PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
May 12, 2025

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 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Ben Adams, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover, Joseph Cain, Matthew Tycer, Troy Lombardo and Michael Wise in attendance. Adam Mayon and Deborah Garber were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Shelley Morell, Administrative Assistant; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Lt. Jenelle Piche, United States Coast Guard ("USCG"); Philip Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Rob Cowan, Alliant Insurance Services; 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. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2025 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 April, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of April, 2025 be paid. Mr. Glover seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Rob Cowan presented Alliant Insurance Services' proposal for the District through their Ports Program and noted a $5,000 decrease in premium, as well as a $10,000 rebate for continuity and zero losses. Mr. Tycer moved to accept the insurance proposal from Alliant Insurance Services for the District up to the proposed amount, with Mr. Cain seconding and motion carrying.

Lt. Piche reported that: (i) there were 2,213 total transits in April through the VTS zone; (ii) MSIB's issued since the last meeting were for high water and assist tow restrictions; and (iii) we are currently at 6.7' in the VTS zone and 7.2' and 2.9 knots at the Wax Lake Outlet.

Tim Connell reported: (i) after reviewing surveys, we will need dredging soon, especially after the water drops; (ii) they are meeting tomorrow regarding Stouts Pass funding needs; and (iii) Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging 24/7 in the Bar Channel, with another task order in place.

Joe Andrus, property owner on Bayou Black, expressed concerns regarding dredging in Bayou Black and dredge pipe in that area.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) the decommissioning of the warehouse fire suppression system has begun, with new installation immediately following. Mr. Wade noted Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $14,898.12 was submitted for 8" back flow preventer. Mr. Tycer moved to authorize said change order, which was seconded by Mr. Cain and carried unanimously. (ii) We suffered a hit during last week's storms, which knocked out one of our camera poles, that will need to be redesigned; (iii) Congressman Higgins did not accept any FY2026 Community Project Funds and Congressional Directed Spending applications this year because he wants to finish funding last year's projects; and (iv) the Port Infrastructure and Development Program (PIDP) application deadline has been pushed back to September so we are pivoting from previous projects to three (3) new rail spurs.

Philp Chauvin reported that they are continuing to work on additional designs for the West Dock while awaiting the Corps permit to be issued.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) Mr. Brett drydock work continues by US Coatings, with 14 days left of work; (ii) Coastal Dredging is setting up on site and stretching out dredge pipe, with dredging operations to begin next week; and (iii) bulkhead design is currently underway.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) in discussions with Charles Brittingham, he mentioned they do not want unobligated funding so we will come up with justifications, including industry in our area that contributes to our national defense, data showing the relationship between high water, increased sediment, dredging needs and dredging costs. He also notified her that we should hear something on Work Plan funding by Wednesday; and (ii) we hosted our 13th Annual Hurricane Preparedness meeting on April 22nd with over 100 people in attendance.

Gerard Bourgeois presented an Audit Engagement Letter from Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick for services due to Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures (SAUP) as of and for years ending

June 30, 2025, 2026, 2027. Mr. Cornes moved to authorize Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick to perform said services, which was seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Matthew K. Glover, Secretary