PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF**

**THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT**

**February 11, 2019**

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 February 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Joseph Cain, President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Deborah Garber, Tim Matthews, Sr., Ben Adams, Lee Dragna, Pete Orlando, Troy Lombardo and Steven Cornes in attendance. Adam Mayon was absent. Also present at the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Cutrera, Manager of Economic Development; Jennifer Reasoner and Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorneys; Commander Heather Mattern, United States Coast Guard (“USCG”); Tim Connell, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; John Chautin, Congressman Higgins; Charles Brittingham, Cassidy & Associates; Michael Knobloch, Knobloch Professional; Clay Breaud, GSE/Providence Engineering; Councilmea Louis Tamporello, City of Morgan City; Parish President David Hanagriff, St. Mary Parish; Jon McVay, Brice Civil Constructors; along with members of the media and 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. Dragna that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019 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 January 2019 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of January 2019 be paid. Mr. Cornes seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Heather Mattern reported that: (i) the Coast Guard from this area are so blessed and thanked the public for their help during the government shutdown; and (ii) we have been having unique weather events and are not out of the high-water situation. She will be sending out an email with the latest Marine Safety Information Bulletins that have been issued.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) he is expecting an award for Bayou Chene dredging by March 30th for $15 million, but has no objection to possibly delaying the award until after the high water event. The Port may have to contribute funds towards this dredging cycle, to exercise the remaining option; (ii) Dredge RM White will be arriving in late March to finish the Bay and some of the Bar and Crew Boat Cut by the end of July; (iii) Brice is scheduled to begin May 1st, but no later than June 1st; and (iv) recent surveys for Stouts Pass are not showing up on the website but he will check on that.

Jon McVay of Brice Civil Constructors updated the Board on the special purpose dredge which has been re-configured from 126’ vessel to 145’ vessel, using the same pump but now having two (2) drag arms off of the tail. He noted they are shooting to be on site by May 1st, but no later than June 1st.

Mike Knobloch reported that: (i) he has a conference call scheduled for Wednesday with FEMA regarding FY19 Port Security Grant funding; and (ii) we have received quotes for our facility assessment and renewal of facility security plan, with SCOUT being awarded the project. Scout is a veteran owned, small business and he, along with Mac and Lester Beam will be meeting with them on Thursday.

Clay Breaud reported that: (i) the HVAC system is complete, and retainage has been released; and (ii) Phase I – Railroad Maintenance has been advertised, with pre-bid conference this week and bid opening on February 27th.

Charles Brittingham reported that: (i) we need to begin working with the District at the high-water tour and he will work with TRIAD on the workplan, which will be released sometime from October through December; and(ii) He reiterated that you have better favorability when you put skin in the game, regarding the MOU for contributed funds. Mr. Cain thanked him for coming in and spending the day with us at our stakeholder meeting, as well as our board meeting.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) our stakeholder meeting was held today with over 50 people attending. She thanked Charles Brittingham, Jon McVay, Tim Connell and Durand Elzey for presenting, as well as Zack with the Daily Review for the coverage; (ii) We are monitoring the Joint Natural Resources Committee, as the Atchafalaya River and Port were discussed by Norby Chabert, Bret Allain, Chip Kline and Bren Haase of CPRA; (iii) She participated in a Louisiana Watershed Initiative webinar and attended a Council on Watershed Initiative meeting; (iv) the final ULI report went live this past Friday, with a public hearing to be held on February 21st at the Welcome Center; and (v) other upcoming meetings include: we will be hosting the CWPPRA Regional Planning Meeting in our command center on February 13th; we will be hosting National Weather Service Sky Warn Class, along with St. Mary Parish Office of Homeland Security on March 25th, the Mississippi River Commission high water inspection trip with be on April 11th and the public meeting will be held on April 12th.

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

Attest:

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Timothy Matthews, Sr., Secretary