

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 09, 2025 at 9:00 A.M., 400 W. Hidalgo, Ste 200, Raymondville, TX with the following members present:

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

Eric Kennedy, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.; upon conclusion of roll call, it was ascertained that a quorum was present. Kennedy 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 March 12, 2025 board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes with a correction on the motion on item number 4. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and vote carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

Melissa Murphy: spoke about property damage caused by Cornet Construction during sewer line installation for the New Port Subdivision. Ms. Murphy addressed the board that Cornet Construction damaged her property and promised to repair it with fill dirt but never did. Ms. Murphy suggests the Navigation District to consider spending money to fix the drainage issues in the older part of town instead of spending \$70,000 on PR firm.

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONTRACTING WITH THIRD PARTY LAW FIRM TO REVIEW PUBLICLY DISPUTED LEASES FOR MANSFIELD POINT AND MANSFIELD MARINA: After discussion on contracting with third party law firm to review publicly disputed leases for Mansfield Point and Mansfield Marina, no action was taken.

Item No. 4: DISCUSSION AND ACTION CONDUCTING MEETINGS IN PORT MANSFIELD AND LASARA ON A QUARTERLY BASIS: After discussion on conducting meetings in Port Mansfield and Lasara on a quarterly basis, no action was taken.

Item No. 5: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REAFFIRMING AND FULLY IMPLEMENTING LEASE RATES APPROVED BY WCND BOARD JANUARY 25, 2016: After board discussion, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to implement lease rates approved in January, 2016, changing the industrial basin and entry harbor to \$24.00. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes.

Item No. 6: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL SESSION MEETING DATE FOR PRELIMINARY BUDGET WORKSHOP: After board discussion, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to establish a budget workshop on April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes.

Item No. 7: DISCUSSION ON BORDER AFFAIRS DIRECTION TO IMPROVE WCND PUBLIC PERCEPTION: The goal is to provide content for performance reports. The plan is to reach out to the community and gather information on activities and progress. A digital newsletter will be created. The website will be enhanced for economic development, a port plan and community outreach.

Item No. 8: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Investigating improved time keeping progress for staff what meets the needs of personnel in field, main office and police: the current timekeeping system may not be adequate for the organization's diverse workforce (field workers, police department, administrative personnel).

A workshop will be held to discuss the timekeeping issue and potential recommendations. The goal is to ensure accountability especially for hourly employees.

- Update on livestreaming project: the goal is to have live streaming of meetings operational by the June meeting. The system will use cameras to provide a general view of the room and focus on whoever is speaking. The aim is to eliminate ambiguity about who is speaking during meetings.

Item No. 9: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2025: The building authorizations issued for the month of March, 2025 were reviewed and discussed.

Item No. 10: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, CANCELLED LEASES AND COLLATERAL TRANSFER OF LEASE: Upon review and discussion of each described and itemized leases, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to accept and approve the leases as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick.

Item No. 11: 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 13, 2025 through April 09, 2025. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes.

Item No. 12: Adjourn: at approximately 10:17 a.m.