

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT  
December 9, 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 December 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Ben Adams, Vice-President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Adam Mayon, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover and Troy Lombardo in attendance. Joseph Cain 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, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lt. Jenelle Piche, LCDR Laura McDonald and Timothy Veach, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Councilmen Les Rulf, St. Mary Parish Council; Carl Blum, Architect; 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. Cornes that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2024 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that some in industry requested the Port’s assistance with removal of an abandoned barge in the slack water area adjacent to the Bayou Boeuf Locks. The resolution for payment towards removal was moved by Mr. Cornes, seconded by Mrs. Garber and carried unanimously that the District enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Electra Shipyard Services, LLC, Halimar Shipyard, LLC, InterMoor, Inc., New Industries, LLC and Atchafalaya Intercoastal Coalition to assist with the \$100,000 no cure/no pay contract with Atchafalaya Marine Regulatory Compliance, LLC. Mr. Wade thanked each industry partner for their participation in the barge removal.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”), approval of a joint cooperative agreement for the purposes of sharing a portion of the tasks necessary for the removal of an abandoned barge in the slackwater area adjacent to the Intracoastal Locks, south of Morgan City, would be a help to navigation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of LSA-Const. Article 6 Section 20, Const. Art. 7 Section 14(c), and LSA R.S. 34:321 et. seq., the said District has the authority to enter into cooperative agreements in order to accomplish their respective statutory duties, functions and/or purposes.

WHEREAS, the District and various local industry leaders, namely, Electra Shipyard Services, LLC, Halimar Shipyard, LLC., InterMoor, Inc. & New Industries, LLC and also the Atchafalaya Industrial Coalition (collectively “Industry Leaders”) have determined that it is in the best interest of the public that the parties cooperate with regards to the removal of said abandoned barge; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Ben Adams, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the District, a Cooperative Agreement substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement presented this day.

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

Tim Connell reported that: (i) *Captain Frank* will continue with some clean up, followed by some sweeping in the S-curves and then to the GIWW area or the 1<sup>st</sup> curve of Bayou Chene; (ii) *Mike Hooks* is on the way and expected to arrive mid-December to work on the Bayous Boeuf, Chene and Black projects; and (iii) we are still in good shape with funding but are pursuing reimbursement from Hurricane Francine cleanup.

Lt. Piche reported that: (i) 2,281 total transits in November through the VTS zone; and (ii) there are two (2) active MSIB’s including dredging in the Atchafalaya Bar Channel and sunken barge in the slack water area adjacent to Bayou Boeuf locks. She also re-introduced Timothy Veach, who has returned to Louisiana as the VTS Director.

Carl Blum reported that the warehouse fire suppression system bid was held, with the lowest of the two bidders being Del-Con in the amount of \$218,000. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize the award of said contract, subject to Facility Planning and Control approval, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) has received bids on November 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. for its Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements (Fire Suppression System), Planning and Construction (St. Mary) project, which is identified by Louisiana Facility Planning and Control under Project No. 36-P15-23-02; and

WHEREAS, Carl P. Blum AIA Architect, the District’s architect on this project, has recommended the award of the contract for this project to the lowest qualified bidder: Del-Con, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District at a Regular Meeting, assembled on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, that the Base Bid in the Amount of \$218,000.00 by Del-Con, LLC. be accepted, a contract be awarded to Del-Con, LLC. and the District provide all appropriate funding needed to award the base bid and any change orders for said Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements (Fire Suppression System), Planning and Construction (St. Mary) project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all acts and things on behalf and in the name of the District that he deems necessary, proper, or that may be required in regards for the award and execution of said contract and approval of any or all alternates and any related change order.

Mr. Mayon moved to authorize the resolution certifying public bid law, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BID LAWS**

Whereas, the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) has solicited bids for its Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements (Fire Suppression System), Planning and Construction (St. Mary) project, which is identified by Louisiana Facility Planning and Control under Project No. 36-P15-23-02 in accordance with the current bid laws of the state of Louisiana, including, but not limited to R.S. 38:2211 et. seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, in Regular session, assembled on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024, do hereby certify that the bidding procedures comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raymond M. Wade, Executive Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to do any and all acts and things on behalf and in the name of the District that he deems necessary, proper, or that may be required in regards to the certification of said bidding.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) AIC has had all of the security equipment delivered and will begin installation tomorrow, beginning in the warehouse; (ii) the RAISE grant application is due at the end of January and he will request a resolution in support next month, but there will be no local match due to the area being a rural, of persistent poverty, and historically disadvantaged. And (iii) he and Gerard will be meeting to discuss the TITLE VI documents that need to be added to our website and will ask for approval of those next month.

Robert Karam presented: (i) Eustis Engineering services amendment in the amount of \$26,450 for additional geotechnical services required as a value engineering effort to look at some design changes that would reduce overall construction costs, determine a preferred design alternative utilizing deep soil mixing for the transit and storage areas, and to most importantly address any settlement concerns for the existing USACE Flood Protection system that is adjacent to the project; and (ii) MCA electrical and engineering services in the amount of \$26,650 for electrical/mechanical systems for the proposed bathrooms, electrical/mechanical rooms, guard shack, additional shore power stations, and for future generator power connections. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize the additional services, which was seconded by Mrs. Garber and carried unanimously.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) Facility Planning and Control approved the bid for the Mr. Brett Drydock project from US Coatings in the amount of \$5,288,937 and he is hoping to have a pre-construction meeting as early as this Thursday; and (ii) dredging plans and specs have been delivered to Facility Planning and Control for approval so Mrs. Garber moved to authorize advertising of the project, subject to their approval, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously; and

(iii) they continue to design the bulkhead project.

Cindy Cutrera reported that we have been working with Paul Dittman of GICA on letters of support from his members for dredging of Stouts Pass since there is no funding for MR&T, however we may get supplemental funding from Hurricane Francine; and (ii) ethics and sexual harassment trainings are due by the end of the year.

Gerard Bourgeois presented an agreement between the District and NOAA for the Port's meteorological stations so Mr. Lombardo moved for approval of said agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously. He also reported that the state land office sent the renewal of our water bottom lease for \$2658.63.

Mr. Cornes nominated Ben Adams President, which was seconded by Mrs. Garber; Mr. Lombardo nominated Deborah Garber Vice-President and Matthew Glover Secretary, which was seconded by Mr. Mayon; Mrs. Garber nominated Steven Cornes Treasurer, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo. With no further nominations, the nominations were accepted unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Matthew K. Glover, Secretary