

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
September 11, 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 September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Steven Cornes, Joseph Cain, Deborah Garber and Adam Mayon in attendance. Ben Adams, Matthew Glover, Troy Lombardo and Matthew Tyser were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager, Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Philip Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Angelena Brocato; 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 Mrs. Garber that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of August, 2023 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of August, 2023 be paid. Mr. Cornes seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Angelena Brocato spoke during guest comment about her candidacy for St. Mary Parish Council at Large District 10.

Timothy Connell reported that: (i) the Great Lakes cutterhead dredge for the lower bar channel should be on site around the beginning of October; (ii) the re-procurement of Brice’s Dredge *Arulga* contract is still in ongoing negotiations; (iii) the Dredge *Orion* should arrive in Berwick Harbor late September; and (iv) the *Crosby Dredger* continues to work Bayou Chene.

Timothy Spence reported: (i) 2,432 total transits in August through the VTS zone, at an average of 79 per day; (ii) once the Algiers Locks close for repairs, the VTS zone will be much busier; and (iii) the rip/rap installation around the Highway 182 bridge should be completed in 14 days.

Charles Brittingham reported that (i) both the House and Senate kept the \$62.5 million in FY24 President’s budget; and (ii) he expects a Continuing Resolution by October 1st and lasting until early or mid-December, with a possible government shutdown.

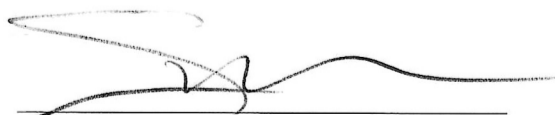
Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we are still awaiting the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements from the State before we can begin our capital outlay projects; (ii) we will receive the Community Project Funding of \$200,000 through the NOAA grants web portal; and (iii) although the EOC request for funds of \$2,300,000 has been awarded, Congress has to fully vote on the budget and then the President has to sign it.

Philip Chauvin reported that: (i) the broken edges of the concrete will be repaired per DOTD specs; (ii) we are still waiting on the Corps Letter of No Objection for permit to fill material under the dock; (iii) the contractor is very much ahead of schedule; and (iv) design for the West Dock is progressing with ground improvement methods.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) the Corps Low Water events were all cancelled due to COVID aboard the M/V Mississippi but Mr. Wade’s public comment was submitted to the Mississippi River Commission. Mr. Wade thanked Cindy for all her hard work in planning those events. She also presented videos of Colonel Murphy’s public comment and Dredging with Nature videos of Euro “now” vs Brice “four years ago”.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary