

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 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste., 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	THOMAS RAINS JR.	CHAIRMAN
	CHAD KINNEY	MEMBER
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: RON MILLS PORT DIRECTOR  
FRANK VASQUEZ PORT SUPERINTENDENT  
JERRY STAPLETON ATTORNEY  
LETTY MARTINEZ ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT

ABSENT: STACEY REYES SECRETARY  
MARK BROWN MEMBER

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 was one.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the June 10, 2020, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kinney made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

No board meeting minutes for July 08, 2020 due to board meeting canceled. Due to COVID-19/Corona Virus Pandemic, as a joint decision by Ron Mills, Port Director and Thomas Rains Jr., Chairman.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION TO MODIFY RESTRICTIONS ON PIERS AT EAST PORT DRIVE SUBDIVISION II: After discussion to modify the restriction on piers at East Port Drive Subdivision II. Commissioner Kinney made the motion to not modify the restrictions to use wood pile instead of concrete pile. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BLOCK A, LOT 21 LEASE CANCELLATION; Rolando Cantu, Attorney for Maria del Carmen de Garcia, discussed the canceled lease Block A, Lot 21 with the board. After discussion, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to reject the offer to reinstate the lease. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 5: TXDOT RIDER 38 RESOLUTION FOR QUEING YARD: Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept the TXDOT Rider 38 Resolution for Queing Yard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kinney and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 6: PORT MANSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION ON RESOURCES AND FUTURE NEEDS: Whitey Thompson with Port Mansfield Fire Department discussed resources and future needs and addressed the board that he started as a volunteer 22 years ago and got a group together, he started with 18 volunteers and currently has 13. Mr. Thompson also stated that the fire department gets support from ranches and the Willacy County Navigation District has them present projects for funding review.

Item No. 7: SHEPARDS GROUP CONTRACT REVIEW: After reviewing Shepards Group contract, Commissioner Kinney made the motion to accept the contract with formatting changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

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

- Hurricane Hanna: came in 15 miles north of Port Mansfield, brought down trees and damages to several homes. Red Cross offered help assistance. The state has to have thirty-seven million in uninsured damages for FEMA's help assistance.

We contacted Republic Services to bid for clean up.

- Dredge Contract signed June 25, 2020: was awarded on June 25 to Orian for mid September.

- Air Boat parking lot retainer wall: after review of various options Director Mills has decided that using concrete bags stacked along the bank is most cost effective means to stop erosion and will proceed after hurricane recovery and when tides allow.

- Not issuing permits for re-roof/emergency repairs: to homes and businesses damaged by Hanna.

- Elections: opened on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and closing the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2020.

Item No.9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2020: The board reviewed and discussed the building authorizations that were issued for the month of July 2020.

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 Trevino made the motion to accept and approve the leases as 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 Kinney 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 June 11, 2020 through July 08, 2020. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Trevino the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 12: ADJOURN: at 10:56 a.m.