PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**March 13, 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 March 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Duane Lodrigue, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners, Gary Duhon, Thomas Ackel, Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Joseph Cain, Ben Adams and Adam Mayon in attendance. 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; Chief Clayton Franklin, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Clayton Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilman Tamporella, Mike Lowe, GIS; Ancil Taylor and Chris Watters, C.F. Bean; 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. Ackel that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2017 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously. It was also moved by Mr. Adams and seconded by Mr. Matthews that the minutes of the Stakeholder Workshop of March 3, 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 February, 2017 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of February, 2017 be paid. Mr. Cain seconded that motion, which carried unanimously. Mrs. Garber noted that we have collected about 90% of our ad valorem taxes and verified that we were pursuing collection from AT&T for the damages caused by the power surge they caused.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) the solicitation has been released for dredging of the upper Bar and lower Bay, but they may delay Thursday’s bid opening in order to better meet goals and seek value for the dredging dollars. (ii) No supplemental funds have been received for the Atchafalaya River; (iii) no high waters are expected; however, anything can change at any time.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) FY16 Port Security Grant EHP #2 has been approved and the RFP for PMCRCN maintenance and sustainability project has been released; (ii) since the government is still operating under a CR, we are still awaiting news for the FY17 Port Security Grant program.

Mike Lowe reported that: (i) during the stakeholder meeting the need for a 408 permit was identified, which was included in the Task Order submitted; (ii) they will continue to coordinate with dredging consultants.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) she and/or Mac attended lots of meetings this month including DOTD Ports Dredging Committee Workshop, where a problem statement was submitted on fluff solutions; America Wetlands Summit on National Significance of Master Plan, where Colonel Clancey and Mark Wingate of Corps, Governor Edwards and CPRA officials were in attendance; GPAA/COE/DCA meeting; Lauren Casanova of Senator Cassidy’s office, who took Hunter Hall’s place; Stakeholder Workshop, along with 40 others, including commissioners Duhon, Ackel, Lodrigue and Mayon and National Waterways Summit in Washington, DC; (ii) Masterplan comment period ends March 26th; letter of intent was forwarded to Darrell Broussard of Corps requesting they begin the process for planning the beneficial use project using Atchafalaya River sediment to create marsh on Point au Fer; a summary of benefits for beneficial use of dredging the Atchafalaya River was sent to Water Institute as per their request; (iii) the facility was used 10 days last month for various meetings and training; (iv) Ports Association of Louisiana is holding its annual Conference April 17th through 19th.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that: (i) he assisted Mr. Knobloch with review of the RFP process for the grants; (ii) the engineering task order agreement with GIS has been clarified after Mr. Lodrigue’s comments; (iii) we submitted the Right of Entry Requests for the Corps except for 1A and B disposal areas; (iv) he has continued to work with the dredging project. Mr. Lodrigue noted that they are trying to outline exactly how much money will be needed to get the dredge and operate it. Mr. Adams also noted that the permitting process is a gamble so the Board is going at this very cautiously. He requested that all information be given to all of the commissioners so that they can review it before making any decisions. Mr. Lodrigue suggested a special meeting be held on March 22nd at 12:00 p.m., at which time it will be determined what the next steps are as well as the Task Order proposal from GIS.

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

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Thomas Ackel, Secretary