

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
November 8, 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 October 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Peter Orlando, Deborah Garber, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Ben Adams was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenant Hayley Gipson, 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. Orlando and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2021 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 October, 2021 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of October, 2021 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Lieutenant Hayley Gipson reported that: (i) there was a 3.9% increase in transits this month, with a total of 2,540 transits, averaging 82 per day through the VTS zone; (ii) MARS received the third load of the Golden Ray; and (iii) although they are still dealing with housing for some of their unit, they are back to full operating capabilities after Hurricane Ida. Mr. Wade noted the Grand Isle unit is still operating out of our Youngs Road facility.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we submitted our Build Back Better Program application through South Central Planning to assist with the dock expansion; (ii) we submitted our Capital Outlay application for \$4.9 million for the purchase and installation of a barge mounted booster pump and five miles of piping; and (iii) we submitted our application to the Louisiana Covid Relief for Ports Program for expenses and losses incurred due to COVID of \$2.8 million.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) Dredge *Alaska* is back working in the Channel and has cleaned out around Eugene Island and pumped 3.9 million yards, *Captain Frank* should be arriving in Berwick Harbor next week, and Dredge *Arulaq* continues in the Bar Channel; (ii) construction at the Bayou Boeuf Locks continues, with an expected completion now of February, 2022. Charles Brittingham asked Mr. Connell if the New Orleans District has increased their request with the passing of the new infrastructure plan and Mr. Connell noted that as of this time, they have not yet received any instruction on updating to their requests.

Charles Brittingham reported via teleconference that Congress has passed the bipartisan infrastructure bill that includes \$17 billion for ports, with \$4 billion of it for USACE operations and maintenance. He believes the New Orleans District can ask for full funding capability for authorized width and depth of the channel.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) last week they completed the additional survey for the Youngswood Yard Rehabilitation project, as well as worked with Geotech to finalize their final report; (ii) they continue to go through structural design calculations and verified the survey on the East Dock Expansion project; and (iii) completed the field work for the boundary survey and wetland delineation for the Western Dock Development project. He is also working on phasing of all projects to obtain state project numbers with Mr. Knobloch.

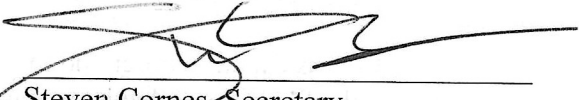
Cindy Cutrera reported via teleconference that: (i) we have already written letters to all of our delegation and USACE, as well as have received support letters from industry. If need be and with Charles' guidance, we will request that our delegation provide support letters to USACE; (ii) the CPRA stakeholder zoom to give an update on Increase Atchafalaya to Terrebonne project is on November 10th and she again encouraged all commissioners to participate; (iii) she and Mr. Wade visited with Jeff Monroe about the strategic plan, with the site assessment being completed, and a draft to be submitted by the end of November; (iv) Mr. Wade did a virtual presentation on beneficial use update to Barataria Terrebonne National Estuaries Program (BTNEP) and she participated in a USACE conference call on beneficial use, where they mentioned the Horseshoe Bend Island. She sent them pictures of before and after so they could see how it came about; (v) they both attended the IRPT Conference in Biloxi and visited with the Vicksburg District and stressed the importance of workplan funding, DOTD and Red River Ports that she has been working on the MARAD round table with. She noted that she is entering her final year as Chairwoman of the IRPT.

Mr. Wade noted he and Tori visited with Coast Guard Realty on renewal of current leases and are working with them on reimbursement for usage at Youngs Road by USCG Grand Isle due to Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) he and Mr. Matte will work together on the surveys of the two properties being purchased; and (ii) he will be asking next month for Rights of Entry to be approved for Mr. Wade's execution once he receives clarification on Continental Land and Avoca disposal sites.

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

Attest:


Steven Cornes, Secretary