

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
August 12, 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 July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Peter Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Joseph Cain, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover, Troy Lombardo and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Ben Adams and Adam Mayon were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; LCDR Stephanie Alvarez, LCDR Laura McDonald; LT Jenelle Piche, and LT John Sacino, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Councilmen Les Rulf and Jimmy Davis, St. Mary Parish Council; and 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. Cornes and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 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 July, 2024 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of July, 2024 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell: (i) Dredge *Arulaq* will be coming into shipyard for annual maintenance; (ii) updated surveys of Stouts Pass are on the website; (iii) a dredge will be brought in to work around the bridge, Tidewater Point and 20 Grande soon.

Lieutenant Piche reported: (i) 1,978 total transits in July through the VTS zone; (ii) she thanked the port partners for the well-attended Coast Guard Day celebration; and (iii) she introduced LCDR Laura McDonald who replaced LCDR Hayley Gipson as Chief of Prevention and Lt. John Sacino who replaced LCDR Ximena Johnson as Chief of Inspections.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) Congress is in August recess so members are in their Districts; and (ii) neither Congress nor the Senate passed the House Energy and Water Appropriations off the floor, so most likely Congress will put together a CR on or about September 30th.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we had our bid opening for the Maintenance and Operations of Meteorological Stations project, with only one bidder for \$199,585. Mr. Cain moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to execute said contract between the District and Encos for \$199,585, which was seconded by Ms. Garber and carried unanimously; and (ii) he thanked Mr. Tamporella for assistance with the guard shack lighting project.

Robert Karam reported that: (i) West dock design continues, while Eustis reviews geotech so we can finalizing phasing and funding; and (ii) we will have a site visit with MARAD on Wednesday. He also presented a general engineering agreement for task orders, where Mr. Tycer moved to authorize Mr. Orlando to sign the said agreement, seconded by Mr. Cornes and motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for the execution of a consulting agreement for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”), designating the terms and conditions of the contract, and granting the authorization therefor.

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is authorized by the provisions of LSA-R.S. 34:324 to “contract with the employ attorneys, clerks, engineers, deputy commissioners, superintendents, stevedores and other agents and employees and shall fix their compensation and terms of office or employments,” and,

WHEREAS, this Board, after due deliberation deems it necessary that a real and genuine necessity exist therefor, to contract with T. BAKER SMITH, LLC. in connection with various matters related to navigation issues including managing sedimentation in the Atchafalaya River Channel with an emphasis on keeping the Channel at a deeper navigable depth for longer periods of time.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Pete J. Orlando, be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District, a consulting agreement with T. BAKER SMITH, LLC. for the necessary service relative to the District, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the consulting agreement presented this day.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) the Mr. Brett Drydock project has been advertised, with a pre-bid conference scheduled for Friday, bid opening on September 4th with hopes to award at our September 9th board meeting; and (ii) they received verbal approval from the Corps for the Disposal Area 1 permit but are still awaiting written notification.


Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) the Mississippi River Commission Low Water public meeting will be held August 23rd at Garber Bros Dock and Mr. Wade thanked Garber Brothers for their use of dock space; (ii) she and Mac have had lots of networking opportunities lately with the Coast Guard, including Change of Command, Coast Guard Day and GICA Conference. They also attended Conrads US Navy YRBM57 ceremony with lots of delegation in attendance; (iii) we sent out two (2) links to videos outlining our strategic location, intermodal facility, local industry and importance to the nation to delegation, Corps and stakeholders. Mr. Cain was very complimentary of the quality of the videos; (iv) the Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study public scoping report was sent to commissioners and the next quarterly session will be held in September; and (v) Mac has been recently appointed to the Louisiana Ports and Waterways Investment Committee and re-appointed to the Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration and Enhancement Committee.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that Baker Hughes has still not satisfied all of its sublease payments.

After the Motion of Mr. Tycer and second of Mr. Cornes the Board entered Executive Session to discuss its suit against Providence Engineering & Environmental Group, LLC and Patriot Construction and Industrial, LLC for Youngswood yard failure. After the Executive Session ended, it was moved by Mr. Cornes, and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the Board return to Regular Session, which carried unanimously.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary