

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
June 14, 2021**

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 June 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Pete Orlando, Deborah Garber, Troy Lombardo, and Matthew Glover in attendance. Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, and Steven Cornes was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney and Gregory Aucoin, Bourgeois Law; LCDR Zachary Robertson, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors; Terral Martin, Providence Engineering and Environmental; Kevin O'Gorman, T. Baker Smith; 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. Orlando and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Glover that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of May, 2021 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of May, 2021 be paid. Mr. Lombardo seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference: (i) a delay in arrival of Great Lakes Dredge to Bay and Bar until late July is not welcomed news since surveys show substantial shoaling that require a significant contract modification extending the reach into the Bar Channel; (ii) we received \$16 million in the President's budget to ensure we are able to stay open for the foreseeable future; (iii) an IDIQ contract will be awarded in late August, to be funded as needed, to do work when needed in the Bar area; (iv) due to increased quantities in the River, an award of contract will be delayed into FY22 so that it can effectively deal with the delays; (v) clearing out of Stouts Pass is complete but a lot of the material has already returned; (vi) the Brice Dredge continues dredging in the Bar Channel and the presentation of the problematic fluff is not showing up anymore; and (vii) Bayou Boeuf guide wall work continues and is expected to be completed in late October while maintenance at Berwick Locks will occur in June and July.

LCDR Robertson reported that: (i) total transits for the month of May were 2,505, averaging 84 per day, which is an increase of 6.5% from last year; (ii) two groundings in Berwick Bay happened over the weekend and will be marked with buoys; and (iii) MSIB's have been released identifying hurricane port conditions, Stouts Pass new tow requirements and Bayou Chene increased restrictions due to the flood structure being struck twice in the last week.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) our annual exercise related to our Facility Security Plan was held last week with over 60 attendees from 25 different agencies; (ii) we are still awaiting news if we've been awarded funds from the FY21 Port Security Grant; (iii) we submitted our application to the Port Priority Program on June 1<sup>st</sup> for western dock expansion and will request funding from U.S. Dept. of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant, with an application due on July 12th. It was moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Garber, the RAISE Grant application be submitted in the amount of \$7,500,000 with a match of \$3,000,000, and that the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the above, does hereby authorize the submission of its proposed funding request entitled "*Western Dock Expansion-Phase 3B*," estimated to cost \$7,500,000, to the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT's) *FY 201 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)* to help fund the Port of Morgan City's entire "Western Dock Expansion" project, which totals \$25,500,000; and, the Port District Commission, also, agrees to be responsible for providing a local match of an estimated \$18,000,000, for the submitted FY 2021 RAISE grant project application.

Terral Martin reported that: (i) they will be meeting with Mr. Wade Wednesday on InterMoor yard repairs.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we have been having hurricane calls with Corps, USCG and GICA and NOAA, who would like to designate our command center as a recovery operation location. (ii) The legislative session has ended and funding was designated to ports under the Louisiana Port Relief fund through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and application and technicalities are being worked out at this time by the Department of Administration. The Capital Outlay bill has increased Port Priority to \$39.4 million, with an additional \$30 million through the American Rescue Plan and \$14.4 million designated for Lakeside Subdivision flood protection. (iii) Senator Cassidy visited the Port and witnessed the BRICE dredge's operation, as well as the Bayou Chene structure; (iv) we provided a boat tour of beneficial use sites from Horseshoe to the Wildlife Management Area camp for several involved with Nicholls Coastal Center; (v) we have facilitated joint visits with Shawn Welcome of LED and stakeholders to discuss the Convey Atchafalaya to Terrebonne project; (vi) she attended the Red River Valley Association annual meeting in Bossier City and was able to visit with Major General Dianna Holland and other officials from the Corps, as well as Louisiana DOTD officials; and (vii) we attended Commander Beth Newton's promotion ceremony as well as the Boathouse Decommissioning, with one boat going to Corpus Christi and one to California.

Gerard Bourgeois introduced Greg Aucoin, who is Of Counsel with Bourgeois Law. Mr. Cain thanked him for attending our meeting and Mr. Wade noted he was on our board for 15 years. He also reported: (i) Providence has agreed to investigate issues at the InterMoor facility and in order to make sure we are taking care of our tenant suggested retention of T. Baker Smith, who will also hire Eustis Engineering for geotechnical work, to review and make recommendations on the InterMoor yard rehabilitation issues. Mr. Lombardo moved to accept the T. Baker Smith and Eustis proposal as presented, with Mr. Glover seconding and carrying unanimously.

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

Attest:



Steven Cornes, Secretary