

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 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., at 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste., 200, Raymondville, TX., with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR	CHAIRMAN
	STACEY REYES	SECRETARY
	MARK BROWN	MEMBER
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	CHAD KINNEY	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS	PORT DIRECTOR
	FRANK VASQUEZ	PORT SUPERINTENDENT
	DAVID MAYES	PORT POLICE CHIEF
	LETTY MARTINEZ	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Chairman Rains called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 one signed and notarized affidavit for Mark Brown and a certified agenda on file.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the August 14, 2019, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes after corrections on two items. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT: Whitey Thompson on behalf of the Port Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department was not able to get on the agenda on time. However, Mr. Thompson advised the board that there are major rust issues in the fire department building and the doors are barely operable and fixing to fall. Chad Dewitt estimated \$16,150.00 cost for repairs. Mr. Thompson advised the board that in the past the PUD and the Willacy County Navigation Board would help with funding.

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION ACTION ON SPONSORED YOUTH AND WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNTS: Mr. Beale partnered with Chris Mitchell with Texas Wildlife Association. The Texas Wildlife Association had been doing these hunts for around 30 years for over 70,000 youth. They have all liability coverage in place. They provide training, range time and field coaches to assist in the operations. They will be providing food and if necessary overnight sleeping accommodations for each of the hunts. Mr. Beale advised the board that the Texas Animal Health Commission will be working with the deer and providing a final report. Applications will be taken online through their website. After discussion Commissioner Trevino made the motion to take action on

sponsored youth and extended the appreciation to the USDA and the Texas Wildlife. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes reported:

A couple of coolers were stolen from a residents garage and a boat in the Harbor. They had some suspects and were developing their case. Paperwork is pending and under review for a Fema Grant.

Item No. 5: PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills reported on the following items:

- Dredging Update: The bids for the rock work to form Bird Island is posted and due to close in a few days to get that project completed. US Army Corps dredge has been moved back to November 01, due to being held up to work on Hurricane Dorian issues.
- Economic Impact Study Update: Provided copies of the report from Martin Associates on the container on barge service into Port Mansfield. The report reflected up to 800 direct and indirect jobs and over \$70 million dollars in wages could be produced.

Item No. 6: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2019: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of August, 2019.

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 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. 8: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After discussion of the checks and vouchers, Secretary Reyes 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 15, 2019 through September 18, 2019. Commissioner Brown abstained from vote to items 26 & 27 and a notarized affidavit was presented due to business. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 9: EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBCHAPTER D, GOVERNMENT CODE:

-Section 551.072 – Deliberation on Real Estate Property

Discussion on the Lease for the old Shrimp Plant platform Block 5, Lots 66 - 76

At approximately 10:21 a.m., the Commissioners closed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session pursuant to Session-Ch. 551.072, Subchapter D, Government Code.

-Deliberation on Real Estate Property, discussion on the Lease for the old Shrimp Plant platform, Block 5, Lots 66 – 76.

At 11:25 a.m., the Executive Session ended regarding the discussion on Deliberation on Real Estate Property, discussion on the lease for the old Shrimp Plant platform, Block 5, Lots 66 - 76.

The Commissioners offered the potential lessee an option on the property if they are committed to constructing a bulkhead before the home due to accessibility.

Item No. 10: ADJOURN at 11:32 a.m.