

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
April 10, 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 April 10, 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; Lieutenant Jenelle Piche and Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; 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 Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 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 March, 2023 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of March, 2023 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) Manson’s *RM White* should complete the work in the lower bar by the end of April, after adding additional hours through contract modification. Once complete, we will be very wide and have blue water from Station 900 to Crew boat Cut; (ii) Crosby’s *Susan Crosby* continues to work in Bayou Chene without incident and anticipates completion at the end of July; (iii) Brice continues to work the Bar channel through Task Order No. 17, with maybe two more additional task orders to be awarded on this contract through August. They continue to work on a new contract. (iv) An IDIQ contract should be awarded in June for Berwick Harbor and Stouts Pass and new surveys will be released online tomorrow; (v) the river is expected to stay above 5’ for about two weeks; and (vi) Bayou Boeuf Lock repairs are expected to begin next week through May.

Lieutenant Piche reported that: (i) 2,207 total transits in March through the VTS zone; (ii) we are under temporary high water advisory and they have issued a MSIB for the railroad bridge repairs; and (iii) she noted a successful coordination of a large dead ship tow of a floating drydock.

Charles Brittingham reported via teleconference that Congress has been in recess, but appropriations committees have submitted their requests.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) he attended the Port of the Future Conference in Houston; (ii) the state legislature went into session today and we have two (2) capital outlay funding requests that we will be following; (iii) we will officially apply through NOAA to receive our Community Project funding request for maintenance of our MET stations by May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Cain that the following resolution be adopted for the requested \$200,000 Meteorological Stations’ Maintenance and Operations, 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 “*Meteorological Stations’ Maintenance and Operations*” to and request \$200,000.00 from the *NOAA Community Project Funding Program* (Hard Earmark), Funding Opportunity Number: NOAA-NOS-NCCOS-2023-2007875.

(iv) we will be requesting funding from the FY2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP). It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the following resolution be adopted and that the requested \$6,400,000 Cargo Transloading Equipment, Aggregate Cargo Transloading Area and Rail Spur Extension projects be matched by \$1,600,000 of Port funds, 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 “*Cargo Transloading Equipment, Aggregate Cargo Transloading Area, and Rail Spur Extension*” to the US Department of Transportation’s (USDOT’s) “*FY 2023 Port Infrastructure Development Program*” (Federal Assistance Listing No. 20.823) and request \$6,400,000 for its implementation. 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 agrees to be responsible for providing a local, non-federal match of \$1,600,000.

And (v) we will be requesting funding from the FY2023 US Marine Highway Program. It was moved by Mr. Cornes and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the following resolution be submitted for \$3,320,000 and be matched by \$830,000 of Port funds for Procuring 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 “*Procuring Transloading Equipment*” to and request \$3,320,000.00 from the US Department of Transportation Maritime Administration’s “*United States Marine Highway Program*” (Federal Assistance Living No. 20.816). Additionally, the Port District Commission agrees to be responsible for providing a local, non-federal match of \$830,000.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) continued driving of sheet pile exists on the East Dock project. We are also still waiting on Corps permit for fill and final change order figures; (ii) the latest Geotech report is under review for the West Dock project and a contract amendment proposal is required for additional NEPA compliance necessary as a result of MARAD funding. Mr. Tycker moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said Amendment in the amount of \$39,000, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. He noted that after the MARAD site visit, they will begin moving forward with NEPA compliance; and (iii) Mr. Cornes moved to approve Payment Application No. 2 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$168,071.73, seconded by Mr. Mayon which carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Mac attended the annual PAL Conference where Tori assisted with the registration, she attended a ribbon cutting at Port of West St. Mary for the new SLCC welding facility and Mac attended the MRC Annual High Water public meeting and provided written and public comment where he expressed appreciation for the funding we have received and also the need for a new contract for Brice’s dredging in the Bar Channel. We also sent out thank you letters for that funding to the Corps in New Orleans, Vicksburg and Headquarters in DC and also our Louisiana Delegation; (ii) We submitted comments on the 2023 CPRA Coastal Master Plan that covered the diversion around the locks and offered a couple of alternate solutions which was previously sent to the commissioners; (iii) there will be a public scoping meeting for the Atchafalaya NEER at the auditorium on April 20<sup>th</sup> and a virtual option on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Gerard Bourgeois presented Ordinance No. 61 for adoption of the 2023 millage by the District, with no change from last year. It was moved by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the following ordinance providing a rate of 4.48 mills be adopted, which motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 61**

An Ordinance levying and imposing a tax on all the property subject to taxation in the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, State of Louisiana, for the year 2023 for the purpose of paying the administrative, operative and maintenance expenses of the Board in said District.

**SECTION 1, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Harbor and Terminal District; in regular session convened, that under and by virtue of the Authority of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 LSA-R.S. 34:329, as amended and Art. 7, Sec. 23 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District:

MILLAGE

<b>administrative, operative, and maintenance expenses</b>	<b>4.48 mills</b>
(Tax for: e.g. General Alimony, Library, Maintenance)	

**SECTION 2, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the

collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 3, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption, the public welfare so demanding.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary