

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, August 14, 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
	MARK BROWN	MEMBER
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	CHAD KINNEY	MEMBER

ABSENT:	STACEY REYES	SECRETARY
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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 for Chad Kinney/MIKA Kinney Investments, LLC from the previous board meeting pending approval and one present for Chad Kinney/MIKA Kinney Investments, LLC.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the July 10, 2019, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kinney made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION ON LEASE AND BUILDING PROPOSAL AT THE OLD SHRIMP PLANT, BLOCK 5, LOTS 66 – 76: Mr. Kevin Kolb presented a proposal reflecting his interest in leasing the old shrimp plant foundation. Mr. Kolb provided artist renderings of the home idea that he was proposing that would allow for construction on the existing foundation. Mr. Brown inquired about his intention to install a bulkhead which Mr. Kolb stated would be completed in two phases over a three-year period if the Board accepted his proposal for the lease price. Mr. Brown advised that the Board would move forward at a future meeting with reviewing the proposal of leasing the foundation but would like to see some prints on the actual structures that were being proposed.

Item No. 4: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WCND SPONSORED YOUTH AND WOUNDED WARRIOR HUNTS: Mr. Jim Beale presented a proposal for both Youth and Wounded Warrior hunts to be conducted in the Port Mansfield area. The primary motivation for the hunts was to allow the animal to be harvested and put to use as a food source by the participants compared to the current practice in which the Texas Animal Commission is harvesting the deer and burying the remains with no beneficial consumption. The proposal outlined the number of volunteers, donors and materials needed to make the events successful and safe. The Board in general agreed to the concept of the hunts as they were presented but had reservations on the liability of the hunts being held on WCND properties. Mr. Brown made a motion to move forward due to the short timeline to undertake the project, however he requested that Mr. Beale and Mr. Mills determine if there were means of a need to obtaining additional liability insurance for the events. The motion was second by Mr. Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 5: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY: Chief Mayes discussed the theft of money through an internet website. He expanded briefly on the joint law enforcement action involving the Port Mansfield Police and federal law enforcement agencies. Those actions had been successful and had led to federal arrests and indictment. This was one the first of several events under investigation.

Item No. 6: PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills reported on the following items:

- Economic Impact Study Update: The project is nearing completion. Martin and Associates had taken the time to do a separate portion of the report that addressed the idea of bringing container on barge service into Port Mansfield. The initial report and the numbers of direct and indirect jobs that the project would provide Willacy County was very positive and Mr. Mills will provide a copy of that section of the report to the Board.
- Dredging Update: The \$17 million that was set aside for Port Mansfield dredging project has been reassigned to another project of higher importance to the Army Corp. Some funding has been identified to cover a 4-week dredging operation to clear the jetties to 17 feet and a portion of the channel coming from the jetties. The Army Corp believes that by Oct 1 the funds should be returned but cannot guarantee that they will come back yet. They are still planning to offer bids for the Bird Island disposal site in the immediate future.
- Due to MR. Mills having a medical procedure on August 29 and a two week minimum recovery he recommended that the Board meeting be moved to September 18, 2019. The Board agreed unanimously.

Item No. 7: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2019: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of July, 2019.

Item No. 8: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL LEASES, CANCELLATIONS, TRANSFERS AND BOAT STALLS: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized lease, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept and approve the leases presented including the MIKA/Kinney, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Kinney abstained from vote and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 9: 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 July 10, 2019 through August 14, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 10: EXECUTIVE SESSION SUBCHAPTER D, GOVERNMENT CODE:
-Section 551.071 – Attorney Litigation Issues with TSC

At approximately 10:21 a.m., the Commissioners closed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session pursuant to Session-Ch. 551.071, Subchapter D, Government Code.

-Discussion on Attorney Litigation Issues with TSC

At 11:55 a.m., the Executive Session ended regarding the discussion on Attorney Litigation issues with TSC. The Commissioners then returned to the open regular meeting with no action.

Item No. 11: ADJOURN at 11:58 a.m.