

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

October 14, 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 October 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Peter Orlando, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Adam Mayon, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover, Troy Lombardo, Joseph Cain and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Ben Adams and Deborah Garber were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Councilman Les Rulf, 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. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Glover that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 9, 2024 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Tycer that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of September, 2024 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of September, 2024 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that: (i) in less than 12 hours our channel went to 13 feet due to the 7 million yards of material dumped by Hurricane Francine; (ii) the Corps has jumped through hoops to help by working three dredges at a time; and (iii) they will be surveying either Thursday or Friday with hopes of modifying restrictions to 15 feet.

Lt. Piche reported: (i) 2,081 total transits in September through the VTS zone, which include seven days of restrictions due to Hurricane Francine; and (ii) there are two active MSIB at this time.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) Congress is expecting some level of a supplemental package to be sent up by administration due to the hurricane, in which they will have five working weeks to pass after the election, but he is confident that will happen; and (ii) we are operating on a Continuing Resolution until December 20th, at which time an Omnibus bill will need to be passed.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) Carl Blum's timeline on the warehouse fire suppression system includes receiving bids the week prior to Thanksgiving; (ii) James Purpera is assisting with this year's capital outlay requests and support letters from local delegation; (iii) he hopes to implement the port security camera project later this month; (iv) we issued the Notice to Proceed to Encos, who has since serviced the NOAA Met Station #2 and he also submitted the required financial reports; and (v) Mr. Blum will be assisting with preparation of the required Environmental and Historical Preservation form for the EOC ancillary building.

Robert Karam reported that: (i) West dock design continues, with new survey data being collected last week to be included in the plan set, along with supplemental geo tech data and revised plan sheets that will be submitted to the Corps for the permitting process.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) we received one unresponsive bidder for the Mr. Brett Drydock project so it has since been re-bid, with the bid opening scheduled for October 21st; (ii) survey requirements for dredging of the slips are completed and rolled into the bid package to be submitted to FP&C for approval, contingent upon receiving the Corps permit; and (iii) they will begin initial design on the bulkhead to be included in the upcoming capital outlay requests.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) since Hurricane Francine, our Channel has received a lot of attention between Vicksburg and DC Corps at the National Waterways Conference and several media interviews; (ii) we have been in constant contact with our stakeholders on dredging updates and coordinating with industry on sail out dates; (iii) water models of the Mississippi and Atchafalaya Rivers for the LMR comprehensive study will be released in early 2025, with a noted list of measures to include having no reduction of navigable performance; (iv) Senator Cassidy will hold a round table later this week and requested commissioners to RSVP if they plan to attend; and (v) we hosted Dr. Clune of Nicholls on an industry vessel tour of our District and he reciprocated with a tour of the Nicholls campus and new coastal center.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that: (i) the November board meeting falls on Veterans Day and

although we may not have the Corps or Coast Guard in person, it was unanimously decided that the meeting will remain on November 11th; (ii) the Baker Hughes sublease has still not been resolved and we may need to consider appointing a spokesman for problem leases in the near future.

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

Attest:



Steven W. Cornes, Secretary