

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., at the Willacy County Coastal Land Resource Center, Port Mansfield, TX., with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR KAY HICKS MARK BROWN	CHAIRMAN SECRETARY MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS JERRY STAPLETON DAVID MAYES FRANK VASQUEZ LETTY MARTINEZ	PORT DIRECTOR ATTORNEY AT LAW CHIEF OF POLICE PORT SUPERINTENDENT SECRETARY
ABSENT:	GLORIA NIETO ROBERT HULEN	MEMBER MEMBER

Chairman Rains called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Chairman Rains called for affidavits of conflict of interest and there were none.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the August 08, 2018, meeting minutes, Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes with the correction of Jerry Stapleton, Attorney, being absent from August board meeting and a correction on item number 4. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION ON UPCOMING ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER DREDGING PROJECT ESTIMATED TIMELINE: Port Director Ron Mills addressed the board; we were awarded a multi-million contract, 20 million dollar range. Contract to dredge channel from sea bouy to harbor, 14 ft. deep with a width of 200 ft. at the top and 12.9 miles long. Most of the dredging work will take place between January and December 2019. South Padre Island has expressed interest in obtaining much of the dredging material, but currently most may be deposited near National Seashore and on Bird Island. The Army Corps of Engineers must first obtain

permission. Complicated environmental “windows” timeline for dredging and depositing silt must be followed in order to protect sea grass and turtles.

Item No. 4: PRESENTATION FROM COASTAL LAND RESOURCE CENTER: Jessica Rodriguez Gracida, Community Development Specialist for Willacy County gave a presentation that the Willacy County Coastal Land Resource Center is available for government and educational programs involving universities and public schools.

Item No. 5: DISCUSSION ON SEAWALL/BULKHEAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Port Director Ron Mills discussed the seawall/bulkhead improvement project. Ron addressed the board about a project out of the Port of Harlingen to start taking cotton by barge to another port also carriers may want to start bringing wind turbines and containers into Port Mansfield.

Item No. 6: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STREET PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECTS: After discussion on street parking lot paving projects, Secretary Hicks made the motion to authorize infrastructure improvements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously carried.

Item No. 7: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes reported it's been a calm cycle with the kids being back in school. There have been arrests, several medical calls, and no reports of any criminal activity.

Item No. 8: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills, reported on the following items:

- Maritime Administration Grant Opportunities
- Joint Venture with Port of Harlingen on Container Shipping
- Aggregate Materials Handling
- Candidates for November Elections

Item No. 9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of August 2018.

Item No. 10: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LEASES, CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS AND BOAT STALLS: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized lease, Commissioner Brown made the motion to accept the items as presented with the exception of the pending collateral transfer of leases to be reviewed by Attorney Stapleton. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

Item No. 11: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After discussion of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Brown made the motion to accept the issued checks and approve the transactions for payment of the Willacy County Navigation District, and to accept the transactions dated August 09, 2018 through September 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

Item No. 12: MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.