

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
March 14, 2022**

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 March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Pete Orlando, Vice-President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Deborah Garber, Ben Adams, Steven Cornes, Troy Lombardo, Matthew Glover and Matthew Tycer in attendance. Joseph Cain and Adam Mayon were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional Services; Gerard and Bill Bourgeois, Board Attorneys; Lieutenant Hayley Gipson, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Councilman Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Eric Matte, T. Baker Smith; along with 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 Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Glover that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2022 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Glover that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of February, 2022 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of February, 2022 be paid. Mr. Tycer seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) the Atchafalaya Bar Channel is open from the sea buoy to Eugene Island; (ii) they are finalizing estimates of funding needed for dredging of Bayou Chene, with bid opening to be had in early summer and dredging to begin shortly after; (iii) work continues on securing Brice another contract to keep them working in the Channel; and (iv) work at the Bayou Boeuf guide wall continues, with a revised expected completion by the end of April, 2022.

Lieutenant Hayley Gipson reported: (i) a total of 1,683 transits, averaging 60 per day through the VTS zone; (ii) Bayou Chene is no longer closed at night, but tow restrictions are in place; and (iii) the annual high-water meeting has been rescheduled to March 18th in the EOC, with a virtual option.

Beryl Gomez thanked the Board on behalf of “Community Advocates of Assumption Parish” for diligently working to get the Channel dredged and noted they can already see a difference in Assumption Parish drainage. Mr. Wade reiterated that we have spent \$40 million to get the Channel dredged and are now working to secure funding to get Bayou Chene dredged as well.

Michael Knobloch reported that grant season has begun, with one application being due in April and another due in May. He also noted we are anticipating an announcement of the Port Security Grant so that we can apply for that as well.

Eric Matte reported: (i) they will be finalizing plan specifications and bid documents for the InterMoor project this week, followed by advertisement for bid. Mr. Wade noted that we need to move ahead on this project ASAP; (ii) they are also finalizing bid calculations and construction documents for the East dock; and (iii) they will be submitting a permit request within the next week, after finalizing the permit drawings for the West dock.


Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) the GOHSEP Spring flood outlook is below normal for Spring in the Ohio Valley; (ii) Tom Smith, Deputy of Civil Works in DC visited the Port for a demonstration of the Dredge Arulaq. Mr. Wade noted this is very positive for keeping Brice operating in the Channel in the future; (iii) The Atchafalaya/Red River MARAD roundtable has been rescheduled for June 7th & 8th to increase business on the waterways between Morgan City and the Red River in Shreveport, including all of the Ports along the way. We are currently designated by MARAD for M49 and M10, in relation to the interstate highways, but we are pursuing a marine highway designated project, which would make us eligible for more grant funding; (iv) the Annual Hurricane Preparedness meeting is scheduled for April 9th at 1:30, with a save the date to be sent out this week; and (v) she will be monitoring the legislative session, which started today, as Senate and House Transportation Committee Chairs both believe the Ports would be better off if they fell under LED instead of DOTD.

Mr. Adams requested information regarding the Youngswood Yard suit. After Motion of Mr. Orlando, second of Mr. Cornes, and unanimous rollcall vote, the Board entered into 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 moved by Mr. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Tyser that the Board return to Regular Session, which carried unanimously.

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

Attest:


Steven Cornes, Secretary