

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., at 400 W Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX, with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR	CHAIRMAN
	ROBERT HULEN	MEMBER
	MARK BROWN	MEMBER
	GLORIA NIETO	MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS	PORT DIRECTOR
	JERRY STAPLETON	ATTORNEY
	FRANK VASQUEZ	PORT SUPERINTENDENT
	LETTY MARTINEZ	SECRETARY

Chairman Rains called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.. Upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present, Secretary Hicks was not present, due to rehabilitating with a broken leg.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes including the certified minutes on file. Commissioner Hulen seconded the motion and upon a vote and the motion unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

Marcia Visser, Advertising: As a business member of The Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce is currently creating a new website and is reaching out to businesses in town providing some forms to be filled out for business information with a donation of \$75.00 and would like for the Willacy County Navigation District to submit a donation of \$30,000.00. Visser, addressed the board that Port Mansfield is going to be advertised as "It's a Shore Thing", as in angling for a good time, follow the fish, wild and wonderful, gateway to coastal adventures and plan your next getaway. Visser, also addressed the board the 2017 Objectives for the Port Mansfield Chamber of Commerce, which are as follow:

1. Find a grant (FEMA or other), file for grant to repair or replace siding, install heating and cooling system for pavillion.
2. Grow individual and business membership to increase annual income.
3. Increase tourist visibility by social media, and print advertising
4. Create a brochure for distribution to travel centers in Texas and local hotels.
5. Identify and create events to attract visitors on a more regular basis.

6. Reinstatement academic/athletic scholarship for San Perlita High School graduates.
7. Leverage new nature center to improve financial and promotional cooperation with Raymondville Chamber of Commerce, Willacy County Navigation District and Texas Wildlife department and advocacies.

Visser, stated that every first Tuesday of each month the community will be having a clean up day and is asking for the Port Mansfield employees to volunteer.

Item No. 3: BOAT STALL E-23 LEASE CANCELLATION DISCUSSION: After the discussion on the cancellation of the boat stall E-23, Mr Drummond asked the board to consider to reinstate his lease and is willing to be on probation terms. Mr Drummond, stated he has been in Port Mansfield for over 10 years and is an employee of a business with TJ Collins as a Captain. As per the Port Director, Ron Mills, Mr Drummond can stay for the next 10 days in the stall until further notice of the lease being canceled.

Item No. 4: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes, addressed the board that it has been very busy the last couple of months, there has been several motor vehicle burglars, call volume increase due to accidents, traffic citations and working on a resolution, however he is still facing issues with the JP trying to get it resolved. Mayes also stated that there are 21 individuals and Officer Estrada signed up to become Certified EMT's and also stated that the East Foundation is giving the Port Mansfield Police Department a donation of \$6,500 for an ambulance.

Item No. 5: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills, reported on the following items:

- Update on auction of improvements on cancelled lease property: made contact with 2 realtors for numbers with improvements before the property goes on auction.
- Update on Matagorda paving project

Item No. 6: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017: The board reviewed and discussed the building permits that were issued for the month of December, 2017.

Item No. 7: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LEASES, CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS AND BOAT STALLS: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized lease, Commissioner Hulen made the motion to accept the items as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nieto and unanimously carried.

Item No. 8: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After discussion of the checks and vouchers, the motion was made by Commissioner Brown to accept the checks issued Check No. 1461 through Check No. 1504 from the Port Facility (Operations) Account. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hulen and unanimously carried.

Item No. 9: MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.