

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
May 8, 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 May 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Ben Adams, Steven Cornes, Joseph Cain, Adam Mayon and Matthew Glover in attendance. Deborah Garber, Troy Lombardo and Matthew Tycer were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lieutenant Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Mark Lane, Paul's Agency; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors, 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. Adams and seconded by Mr. Glover that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2023 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

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

Mark Lane presented Paul's Insurance Agency proposal for District insurance coverage, which included big increases in property coverage. After discussions, it was moved by Mr. Adams to accept the insurance renewal from Paul's Agency for insurance coverages for the District up to the proposed amount but requested Mr. Orlando work with Paul's to try to reduce premium. Mr. Mayon seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported via teleconference that: (i) Manson's *RM White* completed the work in the lower bar on April 23<sup>rd</sup>; (ii) Crosby's *Susan Crosby* continues to work in Bayou Chene; (iii) Brice continues to work the Bar channel and the Corps is working on procuring a new contract; (iv) a new cutterhead contract will be awarded in July dredging from station 900 down and to the full 400' width, with Brice maintaining and keeping it open; and (v) the River is expected to fall below 3', with high water not likely to return.

Lieutenant Piche reported that: (i) 2,219 total transits in April through the VTS zone; (ii) ongoing Notice to Mariners broadcasted were temporary high-water restrictions, railroad bridge repair intermittent closures, Berwick Lock closure, Bayou Chene closure from May 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, and Atchafalaya Bar Channel for removal dredge pipe through June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Matte reported that: (i) all sheet piling has been installed, with the first twenty (20) piles driven and the second twenty (20) piles stabbed on the East Dock project. They have a meeting tomorrow with the Corps for the permit; (ii) we had a meeting with MARAD, Corps and DNR to discuss NEPA requirements for the West Dock project; (iii) he assisted Mr. Knobloch with Phase IV modifications plans for grant applications. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize T. Baker Smith contract modification in additional amount of \$4,000, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon and carried unanimously; and (iii) Mr. Adams moved to approve Payment Application No. 3 to Sealevel Construction in the amount of \$265,720.03, seconded by Mr. Glover which carried unanimously. Mr. Wade noted DOTD inspected the project for approval of reimbursement requests.

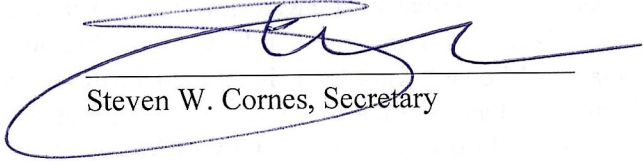
Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) he submitted the Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) and United States Marine Highway grant applications by the April 28<sup>th</sup> deadline, the NOAA grant application by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and Port Security Grant (PSG) application will be submitted prior to the May 18<sup>th</sup> deadline; and (ii) we are continuing to monitor our two (2) capital outlay funding requests.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) our annual Hurricane Preparedness meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am; (ii) she, Mac and Mike attended Senator Cassidy's Rural Community Funding Summit and she and Mac took Lee Turner and Brian McNabb of the Senator's office on a boat tour of our District where they were able to see firsthand shipyard activities going on; (iii) we received a response to Mac's

presentation to the MRC from MG Dianna Holland; (iv) there was a public scoping meeting for the Atchafalaya NEER on April 20<sup>th</sup>, and we should hear something in September; (v) CPRA and the House have approved the Coastal Master Plan but are awaiting Senate approval.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary