

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT

DATE: <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, MAY 14, 2025 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: 400 W. HIDALGO, SUITE 200, RAYMONDVILLE, TX 78580

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PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Commission may go into executive session at any time during the meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda when authorized to do so by the provisions of Section 418.183 or Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Commission elects to go into executive session regarding any other agenda item, the presiding officer will publicly announce the section or sections of the Texas Government Code authorizing the executive session.

AGENDA:

 REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

ACTION REQUIRED

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 3. PRESENTATION BY TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED ON RECENT NILGAI POPULATION COUNT AND POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF HARVESTING CONTRACT WITH BROKEN ARROW
- BORDER AFFAIRS PUBLIC RELATIONS PERFORMANCE REPORT PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION
 - LIST OF EMPLOYEES AND ASSOCIATES
 - LIST OF PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE RESOURCES
 - LIST OF PRESENT AND PAST CLIENTS
- 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A 3 PERCENT CLOSING FEE TO ANY LICENSED REALTOR BRINGING LOTS IN NEW PORT SUBDIVISION TO CLOSING

ACTION REQUIRED

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL DEBRIS FEE FROM ITS CURRENT \$50 TO \$75.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INCREASE LEASE ACTION REQUIRED RATES ON ALL SMALL BOAT BASIN LEASES BY 5 PERCENT.
- 8. PORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - UPDATE ON LEASE STATUS FOR BLK 34 LOTS 44 AND 45
 - UPDATE ON MEETING LIVESTREAMING PROJECT

- 9. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025
- 10. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL, ACTION REQUIRED COMMERCIAL TRANSFER OF LEASES, BOAT STALL LEASE TRANSFERS AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASE
- 11. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS AND ANY DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS ON MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

ACTION REQUIRED

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Closed session pursuant to Sec. 551.074, Tex. Gov't code, to follow up on discussions as intended during the March 12, 2025 Board Meeting on the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Executive Port Director, and as part of the planned WCND review process.

Closed session pursuant to Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code, for legal briefing regarding municipal incorporation inside the boundaries of the Willacy County Navigation District

- 13. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
- 14. ADJOURN

RONALD D. MILLS, PORT DIRECTOR

I, SUSANA GARZA, COUNTY CLERK OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE POSTED A COPY OF THE ABOVE NOTICE AT THE WILLACY COUNTY COURTHOUSE ON THE 9TH DAY OF MAY 2025.

<u>Alma Mireles</u>, <u>Deputy</u> Clerk SUSANA GARZA, COUNTY CLERK WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

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Field Harvesting Wild Game

Our process is unique in the world - the first fully inspected, year-round harvesting of truly free-range wild game meat. Wild animals humanely harvested provide ranchers income and customers with the purest meat available anywhere. Broken Arrow Ranch pays all landowners for the meat harvested from their property. Our vision for a Pure process is embodied in the belief that we must create a system that is sustainable, from the herd to the landowner. In the course of a year, we will cull from over 40 unique ranch properties across the state.



Humane and Responsible

We conduct harvests in the most ecologically responsible way. Wildlife biologists typically set an exact number of animals to be taken to maximize the health of the herd and keep the land in balance. We create a self- regenerating economy whereby herds can grow healthier and ranches become more profitable using their natural resources. This enables landowners to keep the land healthy and wild.

Animals are quietly and quickly harvested by highly experienced sharpshooters using high powered rifles equipped with sound suppressors on the muzzle. Our policy is nothing less than surgical precision when taking an animal life and all hunting standards are strictly adhered to. Rifles, hunting and taking life is very serious for us.

Processing and Inspection Onsite

Broken Arrow Ranch's innovative mobile processing unit follows the truck for the harvest, and game is immediately processed onsite and moved into the refrigeration unit. The required meat inspector is onsite as well, making sure all game meets food inspection standards.

Benefits to Landowners

Landowners are paid for every animal taken. We believe in making this sustainable for the people whose land we are using, and want to financially promote people's investment in wild game populations. Herds are kept at ideal sizes, creating a stronger and more balanced ecosystem. The land becomes healthier, and Texas stays beautiful.

Benefits To The Rancher From Commercial Deer Harvesting

- Population management for a sustainable habitat
- Receive income from surplus animals
- Selective, one-by-one method ensures the "right" animals are harvested
- No animal stress
- Philosophical assurance venison is in demand as a healthy meat
- Alternative option to trapping



What We Do

Since 1983 Broken Arrow Ranch has been commercially harvesting surplus exotic deer and antelope for venison from Texas ranches. We have been a reliable and respected option for population management. The animals are processed and packaged for sale to fine dining restaurants and individual consumers throughout the United States.

How We Do It

A harvesting crew (shooter and skinner) travels to the ranch accompanied by a state meat inspector. We also tow a mobile processing facility to the ranch where the harvested animals are skinned and eviscerated. Animals are field-harvested with minimal stress by a long-distance head shot, typically 50 to 200 yards. We use a noise suppressor on the rifle to minimize disturbance to other animals. The processed animals are weighed then hung in the mobile processing facility's built-in cooler built for transport back to our Ingram plant.



What The Rancher Can Expect From Us

We will discuss arrangements with the rancher before coming to the property. We will harvest only those animals designated. We will respect the property. We will harvest animals in a humane way and do as little as possible to disturb other animals on the property. We will gladly provide a list of references from ranches that we have been working with over the past years. Payment for the animals harvested will be made within 10 days from harvest.

What We Expect From The Rancher

We expect you to help us maximize the efficiency of our harvesting. However, we do not purchase animals that are penned in small areas just for shooting purposes. This practice stresses animals and negatively affects meat quality. Our expectation is to harvest a minimum of 15 animals in a period of 6 to 8 hours. We need a ranch representative to drive and assist our shooter in identifying animals for harvest. We will need to have availability of running water for our processing facility. Our normal harvesting area is typically within a 300 mile radius of Kerrville, TX. We will travel further on a case-by-case basis but cannot conduct harvests outside of Texas.

Harvest Forms & Information: These harvest forms can be viewed and printed. Adobe Reader is required.

Commercial Exotic Animal Harvesting Information and Agreement
 (https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0136/6369/9001/files/Broken_Arrow_Ranch_Harvesting_Packet_HC.pdf?v=1642612894)

Info

If you are interested in hosting a hunt please email us at Harvest(at)brokenarrowranch.com or contact us (/pages/contact).

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