PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**August 14, 2017**

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 August 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Gary Duhon, Joseph Cain, Thomas Ackel, Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr. and Ben Adams in attendance. Adam Mayon and Lee Dragna were absent. Also present at the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Captain Commanding Officer Mattern and Chief Bosman, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Tim Connell, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Clayton Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilman Tamporella, City of Morgan City; Mike Lowe, GIS; along with members of the media and general public.

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. Mr. Wade led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Mr. Duhon and seconded by Mr. Cain that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2017 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mrs. Garber that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2017 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of July 2017 be paid. Mr. Ackel seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Mrs. Garber presented the 2017/2018 budget that had been previously emailed, faxed or otherwise delivered to the Board. Mrs. Garber noted that although the budget presented reflects a net loss, the deficit is due to investment in capital assets, not annual operation expenses. It was moved by Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Ackel that the 2017/2018 budget be adopted and the resolution below and expenditures of the funds in 2017/2018 be authorized in accordance with the budget presented, which was unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTION**

A resolution providing for the adoption of the 2017/2018 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 1st, 2017 through June 30, 2018,

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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that the detailed estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018 presented this evening, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an 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, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018 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 of budgetary amendments require the approval of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board.

Commander Mattern thanked the community for their support at Coast Guard Day, which was an amazing event and big indicator of how much the community supports them.

Chief Bosman reported that he has placed temporary buoys at 20 Grande Point, by Rio Fuel dock and at the Port Allen alternate route until the Corps’ dredge arrives.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) Weeks Marine’s dredge contract on the Berwick Bay should arrive late August, early September and will move significantly more yardage for the dollars spent; (ii) the Dredge California completed dredging operations in the Upper Bar and Lower Bay, but did leave a small plug of sand in the Channel; (iii) Industry Day was held July 25th, with 8 companies expressing interest and a “solid path” to be discussed by the end of next week; (iv) Mr. Wade questioned whether there was anything new with the MOU for transfer of funds and Mr. Connell advised nothing new but something needs to be done so that we can keep the Channel open in this situation.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY15 Port Security Grant project on the MET stations maintenance has been completed with $5,000 remaining and he is checking with the Program Analyst to see if we can re-appropriate the funds; (ii) FY16 Port Security Grant Special Systems RFP’s are ready for approval, as well as amateur radio equipment ready for purchase; (iii) FY17 Port Security Grant recipients should be notified by the end of the Fiscal Year, which is the end of September; (iv) we were not awarded any funds through the Fastlane Grant, now known as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA), which has a new deadline of November 2nd where we will again request funding for our dock.

Clay Breaud reported that he and his mechanical engineer met with Mac at the Youngs Road facility about moisture in the HVAC system. He set out probes to monitor the temperature and humidity for two weeks, at which time he will provide Mac with a report and recommendations.

Mike Lowe reported that DNR has requested that they address extensively the beneficial use of material in the Bar Channel.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we would like public participation this Wednesday at the CPRA meeting, where Mr. Wade and the St. Mary Levee District are doing a joint presentation, as well as at the Low Water public meeting Friday aboard the M/V Mississippi in Houma, where Mr. Wade will also be present. She will also be attending a round table discussion with many Coastal Ports, Red River Ports, LADOTD, MRC and the Corps. Prior meetings attended were Gulf Intercostal Canal Association meeting, Coast Guard Day and Rear Admiral Callahan’s Change of Command (ii) Congressman Higgins met with the Port, the Corps and St. Mary Levee District where Mr. Wade made a presentation on our dredging situation and funding shortages. Mr. Wade noted that the Congressman came well informed, asked good questions and truly believes he gets it!

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) the purchase of the John Wayne was completed on July 25th; and (ii) presented the RFPS for the 2016 grants. Mr. Duhon moved to authorize Mr. Wade to advertise RFP’s for the FY16 Port Security Grant Special Systems Project and NOAA Stations maintenance project, as well as purchase equipment on state contract, which was seconded by Mr. Cain, which carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

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