

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
December 14, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") met in regular session via teleconference and in person on December 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President convened the meeting with Commissioners Lee Dragna, Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams, Pete Orlando, Adam Mayon and Steven Cornes in attendance. Troy Lombardo was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois and Jennifer S. Reasoner, Board Attorneys; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Lieutenant Hayley Gipson, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Terral Martin, Providence Engineering and Environmental; Laura Barnes, GIS Engineering; Jon McVay and Josh Matherne, Brice Civil Constructors; 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. Dragna and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020 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 November, 2020 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of November, 2020 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Jeremy Meaux presented Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick's Audit Report to the Board for the year ending June 30, 2020 with an unmodified opinion on the District's financial statements, which is the highest audit opinion. Mr. Dragna moved to accept said report, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that: (i) Dredge *Carolina* should arrive in late January or early February to Crew Boat Cut; (ii) Dredge *Ingenuity* completed their contract in Berwick Bay averaging 15,000-16,000 yards a day, opening up a 250' cut from Washburn Marine to the railroad bridge. Mr. Cain questioned if the cut has been marked in front of the City's dock and Mr. Wade notified him that we are going through the permitting process through the Corps of Engineers; (iii) new surveys were completed in the Bar Channel and should be uploaded to the website soon; and (iv) repairs to Bayou Boeuf Locks continue to move forward, with completion in spring of 2021.

Jon McVay reported that: (i) The Brice Dredge has improved its "uptime" and is performing better than expected quantities per day, which is taking a toll on the equipment. Mr. Wade noted the Corps has issued Brice another task order, which is good news.

Lieutenant Hayley Gipson reported that: (i) total transits for the month of November were 2,262, averaging 75 per day; (ii) the Bayou Chene is closed to nighttime traffic from December 14th – 23rd, with a MSIB notification to follow; (iii) the Golden Ray is hoping to begin its 14-day voyage to Eugene Island on Wednesday; and (iv) Industry Day has been postponed, but will hopefully be held before high water season.

Lee Dragna reported that since he was elected as mayor, he will be submitting a letter of resignation to the Board. Mr. Cain and others congratulated Mr. Dragna and noted a compliment to the Board, that the City voters had enough trust in one of our members to elect him as mayor. Mr. Wade also thanked Mr. Dragna, along with Mr. Matthews, who is termed out after 8 years of service to the District for their service to the District and its residents. Mr. Matthews also thanked the board members, past and present, as well as noted that he was proud to be a part of this new building and the BRICE dredge. Mr. Bourgeois also noted that since Morgan City is the local sponsor for Berwick Bay, Mr. Dragna would still be very involved with the waterways work of the District.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) our annual tabletop exercise was held, with the assistance of Transportation Security Administration (TSA); (ii) he has sent out several notices to commissioners and staff of potential cyber security attacks on emails and attachments; and (iii) he is awaiting word on new grant opportunities under the new administration.

Laura Barnes of GIS Engineering reported that we are awaiting word on the capital outlay application for Berwick Bay dredge disposal assistance, in the amount of \$3,840,000, which probably won't be until after the 1st quarter of 2021.

Cindy Cutrera reported on behalf of Charles Brittingham that we are still waiting on the Omnibus to finalize, with both House and Senate having \$500 million in discretionary funding and is

confident it should pass.

Cindy Cutrera also reported that: (i) we completed a survey for LA Transportation Research Council in order for them to create a database on LA Ports and requested they include waterway tonnage as another metric, which they agreed; (ii) She was re-certified as a Louisiana Economic Developer; (iii) Sarah Dake will be Senator Kennedy's new District representative for our area; and (iv) she participated in a virtual webinar on LA National Estuarine Research Reserve (LaNEER) site, which Mr. Dragna noted that Monica Mancuso will be introducing this at the next Morgan City Council meeting. Mrs. Cutrera requested that any board member who wishes to have a presentation made, to please contact her.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that (i) a full list of items to be declared surplus is attached, along with Resolution of Support. Mr. Dragna moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute necessary documentation to sell items, which was seconded by Mr. Matthews and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A Resolution declaring equipment surplus and authorizing the executive director of the District to execute the necessary documents to sell the equipment located at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") has determined that it no longer has a need of certain office equipment, which may be partially described as follows: Dell Ultra Sharp Monitor; Kalatel security control box, KTD300; Pentium Security CPU; H/P LaserJet 2100 printer, C4170A; Cisco Wireless Router; Acer LCD Monitor, H233H; LG Flatron Monitor, E3550V; Dell XPS Computer, 89GBDQ1; Seagate Expandable Portable Drive, NA415GXF; HP All In One 4315 Officejet Fax, X8087A; Brother HL2170W Printer, HL-21; HP PhotoSMart C4480 Printer; HP Photosmart Printer; Gateway Computer GT5674, CC78451003637; Gateway Monitor, FHDZ303L; Samsung PX2370 Monitor, Z20WHCL2904768W; HP C4480 Photosmart Printer; Dell Inspiron 5100 Laptop; DELL Inspiron 3847, 9D3DV52; Ricoh MP C3500 Copier; CyberPower 625VA, CQWB52012697; APC Backup 550, BE550G; My Book Essential, WMA220302086M; My Book Essential, WDBACW0010HBK; Cisco Wireless-G Broadband Router, WRT54GZV; CardScan 6.0; Logitech Wireless Keyboard, Y-R009; Logitech laser Mouse, 251; ASI Audio Speakers; GEMPUI-1G8140040714; Digital Experience Speakers, GEM2.0-5376B7210359800 (collectively referred to herein as "Equipment") and is currently located at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, and would benefit from the sale of the same.

Accordingly, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Equipment should be sold as surplus property and that Raymond M. Wade, be authorized and directed on behalf of the District, to advertise said Equipment for sale to the highest bidder, to dispose of any items that are not bid upon and to execute all necessary paperwork on its behalf for transfer of same.

Gerard Bourgeois also presented (ii) A Right of Entry (ROE) with the Corps of Engineers for disposal easements for the Atchafalaya River and Bayous Chene, Boeuf, and Black Navigation Project. Mr. Orlando moved to authorize Mr. Cain to execute said ROE, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

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

Attest:


Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary