

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:	STACY REYES	SECRETARY
	ALBERTO TREVINO	MEMBER
	STEVEN KENDRICK	MEMBER
	ERNESTO CAVAZOS	MEMBER
ALSO PRESENT:	RON MILLS	PORT DIRECTOR
	ALLISON RODRIGUEZ	ATTORNEY
	DAVID MAYES	PORT POLICE CHIEF
	DE LEON	PORT POLICE OFFICER
	LETTY MARTINEZ	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
	ERIC KENNEDY	

Alberto Trevion, Pro-Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:07 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: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Upon review of the October 09, 2024 board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

Jason Graham: began with a burst of profanity and angrily complained about loud music and foul language from Blue's Bar & Grill, then he explained he was trying to offer a sample or what he hears at Blue's Bar & Grill located near his home. Mr. Graham accused the Willacy County Navigation District for ignoring his complaints about the loud music and profanity because the bar is owned by former Chairman Chad Kinney. On September 28 he complained to Port Mansfield Police Chief Mayes claiming the loud music and he was cited for disorderly conduct.

John King: requesting a copy of land ownership for Port Mansfield, would like to find out who owns the dirt since it is not stated on the lease.

Miller Bassler: spoke about the most recent WCND election results, said that the people of Willacy County Navigation District have spoken and delivered a clear and decisive mandate that this board was headed in the wrong direction with plans to turn Port

Mansfield into a shipping container. Mr. Bassler addressed the board that numerous fabrications and lies had been posted on social media by board member Stacy Reyes, whom attempted to slander and defame the character of local businessman to discredit the campaign in contest of Mr. Brown against Mr. Cavazos.

Marsha Visser: addressed the board that she is looking forward to Mr. Kennedys leadership and has work for the next election coming up. Ms. Visser thanked Mr. Brown and Mr. Kennedy for delivering the message out to the public that the container project is a bad idea.

Bernice Burton: addressed the board that she has seen people on social media representing NAS videos.

Mark Sanchez: from Edinburg, Texas, his past history started with NAS, purpose to provide solutions and rights. Sanchez, stated that Briseno operates out of Tampico and provided strategic plans. They specialize on environmental studies and would like to bring positive opportunities and about 200 jobs into this city.

Item No. 3: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2024-003 CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 05, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION: Commissioner Kendrick made the motion on the 2024 resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the November 05, 2024 General Election as follows:

Chairman At-Large:

Eric Kennedy - 1,333, Mario Garcia - 943, George Solis - 791, and former Chairman Chad Kinney - 392.

Eric Kennedy will take office as Chairman at-large.

Precinct 1, Commissioner:

Ernesto Cavazos - 606, Mark Brown - 572.

Ernesto Cavazos will continue his position as Commissioner for Precinct 1.

The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: SWEARING IN AND OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS: Judge Aurelio Guerra presented the swearing in and oath of office to the newly elected officials.

- a. Commissioner, At-large/Eric Kennedy
- b. Commissioner, Precinct 1/Ernesto Cavazos

Item No. 5: REVIEW OF STATUTORY GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE WCND AS PER TEXAS LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES: Ron Mills, Port Director read portions of the Texas Water Code which explains the laws and tax legislative guidelines that direct the board members on WCND duties.

Item No. 6: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION INSTRUCTING THE EXECUTIVE PORT DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO REVIEW ALL LEASE RATES FOR ALL LEASE HOLD PROPERTY: After discussion, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to instruct Executive Port Director Mills to enter into a contract with a third party auditor to review all lease rates for all lease hold property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and vote unanimously carried.

ITEM No. 7: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Update on public relation company contract:
- Pending lease cancellation for Block 34, Lot 44 & 45 (Means), Block B, Lot 21 (Trinity Oaks) and Block A, Lot 24 (Snyder): leases will not be canceled due to lessees submitting the annual payment dues.
- Youth Hunt projected dates and numbers – also status of nelgi hunts: Evenings 5 kids 2 nelgi each.
- TXDOT Grant payments update: \$308K pending/expecting 220K this month
- Army Corp dredging plans were announced.
- Bids for the seawall/bulkhead were opened and will be presented to board for December meeting: Bids for the seawall/bulkhead will be presented to the Board on December 11, 2024 board meeting.

Item No. 8: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2024: The building authorizations issued for the month of October, 2024 were reviewed and discussed.

Item No. 9: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, CANCELLED LEASES AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASE: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized leases, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to accept and approve the leases as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 10: 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 October 10, 2024 through November 13, 2024. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 11: Adjourn: at approximately 10:18 a.m.