

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., at 400 W Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX, with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR	CHAIRMAN
	KAY HICKS	SECRETARY
	ROBERT HULEN	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS	PORT DIRECTOR
	JERRY STAPLETON	ATTORNEY AT LAW
	DAVID MAYES	PORT POLICE CHIEF
	FRANK VASQUEZ	PORT SUPERINTENDENT
	LETTY MARTINEZ	SECRETARY

ABSENT:	GLORIA NIETO	MEMBER
	MARK BROWN	MEMBER

Chairman Rains called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. The Chairman 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 May 09, 2018, Meeting Minutes, Secretary Hicks made a motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes with a correction on the building authorization to change May to April. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hulen and upon a vote the motion unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT:

-Jack Ficklen: addressed the board about the dust issue in front of his residence, would like the elected officials opinion regarding that the spoil should have been put in bird island and it wasn't.

Item No. 3: UPDATE AND REVIEW CELL PHONE TOWER LEASE: After review of the cell phone tower lease Commissioner Hulen made the motion to table this item with modifications to the lease for approval for July board meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

Item No 4: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes, reported: Summer is here and the reserves were out over the weekend. A week ago a vehicle was stopped, the individuals had tools in their possession and narcotics, supposedly members of a gang, contact was made to the Raymondville Police Department for assistance. A week ago someone attempted to sell drugs to an underage individual and had a machete (related to the same gang).

There was one new reserve in training and he has now completed 134 hours and will assist in bringing the maximum. Reserves are required to give us 16 hours per month.

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

- Discussion on deer tick fever situation – Tick Fever Eradication USDA is coming in on their own decision, as their project to stop eradicate tick fever. On May 14, 2018 they rode all around the area off the corral, they have a trailer parked by the fire station and in the last 2 years they have taken about 150 heads and had not found ticks. On May 15, 2018 they came back and presented a plan of their last harvest prior to 3 weeks ago and 135 deer and 3 nilgai had been infected with ticks in that cycle. Port Mansfield is now in quarantine.

- Discussion on dredging project – Mr Whitlock at this time is in Washington, meeting with Senator Cornyn and they are aware of what needs to be done.

Item No. 6: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2018: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of May, 2018.

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 Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

Item No. 8: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After discussion of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Hulen made the motion to accept the issued checks and approve all transactions for payment of the Willacy County Navigation District, and for all transactions dated May 10, 2018 through June 13, 2018. The motion was seconded by Secretary Hicks and unanimously carried.

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