PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**April 9, 2018**

 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 April 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Gary Duhon, Deborah Garber, Thomas Ackel, Joseph Cain, Tim Matthews, Sr., and Lee Dragna in attendance. Ben Adams and Adam Mayon 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; Commander Heather Mattern, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Brenton Jenkins, GIS; Joel Chaky, ENCOS; Mayor Frank Grizzaffi and Councilmen Tamporella, Stephens, Hymel, City of Morgan City; 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 Mrs. Garber and seconded by Mr. Duhon that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2018 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 March 2018 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of March 2018 be paid. Mr. Matthews seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Commander Mattern thanked Colonel Clancey for his prompt response to her request of dredging at 20 Grande, which should begin sometime in late April.

Tim Connell reported via telephone conference that: (i) gate repairs are still ongoing at the Bayou Boeuf Locks but are expected to be completed in the June timeframe; (ii) the dredge should move to 20 Grande on the 14th; (iii) they are behind on the Special Purpose Dredge proposal package, but it is still moving forward and there are no changes in the direction; and (iv) the supplemental funding has not been allocated yet, but we are in consideration for that funding.

Monica Mancuso made a presentation to the Board on behalf of St. Mary Excel asking for support for an Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance project. Mrs. Mancuso related that ULI conducts technical assistance panels for places like the Berwick/Morgan City area with a focus on diversifying our economy and establishing priorities. Mr. Dragna and Ms. Garber asked that the request for support be put on the agenda for a vote at next month’s meeting.

Brenton Jenkins reported that the secretary of DNR granted an exemption for beneficial use and they are continuing the permitting process.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY16 Port Security Grant is still being worked on to finalize the repurposing of leftover funds; and (ii) FY18 Port Security Grant details have not been released yet, but should be later this month.

Joel Chaky of Encos made a presentation to the Board regarding our NOAA Ports stations and the availability of its data to the public. Mr. Dragna requested that Ms. Cutrera update the Channel Users on the availability of the information provided by the NOAA Ports stations.

Clay Breaud reported that the final pricing from Coastal Volute is $44,785 to replace duct work, replace a 1-ton unit and install 3 dehumidifiers. Mr. Cain moved to authorize Coastal Volute to begin its work with an amount not to exceed $50,000, which was seconded by Mr. Dragna and carried unanimously.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) she attended Inland Waterways Conference and the CPRA meeting, and Mac attended the AAPA Conference in DC where Charles Brittingham helped him schedule a number of visits with delegation; (ii) the Corps Mississippi River High Water Tour is April 19th and the public meeting on April 20th; (iii) Mac will make presentations at the Corps public meeting, the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce on April 26th and American Society of Civil Engineers on April 27th; (iv) she was contacted by CPRA and they have asked for some edits to all of our proposals submitted for 2016 WRDA pilot programs, which are due April 16th; and (v) due to a concerned stakeholder, she contacted National Weather Service about the high water and they stated they were not looking for the water to rise any more than 7’ unless the weather situation changes.

Gerard Bourgeois reported: (i) he has been having discussions with Avoca about accepting dredged material; and (ii) they are working with Baker Hughes and the City on its lease renewal/extension.

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

 Attest:

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