

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
March 11, 2024**

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 March 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Deborah Garber, Joseph Cain, Steven Cornes, Matthew Tycer, Troy Lombardo, Adam Mayon and Matthew Glover in attendance. Ben Adams was absent. Also present in the meeting were Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Tim Connell, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Lieutenant Jenelle Piche and Timothy Spence, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Philip Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Councilmen Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Councilman Jimmy Davis, St. Mary Parish; along with members of the general public.

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. Troy Lombardo led the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the special meeting of February 8, 2024 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 February, 2024 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of February, 2024 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Timothy Connell reported that: (i) surveys are being taken monthly now to make sure we are showing the channel really is open; (ii) we are fortunate to have financial reserves to keep dredges working as needed; (iii) they have modified the Dredge *Texas* contract to increase dredging hours; (iii) we were awarded \$16.5 million in FY25 President’s budget; (iv) phase ii to complete full project dimensions over all reaches on Bayous Chene, Boeuf and Black will be awarded in September; and (iv) surveys were done at Stouts Pass to see if the reported grounding was in the Channel or outside.

Lieutenant Piche reported: (i) 1,897 total transits in February through the VTS zone, at an average of 66 per day; and (ii) we were under high water restrictions from February 11<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup> but those restrictions have since been released.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) our capital outlay requests will be presented before committee soon; and (ii) we will be requesting funding from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure grant and Port Infrastructure Development (PIDP) grant, with the application due May 10th. It was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Mayon that the following resolution be submitted for \$6,400,000 and be matched by \$1,600,000 of Port funds for “Phase 4 – Concrete Cargo Transloading Area and Rail Extension Project”, which resolution was unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby authorize and support the submission of its proposed funding request entitled “*Phase 4 – Concrete Cargo Transloading Area and Rail Extension Project*” to the US Department of Transportation’s (USDOT’s) “*FY 2024 Port Infrastructure Development Program*” (PIDP) Grant Program. In addition, since the project totals \$8,000,000, the MCHTD requests \$6,400,000 from the FY 2024 PIDP program and agrees to provide a local, non-federal match of \$1,600,000. If fully-awarded, the project will complete *Phase 4* of the port District’s informal “*Port of Morgan City Terminal Facility Infrastructure Improvement Master Plan*.”

Philip Chauvin presented Sealevel Construction’s Payment Application No. 13 in the amount of \$12,722.08 with Ms. Garber moving for payment, seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously; and (ii) balancing Change Order No. 2 of an underrun of (\$5,508.34), which was moved by Mr. Mayon, seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. He also reported that: (i) we are in the clear lien period on the East Dock, both punch items were completed, and he is working on close out reports; and (ii) they are still waiting on the NEEPA process to be completed and a Corps permit for the West Dock.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) she learned from Charles Brittingham that the House and the Senate kept the \$62.5 million in the FY24 President’s budget; (ii) on April 17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our annual hurricane preparedness meeting; (iii) she attended the Red River Valley Association Conference where she served in a panel discussion with MARAD, DOTD and Red River Ports and was also able to visit with Corps officials from Vicksburg; (iv) Mac gave Colonel Jones, Mike Stack and Tim Connell

from the Corps New Orleans District a tour of industrial areas in our District, where they prepared a video and shared on Facebook; and (v) several commissioners and staff attended both Lower Mississippi River Study public meetings on March 7<sup>th</sup> where Mr. Wade gave a brief comment, but a more detailed comment will be submitted prior to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) a modified engineering agreement between the District and GIS as a result of delay in funding. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to execute said contract, which was seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously; (ii) drydock assignments from Port of New Orleans to the District and bareboat chartered to Bollinger. Mr. Tycer moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to execute said assignment(s), which were seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously; and (iii) servitude agreements between the District and Bollinger Shipyards Lockport for dredging and bulkheading, subject to LED requirements. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize the following resolutions and that Mr. Orlando be authorized to execute said agreements, which were seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution authorizing the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") to enter into a Servitude Agreement with Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC.

BE IT RESOLVED that Pete J. Orlando, President, be authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District"), a Servitude Agreement with Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC. whereby Bollinger Shipyards Lockport, LLC. grants to the District a servitude, on, over, under and across, the lands described therein, for use by the District, their representatives, agents and contractors, to dredge certain water bottoms, and for such other purposes as may be required in connection with said works.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Pete J. Orlando, President, be authorized and directed to do any and all act and things necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the transactions contemplated with regards to the above mentioned servitude.

**RESOLUTION**

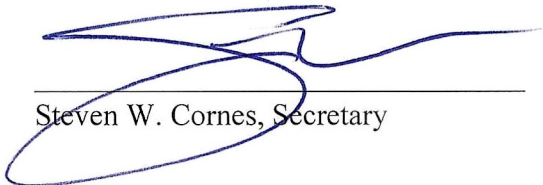
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With there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
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Steven W. Cornes, Secretary