

STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF WILLACY }

THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE WILLACY COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT met in Regular Session Wednesday, January 08, 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
	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, 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 December 11, 2024, board meeting minutes, Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to approve the previous board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 2: PUBLIC COMMENT(S):

William Bauer: addressed the board that Culpepper is having to deal with concerned questions; a new lease for the property next door to Culpepper, a building permit, and if an RV park will be on Marshall Hardins' property.

Brad Horner: Culpepper – if there is anything written on Hardins lease for an RV Park near the water? Did any money get paid to the property next to Culpepper?

Miller Bassler: addressed the board on behalf of the concerned citizens to move forward with hope to start to heal and remove from NAS, to unite common ground and channels. For WCND to commit and find new solutions and ways for Port Mansfield. Mr. Bassler also addressed the board that the Police department is not enforcing the “no wake ordinance” in the harbor, the board should take down the threatening signs.

Holly Trojacak: seeking transparency, stated that on March 20, 2021 the board voted unanimously to hold at least 1 meeting per quarter in Port Mansfield in the evenings so that the residents could be able to attend. Ms, Trojacak's request is to put on the agenda to conduct meetings in Port Mansfield.

Item No. 3: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY AUDIT SCOPE AND DETAIL, AND TO SET A WORKSHOP DATE REGARDING THE SAME: After board discussion regarding real property audit scope and detail, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to set a workshop date for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 4: PORT DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Update on Youth Hunt Harvest and future dates: has not been successful, a total of 69 bucks last week. A little over 100 deer for the year.
- Update on possible future workshop on salaried and hourly positions within WCND: to schedule a budget workshop meeting around April to discuss salaried and hourly positions.
- Report on Current WCND CD investments and rates.

Item No. 5: REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF BUILDING AUTHORIZATIONS ISSUED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2024: The building authorizations issued for the month of December, 2024 were reviewed and discussed.

Item No. 6: 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 Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 7: REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF CHECKS AND VOUCHERS: After review of the checks and vouchers, Commissioner Kendrick 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 December 12, 2024 through January 08, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and the vote Unanimously carried.

Item No. 8: EXECUTIVE SESSION –

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SEC. 551.071 AND 551.072, TEXAS GOV'T CODE; TO RECEIVE ATTORNEY ADVICE AND DELIBERATE THE LEASE OF REAL

PROPERTY (MARINE TERMINAL SERVICES AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE WCND AND NORTH AMERICAN STANDARDS).

Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to not close the executive session, and have an open executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Trevino and the vote unanimously carried.

North American Standards tried to prevent cancellation by sending in a check. However, Commissioner Trevino made the motion to refuse the offer due to North American Standards being declared in default. The motion was seconded by Secretary Reyes and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 9: CONSIDERATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, IF ANY REGARDING THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY (MARINE TERMINAL SERVICES AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE WCND AND NORTH AMERICAN STANDARDS.

Commissioner Kendrick made the motion to terminate the Marine Terminal Services agreement between the WCND and North American Standards due to non-performance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and the vote unanimously carried.

Item No. 10 Adjourn: at approximately 9:41 a.m.