

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
February 13, 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 February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Ben Adams, Steven Cornes, Joseph Cain, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Deborah Garber and Matthew Glover were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; LT Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors; 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. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 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 January, 2023 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of January, 2023 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) Manson’s *RM White* continues to work the lower bar and has been encountering lots of trash and debris; (ii) Crosby’s *Susan Crosby* continues to work in Bayou Chene, but the contractor had a disposal issue and is working it out with the landowner; (iii) Brice continues to work the Bar channel and the Corps is internally working to make sure a new contract will be firmed up prior the expiration of the current one; (iv) Berwick Harbor looks fantastic; (v) they are monitoring Stouts Pass, which is trying to start shoaling and will have Electronic Navigation Surveys (ENS) posted by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month; and (vi) they continue to monitor Work Plan funding, with hopes of getting what was requested and putting us in excellent shape.

LT Jenelle reported that: (i) 2,462 total transits in January through the VTS zone, which is a 14% increase from last year; (ii) they continue to send out Notice to Mariners regarding dredging operations; and (iii) BNSF has notified them of rail bridge maintenance from April, 2023 through June, 2024 during 2-6 hours of daylight per day.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we submitted letters to our local and state delegation, the Governor, and Division of Administration for support of our reallocation of capital outlay requests for the fire suppression system and additional funding for the west dock expansion; (ii) we are awaiting implementation instructions from the Biden administration for our community project funding request for maintenance of our MET stations; (iii) we will be requesting funding from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program, with the application due February 28th. It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Cain that the following resolution be submitted for \$6,120,000 and be matched by \$1,530,000 of Port funds for Phase 4 – Aggregate Loading and Unloading Area, Extension of Rail Spur, and Transloading Equipment, which resolution was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the above does hereby authorize the submission of its proposed funding request entitled “*Phase 4 - Aggregate Loading and Unloading Area, Extension of Rail Spur, and Cargo Transloading Equipment*” to and request \$6,120,000.00 from the US Department of Transportation’s (USDOT’s) *FY 2023 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity*” (RAISE). If fully-awarded, the proposal will assist with funding *Phase 4* of its informal “*Port of Morgan City Terminal Facility Infrastructure Improvement Master Plan.*” Additionally, the Port District Commission, also, agrees to be responsible for providing a local, non-federal match of \$1,530,000.00 from its general fund.

(iv) We are still awaiting announcement of the Port Security Grant (PSG); and (v) we will request the same funding and projects for the PIDG and INFRA Grants.

Charles Brittingham reported: (i) we have 9 months to work on WRDA submissions; and (ii)

on March 9<sup>th</sup> the President's budget, FY23 USACE Workplan funding and FY24 IJA should be announced.

Eric Matte reported: (i) the test pile will be driven next week on East Dock and requested approval of Pile Driving Analysis (PDA) to receive real time stress analysis. Mr. Adams moved to authorize change order in the amount of \$6500 for PDA, which was seconded by Mr. Tyner and carried unanimously. He also noted they submitted the modification to the Corps permit and reissued the DNR permit due to expiration; (ii) the are on hold for design on the West Dock and will have a call with MARAD on February 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the NEPA process; and (iii) Mr. Cornes moved to approve Payment Application No. 6 to Patriot Construction in the amount of \$52,664.73, after receiving the clear lien certificate. Mr. Tyner seconded said motion and it carried unanimously.

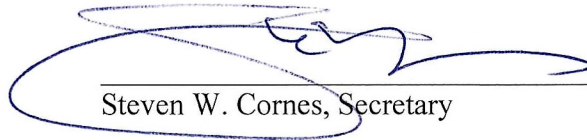
Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) she was asked to present at the Red River Valley Association Conference about our MARAD M-49 project; (ii) she and Mac attended the public meeting on the CPRA Coastal Master Plan and are working on our public comments; and (iii) she was asked to be a member of the SLCC Advisory Board and attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that: (i) after several meetings on the tariff, the draft is in your packet for review prior to our next board meeting. It is a little more detailed than the current one in hopes to make it more easily accessible for management and billing.

After Motion of Mr. Cornes, second of Mr. Tyner, and unanimous vote, the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss its suit against Providence Engineering & Environmental Group, LLC and Patriot Construction and Industrial, LLC for Youngswood yard failure. After the Executive Session ended, it was moved by Mr. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the Board return to Regular Session, which carried unanimously.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary