

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 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., at 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste., 200, Raymondville, TX., with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR STACEY REYES CHAD KINNEY ALBERTO TREVINO MARK BROWN	CHAIRMAN SECRETARY MEMBER MEMBER MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS FRANK VASQUEZ DAVID MAYES LETTY MARTINEZ	PORT DIRECTOR PORT SUPERINTENDENT PORT POLICE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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 was 1 for Chad Kinney/MIKA Kinney Investments, LLC.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the May 08, 2019, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Item No. 3: **FINAL REVIEW AND ACTION ON 2019/2020 BUDGET:** During the workshop for final review and action on 2019/2020 budget there were 3 discrepancies that needed to be adjusted: Advalorem Taxes, Fire Department and Payroll. After adjustments Commissioner Brown made the motion to accept the final 2019/2020 budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4. REVIEW MARAD GRANT FOR FINAL SUBMITAL: Ron Mills, Port Director addressed the board that he is trying to finalize details for MARAD Grant for Infrastructure, there is not a set dollar amount that will be requested yet.

Item No. 5: DISCUSSION ON 2019/2020 PAVING PROJECTS:

Paving projects discussed for 2019/2020: North Shore Street, is in horrible condition. A major project for paving is the airport, there is lots of activity there, 2 trailers will be installed for the University, and \$4 billion dollars for NASA coming through drone program. Would love to pave that road and make it more presentable. Will be reviewed finishing Matagorda with the Engineer.

Item No. 6: DISCUSSION ON HB 1053: Bill passed House unanimously, passed Senate with 2/3 majority with Amendments. Governor Abbott vetoed due to having to much authority and due to Amendment that was added.

Item No. 7: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: David Mayes, Port Police Chief reported there were numerous disturbances he assisted the County with issues trying to close the old pier and people jumping over. Tape was put up to keep people out.

The theft issue at the docks is probable through the docks, have not been able to get images from the cameras.

Homeland Security is willing to work with Mills to put surveillance not only for theft but for inquiries. An ongoing investigation has grown it is very serious it requires attention.

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

- Dredging Update: will be starting 2 or 3 months early. Army Corps dredge is due to arrive in August.
- Desalination Project: still trying to put together organizations between Lasara, Lyford and Willacy County Navigation District, its moving forward. Raymondville and the County still have not committed 100%.
- Sediment Recovery Project: had a meeting 2 weeks ago, they came into the office to discuss where to utilize units and for planning assistance. Planning a boat ride on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August to the Cut to review installation.
- Fire Department Funding: view budget includes \$15,000.00 for use if the Fire Department provides receipts.
- Port Economic Impact Study: The Economic Study we paid for through TPA is nearing completion. For Grant purposes we should consider a port specific study as well.

Item No. 9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of May, 2019.

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 Kinney abstained from vote. Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept and approve the leases presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and the vote 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 May 09, 2019 through June 19, 2019. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 12: EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBCHAPTER D, GOVERNMENT CODE: At approximately 10:22 a.m., the Commissioners closed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session pursuant to Session-Ch. 551.072 and Session-Ch. 551074 Subchapter D, Government Code.

- Session-Ch. 551.072: Discussion on Real Estate/TSC
- Session-Ch. 551.074: Personnel/Contract/Worker hours, funding of position

Certified Minutes for the Executive Session will be filed separately from the regular meeting minutes.

At 11:18 a.m., the Executive Session ended regarding the discussion on real property and Personnel. Voted on Real Estate issue: Authorizing Port Director to retain an Attorney to begin condemnation action on the old USGG Property and TSC and vote passed unanimously. On Personnel issue the board voted to accept the Port Directors' contract as written, changing contract to 2 years and including an annual written review and vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners then returned to the open regular meeting

Item No. 13: MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.