PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**January 11, 2021**

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (“District”) met in regular session via teleconference and in person on January 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Pete Orlando, Adam Mayon, Steven Cornes and Troy Lombardo in attendance. Ben Adams was absent. Also present in 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; Lieutenant Hayley Gipson and Lieutenant Christina Jeanes, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Terral Martin and C.J. Franklin, Providence Engineering and Environmental; Laura Barnes and O’Neil Malborough, GIS Engineering; Jon McVay and Josh Matherne, Brice Civil Constructors; 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 Mr. Mayon and seconded by Mr. Cornes that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Orlando that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 2020 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of December, 2020 be paid. Mr. Cornes seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Raymond Wade reported on behalf of Tim Connell that the Dredge *Carolina* will arrive in Crew Boat Cut once it is finished at the shipyard;

Jon McVay reported that: (i) The Brice Dredge was down for a few days this month but continues to operate at a density of 1.5, volume of 62,000 and an average of 5 million yards per month.

Lieutenant Hayley Gipson reported that: (i) total transits for the month of December were 1,952, averaging 63 per day; (ii) high water is expected mid-February but hoping Industry Day can be held in person before; (iii) the 1st Golden Ray transit arrived with no issues and the next section should begin transit to MARS on January 14th, with arrival on January 21st; and (iv) an offshore floating facility that is being decommissioned with be transiting to MARS the 1st week of March. She also introduced Lieutenant Chrisina Jeanes, Senior Investigator Officer who reported 13 investigations over the past month, including two allisions with power lines.

Terral Martin of Providence Engineering introduced their regional director, C.J. Franklin.

O’Neil Malborough of GIS Engineering reported that we are awaiting word on the capital outlay application for Berwick Bay dredge disposal assistance, which probably won’t be until April.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) FY20/21 Omnibus spending package included $4.43 million for the Port, but we are still waiting to hear about discretionary funding of $580 million.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) we should wait until site proposals are being developed to submit a resolution of support for the Atchafalaya Zone for the LA National Estuarine Research Reserve (LaNEER) site.

Gerard Bourgeois reported: (i) HB Young Foundation lease payment is included in your financials; (ii) he drafted an ordinance that would give Mr. Wade the authority to have vessels moved before a dredge arrives because during the last dredging of Berwick Bay we almost had the situation where part wouldn’t have been dredged where shrimp boats were docked. Mr. Orlando questioned the process but agreed some authority was necessary.

Mr. Orlando nominated Joseph Cain, President; Mr. Matthews nominated Pete Orlando, Vice-President; Mr. Mayon nominated Deborah Garber, Treasurer; Mr. Cornes nominated Timothy Matthews, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners. With no further nominations, the nominations were accepted unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary