

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
February 14, 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 February 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Pete Orlando, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Deborah Garber and Steven Cornes were 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”); Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jon McVay and Josh Matherne, Brice Civil Contractors; 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. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Glover that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2022 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Orlando that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of January, 2022 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of January, 2022 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell: (i) Atchafalaya maintenance dredging is complete, with the channel being open from the sea buoy to Eugene Island at 21’-22’. He noted this is the first time in many years that all the area has been cleaned out; (ii) Bayou Chene will be dredged in late summer, and new surveys are up; (iii) Mike Brocato of St. Mary Levee District notified us today that the barge for the Bayou Chene floodgate structure mobilized yesterday and they are in the process of pumping it down; (iv) Brice is averaging 5.5-6 million yards a month of material being cleaned out the Channel; and (v) 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 2,154 transits, averaging 69 per day through the VTS zone; (ii) Bayou Chene closed on February 13th and is expected to remain closed through February 19th for installation of the floodgate structure; (iii) the 14th edition of the VTS manual will be released this week on Homeport for mariners traveling through our VTS; and (iv) the annual high-water meeting will be held March 9th in the EOC, with a virtual option.

Michael Knobloch reported that we have been reviewing the 456-page guidebook for the BUILD.GOV for ports and waterways in anticipation of grant application deadlines.

Charles Brittingham reported via teleconference that: (i) we will begin operating under a continuing resolution next week through March 11th, with the omnibus bill being announced after the President’s State of the Union address and the President’s budget; and (ii) we received \$33.1 million in bipartisan funds for our project and are also hopeful to also get funding from FY22 appropriations and FY23 president’s budget.

Eric Matte reported via teleconference that: (i) they continue to work on the East and West dock design calculations and preliminary drawings; and (ii) they received comments back from InterMoor to the project, which included a request for a pump station to be installed on site. An estimate for design services of \$20,000 and preliminary cost estimate of \$100,000 was submitted to the Port for approval. Mr. Adams moved to table discussion until next month, which was seconded by Mr. Glover and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we continue to promote beneficial use of our dredged material by sending photos and drone footage to CPRA and several others that may have an interest. We also received an email from Jeff Corbino, Corps advising of a possible CWPPRA project by EPA, using our material; (ii) on February 8th and 9th, strategic master plan zoom calls were held with commissioners and Jeff Monroe. Mr. Orlando moved to accept the proposal and authorize payment to IAMPE, which was seconded by Mr. Adams and carried unanimously; and (iii) The Atchafalaya/Red River MARAD roundtable will be rescheduled due to a conflict with Easter week.

Mr. Bourgeois presented a renewal of the lease between the District and Brice Civil Contractors, with five (5) one-year options, including an annual CPI increase. Mr. Adams moved to authorize renewal of the lease and the attached resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Orlando and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, the governing authority of said District, that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director, be and is hereby authorized to sign a lease agreement with Brice Civil Constructors, Inc. for the lease of approximately 1290 square feet of office space located at 800 Youngs Road, Morgan City, Louisiana together with parking and access areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director, be authorized and directed to do any and all acts and things necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the transactions contemplated with regard to said lease and/or supplemental agreement with Brice Civil Constructors, Inc.

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

Attest:



Steven Cornes, Secretary