

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
January 10, 2022**

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 January 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Deborah Garber, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Pete Orlando was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenant Hayley Gipson, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jeremy Meaux, Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick; 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. Adams and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 7, 2021 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 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 December, 2021 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of December, 2021 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Jeremy Meaux presented Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick’s Audit Report to the Board for the year ending June 30, 2021 with an unmodified opinion on the District’s financial statements, the highest audit opinion. Mr. Meaux noted that in 2022 the Louisiana Legislative Auditor will be bringing back Statewide Agreed-Upon procedures, which was suspended during COVID. Mr. Adams moved to accept said report, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) Atchafalaya maintenance dredging is ongoing and expected to finish up by end of February; (ii) dredging in Berwick Harbor is complete, with a lot of the island removed north of the bridge, giving access to all docks and a channel through Morgan City; (iii) \$19 of the \$22 million contract has been used by Brice, who are working on a plan to continue agitation dredging of the River; and (iv) work at the Bayou Boeuf guide wall continues with a revised expected completion of February 28, 2022.

Lieutenant Hayley Gipson reported: (i) a total of 2,240 transits, averaging 74 per day through the VTS zone, with an uptick in OSV passages; (ii) the collision into the Bayou Ramos bridge is still under investigation; and (iii) there was one grounding at Stouts Pass.

Charles Brittingham reported via teleconference that: (i) the workplan portion of the infrastructure bill will be released on Tuesday and we are hopeful to get a significant chunk out of it; and (ii) we are also hopeful to also get funding from FY22 appropriations and FY23 president’s budget, totaling \$78 million but it will be tough when the Mississippi River gets \$85 million. Mr. Wade thanked Mr. Brittingham for his efforts in DC and encouraged him to continue chasing the funds.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we were notified that we were not recipients of the Port Infrastructure grant; and (ii) our first quarterly report is due to the state this month for the \$598,000 from the Louisiana Covid Relief for Ports Program we received.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) they submitted 95% of the plans to Intermeer for their comments on the Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation project and anticipate having bid documents ready for approval at February meeting; (ii) they continue to work on the East and West dock construction documents and permit requests.

Cindy Cutrera reported via teleconference that: (i) she feels having industry as engaged as they were in the Corps meeting makes a huge difference in the message we are sending; (ii) stakeholders are being contacted by the project manager of the Increase Atchafalaya to Terrebonne project; (iii) commissioner comments on the draft strategic plan are due January 24<sup>th</sup> so that we can have edits made and the final copy to you for the February board meeting for approval; and (iv) she and Mac met with members of the Nicholls Coastal Center where Dr. Doucet continued to stress the reason the Coastal

Center was created was to focus on the Atchafalaya and Terrebonne Basins. They also met with Evan Boudreaux, St. Mary Parish Economic Development Director and discussed areas that the port and parish can work together for economic development within the port district.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) the answers were received on the Youngswood damages suit; (ii) the bidder has still not been disclosed on who purchased the LHE property; and (iii) we are still working towards purchase of the property formerly occupied by Ozio Fisheries.

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

Attest:

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Steven Cornes, Secretary