# PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING
## THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
## THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
**July 20, 2026**

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 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Ben Adams, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Deborah Garber, Steven Cornes, Matthew Glover, Adam Mayon, Troy Lombardo, Matthew Tycer, Michael Wise, and Marc Felterman in attendance. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Simon Gottung, Deputy Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Shelley Morell, Administrative Assistant; Gerard Bourgeois and Bill Bourgeois, Board Attorneys; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; St. Mary Parish Councilman Les Rulf; 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. Mayon that the minutes of the regular meeting of June 15, 2026 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 June, 2026 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of June, 2026 be paid. Mr. Wise seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Adams presented the 2026/2027 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. It was moved by Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the 2026/2027 budget be adopted, the expenditures of the funds therein for 2026/2027 be authorized and the following resolution be adopted, which was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2026/2027 budget for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District").

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners ("Board") deems it necessary and proper to prepare and adopt a budget with defined goals on revenues and expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District does hereby approve the budget presented and adopts it as an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby adopted as the Operating Budget for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, during the same period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that any deviations or budgetary amendments require the approval of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) after Mr. Blum reviewed all bids received for the warehouse re-roofing project, he rejected the apparent low bidder, Bluleaf, for failing to counter sign their bid bond and certified Allison Enterprise as the low bidder. Mr. Mayon moved to certify compliance with public bid law and accept the second lowest bidder, Allison Enterprise in the amount of $280,400, which was seconded by Mr. Wise 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, 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 20th day of July, 2026, do hereby certify that the bidding procedures comply with Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et. seq.

BE IT FURTHUR 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.

**RESOLUTION FOR AWARD OF PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District ("District") has received bids on July 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. for its Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements, 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: Alison Enterprise LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District at a Regular Meeting, assembled on this 20th day of July, 2026, that the Base Bid in the Amount of $195,400.00 and Alternate 1 in the Amount of $85,000.00 by Alison Enterprise LLC be accepted, a contract be awarded to Alison Enterprise LLC. and the District provide all appropriate funding needed to award the base bid and any change orders for said Warehouse Infrastructure Improvements, 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.

(ii) we will be submitting five (5) projects within our FY26 Port Security Grant program application, including a possible drone project. But, recently he was made aware of another grant that could absorb the drone portion to be used to monitor our waterways, Bayou Chene structure and possibly in partnership with local law enforcement agencies that has a zero match obligation; (iii) our forklift should be delivered the first week of August, which is the final piece of equipment for the FY23 US Marine Highways grant and the MARAD agreement for FY25 US Marine Highways grant has been executed by Mr. Wade and submitted to Washington for their approval.

Robert Karam reported the West dock project is currently being rebid, with a pre-bid meeting on August 3rd and bid opening on August 13th. He hopes to have the certified bid tabulation prepared for adoption at the August 17th board meeting.

Bill Blanchard reported that a minor correction was needed on the access channel plans and were re-submitted to FP&C for their final approval. Mr. Bourgeois noted that the plans were also changed to reflect public bid law requirements, so Mr. Glover moved to authorize advertisement for bids, contingent upon FP&C approval, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera reported: (i) this morning we participated in both a Navigation Restoration call with the Corps and a National Weather Service call in anticipation of upcoming weather; (ii) the Mississippi River Commission will hold their annual public low water meeting on August 21st at our dock and we are also working on an industry boat tour for the MRC commissioners; (iii) the DOTD, Multi-Modal Commerce folks came down for an industry boat tour and were amazed by the amount of industry in our area, as well as our new crane; (iv) she has posted a series on LinkedIn called "where can you go from here" over last few weeks and the most popular post was about the Saronic Marauder Medium Unmanned Surface Vessel (MUSV) performing sea trials at our dock; and (v) Mac was invited to attend the Summit at Sealevl with the Secretary of the Army, CPRA, and Corps to discuss "build infrastructure not paperwork" initiative.

Simon Gottung reported: (i) we had six (6) critical lifts for Weeks Marine and a series of lifts for the Katrina Fagan in preparation for their Coast Guard certification; (ii) we hit the 6-month/50 hours maintenance mark on the crane; (iii) we provided Saronic access to this building as well as the dock facilities during their sea trials; and (iv) we've completed several maintenance items during the month including carpets cleaned, steaming of tiles, pressure washing, and painting of parking lot and dock in anticipation of both CPRA and MRC visits to our facilities. Mr. Wade encouraged everyone to attend the CPRA meeting since it is being held at our facility and Mr. Dove insisted we host a meeting in Morgan City.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) Dredge *Arulaq* continues dredging the Bar Channel but will be going in shipyard in August and the Dredge *Newport* will come in to keep things stirred up. Mr. Wade noted Newport is the dredge that was used during the VE study that proved agitation will work. (ii) Dredge *Captain Frank* will finish up mid-August cleaning up small stuff by Mile 150 in Bar Channel; (iii) they will be awarding a contract in September to be in queue for next year but if needed before then, they can issue a notice to proceed. Mr. Wade gave kudos to Tim and the Corps for getting Berwick Harbor in fantastic shape for a stakeholder's upcoming sail out.

Gerard Bourgeois presented: (i) audit engagement letters from Darnall Sikes & Frederick for control and compliance areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) and financial audits, which include a single audit due to federal funds requirements. Mrs. Garber moved to authorize execution of said engagements, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously; and (ii) a contract between the District and Bourgeois Law, LLC for attorney services, which Mrs. Garber moved, Mr. Cornes seconded and motion carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Adams to execute said contract.

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution providing for the execution of contract with a law firm for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, designating the terms and conditions of the contract, and granting the authorization therefor.

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

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners, after due deliberation deems it necessary to protect the public interest, and that real and genuine necessity exist therefor, to contract for legal services and for Bourgeois Law, LLC. to act as General Counsel in connection with the handling of various legal matters that may affect the District.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President, Ben A. Adams, is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District an attorney agreement with Bourgeois Law, LLC, for the necessary legal services relative to Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the attorney agreement presented this day.

After the Motion of Mr. Cornes, second of Mr. Tycer and unanimous roll call, 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 unanimously agreed that the Board return to Regular Session.

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

Attest:

Matthew K. Glover, Secretary