

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
October 20, 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 October 20, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. Ben Adams, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Steven Cornes, Marc Felterman, Matthew Glover, Troy Lombardo, Adam Mayon, Matthew Tycer and Michael Wise in attendance. Deborah Garber was absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois and Bill Bourgeois, Board Attorneys; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; 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 September 15, 2025 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Mayon that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of September, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of September, 2025 be paid. Mr. Wise seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) Dredge Arulaq continues working the Bar Channel; (ii) Mike Hooks has two dredges working Bayou Black/GIWW and Bayou Chene areas; (iii) the Weeks Marine dredge contract for Atchafalaya Bay, Bar and Crewboat Cut is still under protest; and (iv) new surveys are posted on website with Stouts Pass still looking good, but more work to be done when the *RM White* finishes at the DCAS.

Charles Brittingham reported that since the government has shutdown, there is not much movement but noted only ongoing contracts will be executed and no new ones.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) the warehouse scope of work change to include the roof and insulation has been approved; (ii) both of our capital outlay project applications were re-submitted; (iii) AIC camera work continues; (iv) we are awaiting the agreement between the District and MARAD for FY22 PIDP West Dock project, where Mr. Lombardo moved to authorize Mr. Wade to execute said agreement, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously; (v) we were notified that we are a recipient of the FY25 Port Security Grant, including dock utility and cyber security projects; and (vi) crane delivery is scheduled for December and with Forklift delivery in Spring, 2026.

Robert Karam reported that: (i) they are addressing DOTD's minor comments, with submission today for approval to be stamped and advertised for bid, pending execution of MARAD's agreement on the West Dock Project. Mr. Mayon moved to approve advertisement for bid, which was seconded by Mr. Tycer and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has submitted an application for funding of the West Side Dock Expansion, St. Mary Parish, port improvement project under the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, the State's share of the project funds have been made available and the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has available its local matching share of the project funds in an amount of not less than ten (10%) percent; and

WHEREAS, at the request of this Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, T Baker Smith, LLC. has prepared plans and specifications for said project, which plans and specifications are designated by State Project No. H.014774, and T Baker Smith, LLC has agreed to oversee the bidding and construction phase of the project as the District's Engineer, and

WHEREAS, this Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has reviewed the final plans, specifications and cost estimate and accepts them as submitted and the Department of Transportation and Development has reviewed the final plans, specifications, and cost estimate and has approved them inasmuch as they comply with the requirements of the Port Construction and Development Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, spoil disposal areas, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been acquired by this Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible; and

WHEREAS, this Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has obtained all necessary permits required for the construction of this project; and

WHEREAS, Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has agreed to accomplish all necessary utilities, fence and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project; and

WHEREAS, the Official Journal for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District is the Morgan City Review, whose mailing address is 1014 Front St, Morgan City, LA 70380 and whose telephone number is (985) 384-8370; and

WHEREAS, this Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District desires to advertise for competitive bids, in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, and furnish engineering services during the progress of the work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, at its regular monthly meeting on the 20th day of October, 2025, that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is requested to authorize the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District to advertise for competitive bids in accordance with LRS 38:2212, et seq., for the award of a contract in the name of Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, covering the aforesaid improvements.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and the means thereof have been obtained by Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, and the titles thereto are valid and indefeasible and Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District expressly agrees to defend any action for the failure of any servitude, right-of-way, right of ingress or egress, and Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby assume complete responsibility for providing engineering services during construction and the maintenance and upkeep of the project after construction.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that all required permits have been obtained by Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development be and hereby is assured that Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District has available its local matching funds in an amount not less than ten (10%) percent of the total project cost to insure construction of this project.

BE IT RESOLVED that Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District will and hereby does assume complete responsibility for all utilities, fence, and other facilities relocations and alterations made necessary by this project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby save and hold harmless the Department of Transportation and Development against any loss or damage of any kind incident to or occasioned by activities undertaken in pursuance of this agreement and expressly agrees to defend any suit brought against the Department of Transportation & Development, and pay any judgment which may result from said suit as it relates to this project.

Bill Blanchard reported that Coastal Dredging has returned to slip #1 for more cleanup for about another week. He noted GIS submitted a letter to the Port for negotiation of a change order with Coastal Dredging on the "virgin material" or previously un-dredged areas of the slips at a higher per cubic rate, using funding allocated for the access channel to extend dredging of material in slips, pending approval by FP&C, and separating the dredging access channel into another bid once the FY26 capital outlay funding becomes available. He also requested approval to re-bid the access channel at a future time. Mr. Tycker moved to authorize said Change Order(s) allowing the slip dredging change at a fee up to the initial amount bid or at no direct cost to the Port, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously.

Gerard Bourgeois reported: (i) acceptance of substantial completion of the fire suppression system is required, with Mr. Tycker moving, Mr. Mayon seconding and motion carrying unanimously; and, (ii) we received a Right of Entry from the Corps for open water dredging around Crew Boat Cut above Disposal Area I. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize Mr. Adams to execute said Right of Entry, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") to grant to the United States the rights of entry (ROEs) for disposal easements for the Atchafalaya River, Crew Boat Cut, Bayou Chene and Avoca Island Cutoff, St. Mary & Terrebonne Parishes, Louisiana project.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ben A. Adams, President, be authorized and directed to grant on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") in favor of the United States Corps of Engineers ("Corps"), their representatives, agents and contractors, to construct, operate and maintain a dredged material disposal area, including the full right of ingress and egress; to construct dikes; to deposit dredged, excavated and sediment material thereon; to accomplish any alterations of contours on said land for the purpose of accommodating the deposit of dredged material as necessary in connection with the


construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of the Atchafalaya River and Bayou Chene, Boeuf and Black, Louisiana Project, as authorized by the Act of Congress approved 13 August 1968 (Public Law 90-483), and to execute all corresponding agreements with landowners concerning Corps designated Disposal Area(s) and transfer of the same to the Corps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Ben A. Adams, President, be authorized and directed to do any and all act and things necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the transactions contemplated with regards to the above mentioned tracts.

After the Motion of Mr. Cornes and second of Mr. Felterman the Board entered Executive Session to discuss its suit against Providence Engineering & Environmental Group, LLC, et al for Youngswood yard failure. After the Executive Session ended, it was moved by Mr. Wise, and seconded by Mr. Mayon 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. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:



Matthew K. Glover, Secretary