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 11, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: ALBERTO TREVINO MEMBER

STEVEN KENDRICK MEMBER ERNESTO CAVAZOS MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT: RON MILLS PORT DIRECTOR

ALLISON RODRIGUEZ ATTORNEY

DE LEON PORT POLICE OFFICER

LETTY MARTINEZ ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT

ABSENT: CHAD KINNEY CHAIRMAN

STACY REYES SECRETARY

Alberto Trevino, Pro-Tem Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Trevino called for affidavits of conflict of interest, and there was none.

Item No. 1: <u>REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING</u> <u>MINUTES</u>: Upon review of the August 14, 2024 board meeting minutes, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

Bauer: addressed the board that Port Director Mills has accused him of shooting a deer and is preventing him from helping out the Texas Youth Hunt Program. Mr. Bauer stated that the accusations are false. He has helped the Texas Youth Hunt Program for the past 3 years.

Item No. 3: <u>DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON 2024 TAX RATES AS PRESCRIBED</u> <u>WILLACY COUNTY TAX OFFICE</u>: After board discussion on the 2024 tax rates for Willacy County Tax Office, Commissioner Kendrick accepted the .0831 tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and vote unanimously carried.

- Item No. 4: <u>DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON 2024 TEXAS YOUTH HUNT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES</u>: After discussion on the 2024 Texas Youth Hunt Program, Commissioner Cavazos accepted to permit a limited hunt of 5 to 10 kids per hunt. Commissioner Cavazos advised Ron Mills, Port Director to contact the FFA schools and address them about the Texas Youth Hunt program activities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and vote unanimously carried.
- Item No. 5: <u>DISCUSSION ON PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS FOLLOWED FOR</u> 2024 <u>ELECTION CYCLE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATES</u> <u>DEPT., LEGAL OFFICE</u>: Ron Mills, Port Director discussed the protocols for 2024 election cycle as prescribed by the Secretary of States Department.

Item No. 6: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

- American Climate Club/CADA Partnership Agreement Status for EPA Grant program
- Item No. 7: <u>REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED</u> <u>FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2024</u>: The building authorizations issued for the month of August, 2024 were reviewed and discussed.
- Item No. 8: <u>REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL</u>, <u>COMMERCIAL</u>, <u>CANCELLED LEASES AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASE</u>: There was no residential, commercial leases to be presented to the board for this month.
- Item No. 9: <u>REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS:</u> After review of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Cavazos 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 August 15, 2024 through September 11, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and the vote unanimously carried.
- Item No. 10: EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Cavazos made the motion to Table this item to next month meeting due to not having full attendance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and the vote unanimously carried.
 - PERSONNEL MATTER CONSIDERATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, TEXAS GOV'T CODE, TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR.
- Item No. 11. Adjourn: meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.