized before next meeting.

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

Attest:

  
Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary