

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, December 12, 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
	MARK BROWN	MEMBER
	STACEY REYES	MEMBER
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	CHAD KINNEY	MEMBER

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

Chairman Rains called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 November 14, 2018, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to approve the board meeting minutes with a correction on item number 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Item No. 3: PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FOR USDA TICK ERADICATION PROGRAM: Jesse Coy, USDA, and Ely Benavidez, Animal Inspector, presented the board with an update of the Tick Eradication. They addressed the board reporting that for the past couple of years, infestation of deer has become a concern. There are currently 20 feeders for the consumption of treated corn located in the area. They also stated that from all the deer they have harvested in November, they have all tested free from ticks. Helen Hazel, USDA Director, will get a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department contact number to set up an appointment with Port Director Ron Mills to discuss the harvesting of the deer.

Item No. 4: PROPERTY VALUE DETERMINATION FOR BLOCK G, LOT 32: After discussing the value determination for Block G, Lot 32, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to table this item in order to determine the value of the property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

At approximately 9:49 a.m., the board went into recess; Attorney Stapleton presented a legislative review and a question-and-answer with the new board commissioners.

At 10:48 a.m., recess ended and the meeting proceeded.

Item No. 5: PORT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY: Port Director Ron Mills addressed the board about Kevin Martin with Martin and Associates Economic Impact Study, who made a proposal for 8 ports to participate with the Texas Ports Association Analysis combined study. Mr. Mills also addressed the board to complete the full scale analysis and accept the proposal; the study would cost \$25k. After discussing the Port Economic Impact Study, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept the proposal and to participate with the Texas Ports Association Analysis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 6: PMPUD REQUEST FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT DONATIONS: After discussion of the PMPUD request for the Fire Department donations, Commissioner Brown made the motion to revisit this item at a later date and take no action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 7: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes reported on the following:

- November was a busy month with numerous criminal episodes, 2 rentals broken into and 1 arrest for theft.

Item No. 8: PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills reported on the following items:

- Audit – update of annual audit starting with the Port Mansfield Public Utility District first, they started in November, 2018, once they are done they will start with the Willacy County Navigation District.

- Drone projects – At this time 1 person has been hired from the valley and more will be hired. There is 1 trailer operating at this time. They will be expanding to 2 trailers in January, 2019.

Item No. 9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of November 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 and approve the leases presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 11: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After discussion of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Trevino 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 November 15, 2018 through December 12, 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 12: MEETING ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.