

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND
CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HELD MAY 29, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.**

The Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, held a special meeting on **Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.**

The following individuals were present and absent:

PRESENT: Esteban Guerra, Chairman
John Reed
John Wood
Ernesto Gutierrez

ABSENT: Sergio Tito Lopez

ALSO PRESENT: William Dietrich, Interim Port Director and CEO
Daniel Rentfro, District Counsel
William Irwin, District Counsel

STAFF MEMBERS: Ariel Chavez
Arturo Gomez
Margie Recio
Julio Romo
Janie Velasquez
Zeus Yanez
Tony Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT: None

1. Meeting Called To Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Public Audience

No person registered to address the Board.

Commissioner Reed then moved to table Items 3 and 4 and adjourn into executive session, Commissioner Wood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 2:07 p.m.

3. Consideration and ACTION to ratify authorizing the Port Director & CEO to submit an application, for a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI) Grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

4. Consideration and ACTION to approve the amendment of the Project Partnership Agreement for the Brazos Island Harbor (BIH) Channel Improvement Project, and to authorize payment as reflected in the amendment to the agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 5. Adjourn into Executive Session, as authorized by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss with attorneys matters in which the duty of the attorneys under the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 (§ 551.071).

Chairman Guerra reconvened the meeting in open session at 3:02 p.m.

Chairman Guerra then recalled Item 3.

Consideration and ACTION to ratify authorizing the Port Director & CEO to submit an application, for a Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program (CFI) Grant to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Commissioner Wood moved to ratify the submission of an application for a CFI grant, Commissioner Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Guerra then recalled Item 4.

Consideration and ACTION to approve the amendment of the Project Partnership Agreement for the Brazos Island Harbor (BIH) Channel Improvement Project, and to authorize payment as reflected in the amendment to the agreement. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the amendment of the Project Partnership Agreement and to authorize payment as reflected in the amendment, noting the District’s intention to pursue reimbursement through state or federal funding and/or state or federal loan programs, Commissioner Wood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Possible Action on matters or items discussed in Executive Session.

- 7. Adjournment.

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Reed seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:07 p.m.

ATTEST

John Reed, Secretary

Esteban Guerra
Chairman of the Board