

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	CHAD KINNEY	CHAIRMAN
	STACY REYES	SECRETARY
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	STEVEN KENDRICK	MEMBER
	ERNESTO CAVAZOS	MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS	PORT DIRECTOR
	ALLISON RODRIGUEZ	ATTORNEY
	FRANK VASQUEZ	PORT SUPERINTENDENT
	LETTY MARTINEZ	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ABSENT:	DAVID MAYES	PORT CHIEF
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Chad Kinney, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Kinney called for affidavits of conflict of interest, and there were none.

Item No. 1: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the March 08, 2023 board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kendrick 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:

Hill Culpepper/documents: Mr. Culpepper advised the board he had requested documents by board and attorney through the Freedom Information Act and he received the documents. Mr. Culpepper stated that its illegal to run for office in Texas with a felony and is asking Chad Kinney to resign from the board, If he cannot make Mr. Kinney resign he advised the board he will go to the DA requesting all documents for the past 3 years. Mr. Culpepper is also requesting more transparency.

Josh Garst/meeting: Mr. Garst stated that there are 20 people outside of the board room, that we must look out for the community.

Wayne Davis/town hall meeting: Mr. Davis advised the board that there should be meetings in Port Mansfield more often. Mr. Davis stated there has only been 1 meeting

held in Port Mansfield in a year. Lack of transparency can create distress, and the board should be more open about projects.

Item No. 3: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION: Commissioner Trevino made the motion to adopt an ordinance governing residential subdivision requirements within the Willacy County Navigation District, which follows that Port Mansfield is not a colonia. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BID PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR WATER LINE AND SEWER LINE UPGRADES IN NEW PORT SUBDIVISION AS PROPOSED BY FERRIS AND FLYNN: 3 bids were submitted for water line and sewer line upgrades in New Port Subdivision proposed by Ferris and Flynn after the project was advertised by the Raymondville Chronicle News and other papers. After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to award Carlos Luna with a recommendation letter for the packet submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and vote unanimously carried. Director Mills advised that PMPUD had assumed responsibility for alternate for \$266K.

Item No. 5: PORT POLICE CHIEF MONTHLY SUMMARY REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, CRIME REPORTS AND STATISTICS, ARRESTS, CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, MIGRANT ACTIVITY LAND AND WASTER RESCUES, PUBLIC SAFETY RELATED INFORMATION, PERSONNEL MATTERS AND EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY MATTERS: No report, Chief Mayes was absent.

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

- Status of TXDOT Grant for bike and walking paths: hired a grant writer for the Grant pre-application for bike and walking paths. It is in the process of submitting the package and was asked if possible to allow use of golf carts.
- Port of the future conference: Ports of Future in Houston was a week long meeting to develop Port from the ground up.
- Blue Sky Maritime coalition membership submission: applied for the Membership Blue Sky Maritime coalition, goal for all people to get together.
- Sediment exclusion project for cut and harbor entrance update: working on 2 years now, package and proposal is already done. Awaiting meetings with GLO Commissioner and PINS Superintendent
- Website update status: upgrade of the website will show audits and a section of grants we are working on.

- Medical clinic agreement pending: there are 2 doctors that have come together for a clinic in Port. And we hope to tie ambulance service to the project.
- Warehousing for manufacturing facility and grocery store: a warehouse for manufacturing facility wants to put their warehouse at Port and wants to set aside space for grocery store.
- Approaching final details on desalination plant: there are 3 groups that came in to offer desalination, providing 90M gallons of water a day for their facilities if possible.

Item No.7: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2023: The building authorizations issued for the month of March, 2023 were reviewed or discussed.

Item No. 8: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, CANCELLED LEASES AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASE: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized leases. Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to accept and approve the leases as presented. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 9: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After review of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Trevino 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 March 09, 2023 through April 19, 2023. The motion was then seconded by Commissioner Cavazos the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 10: ADJOURN: meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m..