

**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE MORGAN CITY HARBOR AND TERMINAL DISTRICT
January 20, 2026**

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 January 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Deborah Garber, Vice-President, convened the meeting with Commissioners Steven Cornes, Marc Felterman, Troy Lombardo, Adam Mayon, Matthew Tycer and Michael Wise in attendance. Ben Adams and Matthew Glover were absent. Also present in the meeting were Raymond Wade, Executive Director; Cindy Cutrera, Economic Development Manager; Tori Henry, Office Manager; Michael Knobloch, Special Projects Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Board Attorney; Tim Connell and Sean Burnet, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; Bill Blanchard, GIS Engineering; Jeremy Meaux, Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick; St. Mary Parish Councilman, Patrick Hebert; Chuck Floyd-Jones, Saronic Technologies; Merlin Price, Jr. and 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. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Tycer that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2025 be approved and adopted, with said motion carrying unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Tycer that the report of receipts and disbursements for the month of December, 2025 be received and accepted and that all invoices presented to the Board for the month of December, 2025 be paid. Mr. Mayon seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

Jeremy Meaux presented Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Fredericks’ Audit Report to the Board for the year ending June 30, 2025 with an unmodified opinion on the District’s financial statements, the highest audit opinion. He also noted that since no exceptions were found during the previous Statewide Agreed-Upon procedures audit, no testing was required. Mr. Tycer moved to accept said report, which was seconded by Mr. Lombardo and carried unanimously.

Chuck Floyd-Jones of Saronic Technologies introduced himself to the Commission as a new stakeholder in the area, specializing in building autonomous vessels as a DOD contractor. Mr. Wade welcomed them to the area and offered any support needed.

Merlin Price, Jr. addressed the commission seeking guidance/recommendations on how to move forward as a voice of the fishermen in the area concerned with low water issues in the upper basin, North of Morgan City. Mr. Wade advised him to contact CPRA and Basin Keepers for assistance and Tim Connell offered his contact information to assist.

Tim Connell reported that: (i) surveys have been delayed, but should be released today and look good; (ii) Dredge *Arulaq* moved between stations 700-820 to address concerns in the Bar Channel, while Task Orders 9 and 10 have been issued through July, with funding to support them; (iii) Mike Hooks continues progress in Bayou Chene, almost completing the bottom which we will be open with dark blue all the way on the surveys, then will continue all the way up to the Bridge in Bayou Boeuf. Mr. Wade noted this is perfect timing since Performance Contractors, Conrad Shipyard and Bollinger have major upcoming sailouts; (iv) Weeks Marine dredge contract for Atchafalaya Bay, Bar and Crewboat Cut will try to recapture flow to Stouts Pass, moving material to Little Island Pass, severely restricting the flow there.

Charles Brittingham reported that Congress passed the FY26 Energy & Water Appropriations bill with \$30,491 million for O&M for the Atchafalaya River. He also noted there are additional discretionary funds available and the Corps has 60 days to request it.

Michael Knobloch reported that: (i) we received approval to expand the warehouse scope of work to include removal and replacement of existing metal roof, flashing and gutter system, along with replacement of existing vinyl faced fiberglass roof and wall insulation projects. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize Mr. Adams to execute Amendment to Carl Blum’s contract for additional architecture services, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously; (ii) we are awaiting the Governor’s list of capital outlay projects and hope to get our \$35 million moved from P5 to P1; (iii) we are still awaiting to hear if we received funding from both FY25 PIDP and USMHP grant applications; and (iv) next month we will be applying for funding through the BUILD grant and will be asking for a resolution of support at next month’s meeting.

Robert Karam reported that since we received the fully MARAD agreement on the West Dock Project, we officially began advertising for bid last Friday, with a pre-bid meeting to be held on February 10th and bid opening on March 5th.

Bill Blanchard reported that: (i) Coastal Dredging and Bollinger are still in discussions about dredging quantities and virgin material; (ii) he has 3 hard copies of the access channel bid package, plans and specs to be reviewed prior to sending to Facility Planning and Control; and (iii) he has a set of plans and specs for the bulkhead of slip #1 for review.

Cindy Cutrera reported that: (i) Mac will be receiving the Citizen of the Year award by the Chamber and to let us know who wishes to attend the banquet; (ii) Colonel Autin was the speaker at AIC meeting and then participated in an industry tour of the area, along with herself and Michael Brocato of the Levee District. Colonel Autin stressed the importance of the Atchafalaya River in the most important environmental area in the nation and that we need to tell people who we are and what our value is. Mr. Wade noted that Colonel Autin called him while he was in the hospital to wish him well, but most importantly texted him later to let him know that Cindy handled the tour well; (iii) She participated in a virtual CPRA draft FY27 plan meeting and Michael Hare noted that he is very committed to the Atchafalaya River and Basin; and (iv) she will be sending out her detailed report to commissioners later today.

Gerard Bourgeois reported that: (i) we are currently working with the State Land office on the extension of current and new areas with use of Southern Part of Disposal Area 3 (Horseshoe/Chene area) and will pass along Right of Entry to Corps. Mr. Mayon moved to authorize the President or Vice-President to execute said agreement with Continental Land and Fur and related Corps Right of Entry, which was seconded by Mr. Cornes and carried unanimously.

With there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Tycer and seconded by Mr. Lombardo that the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Matthew K. Glover, Secretary