

STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste., 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

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

ALSO PRESENT: RON MILLS PORT DIRECTOR  
FRANK VASQUEZ PORT SUPERINTENDENT  
JERRY STAPLETON ATTORNEY

ABSENT: LETTY MARTINEZ ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

Thomas Rains Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Rains called for affidavits of conflict of interest, and there were two.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the August 12, 2020 and September 09, 2020, board meeting minutes and two affidavits for October meeting, Commissioner Brown made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: *PUBLIC COMMENT:*

None.

Item No. 3: **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING A POLICY ON DEER POPULATION**: After review and discussion on establishing a policy on deer population, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to do a written policy to withstand the ordinance and publish it in the newspaper to educate people. In the policy to include 3 things, no feeding, look into hunts when possible and increasing the hunts when possible. Commissioner Trevino also addressed the board to have a special session regarding the written policy and ordinance regarding deer feed. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Port Director Ron Mills reported on the following:

- Dredge Update: the dredge is at the jetties working their way out they are moving a significant amount of materials. A second dredge will be starting between 5 and 7 weeks from now and should be finishing by the end of February, 2021.
- Discussion on Policy and Procedures between Director, Commissioners, Realtors and the Title Companies: Kim Rains "Realtor" addressed the board for leases to be signed twice a month. Minerva Simpson gave an extensive presentation on the procedures to approve loans in Port.

All leases are approved by the board every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. About 2 years ago we were approving every Friday and we had to abandon that policy due to too much trouble to track down Commissioners. We are currently at approving leases every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

- Results of MARAD BUILD Grant Application: we did not receive the MARAD grant. This years Dural Grant went to TXDOT in Midland. Port Director Mills, will begin compiling information to present to local financial institutions to get funds for a seawall adjacent to the TXDOT Rider 38 Queueings yard.
- Commissioner Kinney will take the Commissioner at Large. Commissioner Kinneys' position will be open for a 2 year appointment. Commissioner Browns' position, no one has applied. The application for appointment has been posted online. There is one applicant already to fill Port vacancy.

Item No.5: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2020: There were no building authorizations to be reviewed or discussed for the month of September, 2020.

Item No. 6: 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 as presented. Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Kinney abstained from vote. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 7: 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 September 10, 2020 through October 07, 2020. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Kinney the vote unanimously carried.

Before adjourning the board meeting Mr. Rains addressed to the board that he enjoyed being on board and glad of everything that has been accomplished. Mr. Rains thanked the staff and said he enjoyed is 10 years on board that it was very enlightening.

Mr. Brown second everything Mr. Rains said, He also thanked the staff.

Item No. 8: ADJOURN: at 11:19 a.m.