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News from The Port of Morgan City

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Two "Firsts" Make for a Perfect Partnership To Achieve Shared Missions

Twelve o'clock noon, on Monday, June 15th, 2009, marked a significant moment for the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District (MCHTD) and the H & B Young Foundation (HBYF). On this day an official signing ceremony was held in the Board Room at the Port of Morgan City (POMC). The HBYF received a check for a 23.394-acre tract of land on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from the MCHTD. This \$2,350,000 transaction marked the first time the HBYF had ever sold property and the first time the POMC had ever purchased property.

During 2008, the Port commissioners began the process to transition from a custodial port to becoming an active and visible "economic development engine" for the port-wide area. Likewise, the H&B Young Foundation had made a decision to work toward long-term projects that would invigorate the economy. Thus, a perfect partnership culminated!

The H & B Young Foundation, formerly known as the Morgan City Fund, was established in 1955 by Hugh and Byrnes Young. Olympus Young, father of Hugh and Byrnes, arrived from Kentucky in the mid 1850's, first settling in Patterson,



On hand for the signing were, first row from left, Phyllis Garber of the H & B Young Foundation, port Operations Assistant Rebecca Concienne, Brenda Ayo of the H & B Young Foundation, port President Raymond "Mac" Wade and port Secretary Greg Aucoin. On the second row, same order are H & B Young Foundation attorney Emile Wagner, Gwen Ross of the H & B Young Foundation, port Commissioner-elect Jerry Gauthier, Commissioner Duane Lodrigue, port Treasurer Deborah Garber and port Manager of Economic Development Cindy Cutrera. On back row are port Executive Director Jerry Hoffpauir, Commissioner Matt Ackel and port attorney Gerard Bourgeois.



Aerial view of property fronting on Woodland and Youngswood Roads (Property borders are indicated by yellow outline in center left of photo)

and then later moving to Brashear (now known as Morgan City). Olympus obtained 1,000 acres along Bayou Boeuf and established a large plantation.

Hugh worked as a Southern Pacific rail agent for 20 years, while Byrnes' major activity was agriculture. Byrnes also served as Postmaster in Morgan City for many years and became an early officer of the Bank of Morgan City around 1893. Byrnes, a nationally recognized horticulturist, developed the youngberry, which was a cross between the black-berry and dewberry.

Even before the Young Foundation was established, Hugh & Byrnes had already made a tremendous impact on the City of Morgan City as one of its largest ever benefactors. It was through their generosity and hard work that Morgan City had its own electrical plant, its own ice plant, and many other things that a city of its size could only dream of possessing.

If it had not been for the foresight of the Young brothers, Morgan City may never have enjoyed the presence of major oil companies. In the 1940's, when the shrimp industry was declining, the brothers recognized that Morgan City needed a more diversified economy. It was solely through the efforts of these brothers in offering long term bargain leases that four (continued on page 4)

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Greetings From the Commission President



The last few years have been a time of transition and change for the Port of Morgan City (POMC). We have transited from operating a port facility to becoming the landlord of the facility. Our efforts went from operations to becoming the economic development engine for the District thereby changing our direction. With this new direction came changes. The board has changed along with the staff and consequently our whole mindset.

The Corps of Engineers told us that we were not getting credit for the tonnage going through our Port due to a lack of data collections. Cindy Cutrera was hired to do just that and we have moved up in the national ton-

nage ratings as a result. We decided we needed to become more visible in the community, state and the shipping industry. We instructed our Executive Director to attend conferences, seminars, forums and any function that would let people know where the Port of Morgan City was located and our location capabilities. Simply put, it has worked.

We bought property for the first time and are now in final negotiations for a long term lease with an international company. This company was seriously considering relocating to another state. With this purchase we have preserved potentially over 500 local jobs for the State and St. Mary Parish. We secured state and federal funding to ensure that this company knew we wanted them to stay in our community.

Through other state funding we now have a strategic plan and a DVD portrayal of the Port and the District in both Spanish and English.

Another bonus in deploying the "visible-vocal" strategy was the Port of Morgan City being elevated to a Tier II Port. This designation makes us eligible for additional federal grants for port wide security enhancements. We have already been awarded one grant, as a result, and we have applied for another.

Our tenant Cenac Offshore has made a giant step in the shipping industry by acquiring a ship and establishing regular routes to our International neighbors down South.

We have made tremendous strides with the Corps of Engineers in trying to solve the "fluff" problem. A Demonstration Channel Alignment Structure (DCAS) has been erected to study the dynamics of the Atchafalaya Delta system. Data has already begun to be collected.

Our federal and state legislators are becoming more and more familiar with our problems and the strategic importance of keeping the Atchafalaya River open. The Atchafalaya River is now being viewed as a major source of material needed in coastal restoration projects. This all goes hand in hand in our quest for funding to continue our maintenance dredging and finding solutions to the fluff phenomenon.

This is an exciting time to be affiliated with The Port of Morgan City!

Sincerely,

Raymond M. "Mac" Wade Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District President

Our ship has come in!

"Our ship has come in!" were the words of POMC President Mac Wade as he addressed the Mississippi River Commission at the public hearing held aboard the M/V MISSISSIPPI on Friday, August 21st. Mr. Wade was referring to the general cargo ship "BLUE BILL" (photo at right) which will be providing regular inbound and outbound general cargo movements to various ports in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. CENAC OFFSHORE LLC, operator of the BLUE BILL, has chosen the POMC as their United States base of operations. The 3,000 DWT ship has a maximum draft of 15 feet and is capable of handling various types of general cargo, break bulk and containers.



A word from our Executive Director



The Port of Morgan City has undergone a number of changes in the last few years and two particular events stand out. It is the objective of every Port to have a ship call it home. Cenac Offshore chose the Port of Morgan City as their U. S. base of operations to be regularly serviced by their ship the M/V BLUE BILL. Cenac Offshore's purchase of the BLUE BILLis nothing short of monumental in what it means to the Port of Morgan City. The ship has arrived at the Port of Morgan City and Cenac is currently in the process of establishing regular "Ports of Call" to various Ports in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. It is not just the money a scheduled shipping line brings in to the area but also the prestige and notoriety that goes along with the venture. It virtually puts the Port of Morgan

City on the International shipping map.

The next notable event was the purchase of property from the Young Foundation. This marks the first time the Foundation has sold property and the first time the Port has purchased property. As a result of the land purchase the Port leased the property to Intermoor and kept them from relocating to another state. The Intermoor project was a \$15-million dollar venture and funding was supplied by the Department of Transportation and Development through the Port Priority Fund and the Department of Economic Development through the Economic Development Assistance Program. A federal grant through The U. S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Agency has been applied for, and we are awaiting word on its success.

In addition to the above we are taking a new approach to our fluff problem. We are looking at various management techniques to keep the Bar Channel navigable with the mandated 20-feet of water depth. The key word here is "management" because now the general opinion is that the fluff problem cannot be eliminated... only managed. The idea of "agitation dredging", where the fluff is kept in suspension and not allowed to solidify is beginning to draw attention. If this theory proves true millions of dollars a year can be saved in maintenance dredging.

With these events our focus now shifts to becoming the Economic Development Engine for the area along with keeping our channel navigable and ensuring the Cenac Offshore venture is a success.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Hoffpauir Executive Director

New Process for Appointment of Commissioners

House Bill 786, authored by Representative Sam Jones, was signed into law by Governor Jindal on June 15, 2009. Act No. 48 changes the provisions for the appointment, composition and term limits of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District Board of Commissioners.

Act No. 48 calls for two members of the board to be appointed by the Morgan City Mayor and Council, two members to be appointed by the Berwick Mayor and Town Council and two appointments to be made by the St. Mary Parish President and Parish Council. The remaining three seats of the nine members will be appointed by the governor — one each from a list of three names submitted by each of the appointing authorities.

New law provides that the appointing authorities, except the governor, provided for in new law shall provide notice to the public that there shall be an application and interview process for appointments to the board of commissioners of the district. Interviews may be done in executive session, but the final nominations and appointments shall be done by open meeting. New law provides that the terms of the initial

appointees shall be concurrent with the terms of the appointing authority and thereafter the terms shall be for four years.

New law provides that no board member shall serve more than two consecutive four-year terms; however, if an initial appointee's term is one year or less he may be reappointed for two four-year terms. A member who has served two consecutive four-year terms may apply for appointment to the board, provided four years have elapsed since the end of his last term.

The board will be required to submit an annual report to each of the appointing authorities no later than June first of each year. The report shall reflect the activities and the financial status of the district.

There is currently one vacant seat on the Commission which is to be filled by appointment of the Morgan City Mayor and Council. The vacant seat was held by Mr. Willie C. Tezeno whose commission expired August 1, 2009.

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major oil companies came to Morgan City, three of them still maintaining their presence here today.

Because neither of these men had heirs, they chose to leave their holdings, which included several hundred acres of prime waterfront property, to a foundation that would continue to benefit Morgan City and its citizens. The original board was composed of Byrnes Young, Doctor C. R. Brownell, Charles F. Garber, and J. D. Hamilton.

Each year, the Board has the opportunity to give away a minimum of 5% of the foundation's assets. Their generosity has benefitted the youth of Morgan City as well as the general population. The Foundation's list of donations is a litany of community accomplishments from medical equipment to school necessities to law enforcement needs to our local technical college. The list goes on and on.

In August of 2007, the foundation was awarded the President's Award from the Louisiana Technical College for their generous donations and support of the Young Memorial Campus. The foundation has provided property and assistance for the relocation and expansion of the school's marine department. This included the construction of a new swimming pool to be used for offshore survival and rescue training. Because of the need for local swim teams to have a place to practice year round, the Foundation and Young Memorial worked out an agreement in order for the teams to use the Young Memorial facility.

The Foundation hopes to see Young Memorial recognized as an official "Marine Training Academy." By the school attaining this designation, the foundation believes opportunities will be provided to the City of Morgan City to entice new families to relocate to the area.

Much credit should be given to board members, serving through the years, for the sound management of the foundation and their wise investments in the community. These individuals have shared the same compassion for providing for the citizens of Morgan City as the Young brothers did many years ago. The current board members of the Young Foundation are Brenda B. Ayo, Emile A. Wagner, III, Gwendolyn E. Ross and Phyllis B. Garber.

While the annual donation of assets from the Young Fund is generally cash distributions, at one time, property was donated to the City of Morgan City in lieu of cash. The property currently being leased by the POMC from the City of Morgan City is an example of that practice.

To fulfill its mission of becoming an "economic development

engine" the POMC began its search for development projects that would retain business and the workforce in Morgan City. Members of the Foundation quickly recognized that by selling property to the Port, they would also be fulfilling their mission to invigorate the local economy. By being the owner of the property, the POMC will also be eligible for Port Priority Funding to be used for the development of the property.

The port is currently in final negotiations with a local company with an international flavor, Intermoor, Inc., to build an estimated \$12,000,000 new facility on the property fronting on Woodland and Youngswood Roads in Morgan City. This new facility is to be built utilizing state and federal economic development financing packages.



Pictured at left are from left to right, Mr. Charles F. Garber, a member of the original H & B Young Foundation Board, Hugh Young and Byrnes Young.

Colonel Lee Visits Port of Morgan City During His Southwest LA Tour of New Orleans District

Colonel Alvin Lee, Commander and District Engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, recently completed a Stakeholder Insight Tour of Southwest Louisiana which included several stops in St. Mary Parish. Among his stops was the Port of Morgan City, where a roundtable discussion was arranged by Senator "Butch" Gautreaux. Representatives from St. Mary, Terrebonne and lower St. Martin Parishes and local municipalities voiced their concerns about issues such as levee operations and maintenance, backwater flooding and coastal erosion.

Terrebonne Parish Levee District Director Reggie Dupre noted that Terrebonne Parish has possibly the worst erosion problem in the continental United States while St. Mary Parish has the worst sediment problem. The Corps was urged to consider pipelining

sediment from the Atchafalaya River to Terrebonne Parish as a part of their Dredged Material Management Plan. Colonel Lee pointed out that while the State requests that every opportunity be taken to use dredged material cooperatively with restoration projects, the federal government's stance is that the most cost-effective and environmentally sound method should be used for depositing dredged material. Colonel Lee (continued on page 7)

Meet our Commissioners



Raymond M. "Mac" Wade is a National Account Manager for PSC which provides environmental and industrial services nationwide. Mr. Wade holds a BS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Mr. Wade has been active in the community promoting economic development for the area. He has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District since 1987, five years as Vice President, and the past three years as President. Mr. Wade's commission expires August 1, 2015.



William C. "Bill" New is the President and CEO of New Industries, Inc., steel fabricator and manufacturer of pressure vessels and subsea production equipment for the oil and gas industry. Mr. New founded the company in 1986 after working as an engineer and project manager for Mobil Oil. The company is located in Morgan City and currently has approximately 100 employees.

Mr. New graduated from Florida Atlantic University in 1980 with a BS in Ocean Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. He is active in a number of community and industry groups including serving as a member of the Technology Policy Committee of the National Ocean Industry Association, a national trade group of companies involved in the offshore industry and is the 2009-2010 Chairman of the Atchafalaya Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute. Mr. New also serves on the Board of the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts Foundation.

Mr. New has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District since 2006, and has served as Vice President since 2007. His commission expires March 30, 2015.



Deborah Garber has held the position of Finance Director for the City of Morgan City since her appointment by the Mayor in February 2007. Prior to working in her current position, she spent six years working as an auditor and tax accountant for a local CPA firm.

Mrs. Garber is a 1994 Graduate of University of Louisiana Lafayette, with a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting.

Mrs. Garber has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District since 2006 and currently serves as Treasurer. Her commission expires December 15, 2015.

Mrs. Garber is a native of Morgan City. She and her husband Scot currently reside in Berwick, and they have one daughter.



Greg Aucoin currently serves as Staff Attorney for the Office of the Public Defender, 16th Judicial District Court, a position he has held since 2000. He also serves as the City Attorney, for the City of Morgan City, having held this position since 2005. In addition to operating a law practice in Morgan City, Mr. Aucoin has ownership in real estate investments and an oilfield supply company.

Mr. Aucoin received a BS Degree in Economics from Nicholls State University in 1972 and is a 1975 graduate of Loyola University School of Law, where he obtained his Juris Doctorate. Mr. Aucoin is a member of the American Petroleum Institute and St. Mary Industrial Group. He served as Assistant District Attorney for the 16th Judicial District from 1979-2000. He is a past member of St. Mary Parish Library Board and St. Mary Parish Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Aucoin resides in Morgan City. He has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District since 1998 and currently serves as Secretary. Mr. Aucoin's commission expires August 1, 2013.

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Thomas A. "Matt" Ackel is retired from ExxonMobil Corporation (NYSE: XOM) after 31 years of service in various supervisory positions including Production, Drilling, Workover, Construction and Logistics for the Gulf of Mexico region.

Mr. Ackel started his career in the oilfield in 1971and began working out of Morgan City in 1977. Mobil Oil moved his family to Morgan City in 1985. The Ackel family has resided in Berwick for 23 years.

Mr. Ackel has been, and is still, an active member of numerous professional and civic associations and organizations. He has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District since 2008. Mr. Ackel's commission expires September 15, 2016.



Jerry A. Gauthier, is currently the Vice President & General Manager, Americas Region, for Oceaneering International, Inc. (NYSE: OII) an offshore oil & gas provider of underwater services, engineering and subsea products.

Mr. Gauthier has been in the offshore oil & gas industry since 1969 and was employed as a commercial diver and project manager until entry into management with Oceaneering in 1983.

Mr. Gauthier is a resident of Berwick. He has been an active member of numerous professional and civic associations and organizations. He served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District from 2005 to 2008 and was reappointed in 2009. Mr. Gauthier's commission expires March 30, 2015.



Duane Lodrigue is currently Regional Manager of Human Resources, Americas Region for Oceaneering International. Oceaneering is an offshore Oil and Gas provider of underwater services, engineering and subsea products.

Mr. Lodrigue is a 1992 graduate of Nicholls State University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration. Upon graduation, he spent 15 years in Industrial Construction and Maintenance, holding positions in Human Resources and Labor Relations. In 2007, he joined Oceaneering in his current position.

Mr. Lodrigue serves as a director on educational and industrial boards as well as leadership roles in professional and civic organizations. He has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District since 2008. His commission expires August 1, 2010.

Mr. Lodrigue and his wife Carrie have two children, and the family resides in Berwick.



William "Bill" Pecoraro retired from Gulf Craft, Inc., a leading provider of new aluminum vessel construction, in May 2009, after serving in administration for 40 years.

Mr. Pecoraro holds a B. S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Mr. Pecoraro resides in Morgan City. He currently serves on the Morgan City Wharf Commission and is a member of the St. Mary Industrial Group, the Atchafalaya River Coalition and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine

Mr. Pecoraro has served as a member of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District since 2008. His commission expires March 30, 2015.

Colonel Lee's Southwest LA Tour (continued from Page 4)

noted that the Corps' budget does not allow for coastal restoration projects. Thomas Holden, Deputy District Engineer for Planning, Programs and Project Management for the New Orleans District noted that sometimes both dredging and beneficial use projects could work hand-in-hand. One such example is in the Lake Charles area where the state is funding the cost of 6.5 miles of pipeline being installed in Black Lake for sediment transfer that supplements what the federal government will cover.

Representatives for Senator David Vitter and Congressman Charlie Melancon were also in attendance to witness these concerns.

The day ended with an informal barbecue social sponsored by SMI Companies. Several staff members from the Corps' New Orleans District, members of the Port Commission, local and state officials, and a number of critical industry stake-

holders were in attendance.



Pictured above: Among those attending the barbecue social sponsored by SMI Companies were (from left) Dana Kiffe, Marketing Director for SMI Companies, Mrs. Reggie Dupre and Morris Hankins, General Manager of SMI's Berwick Facility

Pictured to the right in upper left comer: The MV MISSISSIPPI moored at the Port of Morgan City dock Other pictures at right were taken at the low water social sponsored by Intermoor, Inc., the City of Morgan City, the Town of Berwick, and the Port of Morgan City.

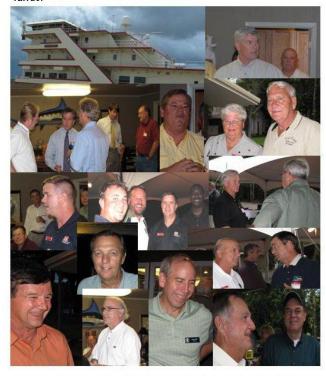
Pictured below: Participants in the roundtable discussion recently held at the Port of Morgan City included, from left LA Representative Sam Jones: LA Senator Butch Gautreaux; Raymond "Mac" Wade, Port Commission President; Colonel Alvin Lee, Commander and District Engineer of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District and Thomas Holden, Deputy District Engineer for Planning & Programs and Project Management, New Orleans District.



Mississippi River Commission Holds Public Hearing at Port of Morgan City Dock

The Miississippi River Commission (MRC) recently completed its annual low water inspection tour of the Mississippi River Valley. On Friday, August 21st, the M/V MISSISSIPPI moored at the Port of Morgan City dock where local officials and members of the general public boarded to receive project updates from the Corps of Engineers and to address local concerns with the Commission.

Morgan City Mayor Tim Matte stressed that the completion of the Avoca Island Levee Extension and backwater protection plans continue to be critical to the area. Both Mayor Matte and Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District President Mac Wade stressed the importance of providing a dependable channel leading from local waterways to the Gulf of Mexico 365 days a year for companies that operate and depend on the river for their livelihood. Mr. Wade ended his presentation by identifying sediment delivery from the Atchafalaya to neighboring parishes as a "shovel ready" project that would provide the best bang for the buck with federal stimulus funds.



A helicopter tour intended to provide state and federal delegation, members of the MRC, and representatives of LA state agencies a "bird's eye" view of critical coastal and navigation areas was canceled due to severe weather in the flight path area. However, weather conditions did not hinder attendance at a social which was sponsored by Intermoor, Inc., the City of Morgan City, the Town of Berwick, and the Port of Morgan City.

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Coast Guard Day 2009



26th Annual PAL Conference Final Numbers Announced—Results Exceed Prior Conferences By Far

The Port of Morgan City, along with The Ports of Abbeville, Iberia, Krotz Springs, and West St. Mary hosted the Ports Association of Louisiana (PAL) 26th annual conference in Morgan City April 22nd through 24th of 2009. This event was the first of its kind to be held in Morgan City. With approximately 215 registrants, participation was greater than any conference held so far. PAL officials recently

announced that proceeds from the conference exceeded \$75,000 which was also a record over prior years by far!

PAL was founded in 1984 to aid in the advancement of Louisiana ports. PAL is a nonprofit trade association representing voluntary member ports and affiliated organizations. PAL helps to encourage economic development within the State of Louisiana.

Highlights From the PAL Conference



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Effective Close of Business on Friday, September 25, 2009

Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC) Office Will Be Relocating to the U. S. Coast Guard Building at 800 David Drive, Suite 115, Morgan City, LA 70380 Phone: 866-DHS-TWIC Local: 985-329-2799

New issues and renewals-Fee \$132.50 No cash accepted-credit card, money order or company check only-Must provide 2 forms of identification

Workforce Training-Louisiana Technical College System, Young Memorial Campus Continues to Strive to Meet the Needs of the Community



The mission of the Greater Area Region 3, Young Memorial Campus is to prepare Louisiana's citizens for improved quality of life, workforce success, and continued learning. Young Memorial has been serving the needs of the community since 1965. Their program of study ranges from earning certificates to diplomas to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Within the last year, Young Memorial has trained over 700 workers for Conrad Industries and J. Ray McDermott through grant funds. In addition, last year they trained over 3500 students in their Marine Department for local companies such as Transocean, Danos & Curole Marine Contractors, Candy Fleet, Tidewater, Oceaneering, Omega Protein, and PEC/Premier Safety Council (Mr. Charlie). For more information about the Young Memorial campus and the programs they offer, visit www.region3.ltc.edu.

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