

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
May 10, 2021**

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 May 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Pete Orlando, Deborah Garber, Ben Adams, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, and Matthew Glover in attendance. Steven Cornes was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lt. Hayley Gipson, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Jon McVay and Josh Matherne, Brice Civil Constructors; Terral Martin, Providence Engineering and Environmental; O'Neil Malbrough and Laura Barnes, GIS Engineering; Mark Lane, Paul's Agency; 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. Orlando and seconded by Mrs. Garber that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2021 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Garber that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of April, 2021 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of April, 2021 be paid. Mr. Orlando seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) the Jadwin should complete dredging in Berwick Harbor tomorrow and return to Stouts Pass for 25 days; (ii) the Brice Dredge continues dredging in the Bar Channel; (iii) the Great Lakes Dredge should return to the Bay and Bar once out of shipyard in late June; and (iv) Bayou Boeuf guide wall work continues and is expected to be completed in late October.

Lieutenant Gipson reported that: (i) total transits for the month of April were 2,290, averaging 74 per day, which is an increase of 6.5% from last year; (ii) restrictions are still in place at Stouts Pass and Bayou Chene; (iii) the final piece of the Golden Ray will transit to MARS on Friday; (iv) they are deep in hurricane planning and offered any assistance during this time; and (v) LCDR Beth Newton will be heading to Headquarters in DC, while her replacement LCDR Matthew Winland is coming from Headquarters and is very familiar with the area, as he was the LCDR in Lafayette for a while.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we applied to the FY21 Port Security Grant in the amount of \$565,000, with a \$424,000 federal share and \$142,000 local share, focusing on cyber security, new security cameras and maintenance on current cameras and NOAA stations. (ii) We will be submitting an application to the Port Priority Program on June 1st for properties adjacent to the Western area of our dock have become available.

Terral Martin reported that: (i) they were contacted by InterMoor about the Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation project and an area affected by high crane traffic. He noted during their initial walkthrough that an area observed, which was not rehabilitated during construction, has a main outfall pipe and joint that may have a failure. After Patriot Construction ran a camera through the pipe, a compromised break was found within the 1st 60' and an engineer and geo-tech engineer will do another inspection on Wednesday.

O'Neil Malbrough presented a map depicting multiple potential disposal sites for beneficial use of Berwick Bay dredge material, as discussed in earlier meetings.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we held our annual Hurricane Meeting virtually, with over 100 people participating, and availability of the recording on our website; (ii) we hosted the Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration and Enhancement (ARBRE) Task Force meeting on May 4th with about 50 in attendance, including commissioners Joe Cain, Pete Orlando and Steven Cornes in attendance. A number of task force members stated their opinion on getting rid of the sediment south of Morgan City before doing anything North. (iii) HB642 introduced by Senator Clay Schexnayder will create funds and programs to administer the \$55 million designated to ports under the Louisiana Port Relief fund through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. We have submitted information on losses at the Port due to COVID.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) an agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc. at current amount of \$10,000 per month plus expenses incurred. Mr. Adams moved to authorize execution of said agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously. (ii) Ordinance No. 59 for adoption of the 2021 millage by the district, with no change from last year. It was moved by Mrs. Garber, seconded by Mr. Adams and Ordinance No. 59, providing a rate of 4.48 mills, was adopted and motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 59

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 2021 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 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District:

MILLAGE

administrative, operative, and maintenance expenses 4.48 mills

(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 2021, 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.

(ii) Proposals from American Integration Contractors for TACCS license renewals and software maintenance in the amount of \$29,024.85; and a contract between the District and American Integration Contractors and for the Port of Morgan City Regional Collaboration Network (PMCRN) annual program support, which has a limit of \$20,660 was also presented. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize said purchase and to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said contract, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously. (iv) A resolution in support of submitting application to Louisiana DOTD Port Priority Program for west dock improvements. Mr. Lombardo moved for approval of said resolution and to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said documents, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for filing of a Port Priority application by the District

WHEREAS, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has a need for port improvements; and,

WHEREAS, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 47 of Title 34 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to improve its port operation and the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and, **WHEREAS**, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under said Statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District as follows: That Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District acknowledges that a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program; That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on the project Morgan City Harbor and

Terminal District agrees to execute a Project Agreement and a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute; That Raymond "Mac" Wade, Executive Director, is hereby designated Authorized Representative for Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District to effect the preparation of an application to the Louisiana Port Construction and Development Priority Program for funding assistance of port improvement project; and that That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

(v) Purchase agreement between the District and HB Young Foundation, in the amount of \$61,000, contingent upon Port Priority Program approval. Mr. Adams moved to authorize Mr. Cain to execute said agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Orlando and carried unanimously.

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

Attest:



Steven Cornes, Secretary