

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND  
CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF  
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HELD APRIL 24, 2018 AT 4:00 P.M.**

The Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, held a regular meeting on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.** The following individuals were present and absent:

**PRESENT:** John Wood, Chairman  
John Reed  
Sergio Tito Lopez  
Carlos Masso  
Ralph Cowen

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Eduardo A. Campirano, Port Director and CEO  
Daniel Rentfro Jr., District Counsel  
William J. Irwin, Associate District Counsel

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Donna Eymard  
Bea Rosenbaum  
Ariel Chavez  
Steve Fitzgibbons  
Jaime Martinez  
Chief Carlos Garcia  
Lieutenant Mario Esquivel  
Michael Davis  
Tony Rodriguez  
Steve Tyndal  
Oscar Garcia  
Patty Gonzales  
Debby Duke  
Margie Recio

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tony Martinez  
Commissioner Sofia Benavidez  
Alan Simon  
Nico Schaefer  
Steve Clark

**1. Meeting Called To Order**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

- 2. Adjourn into Executive Session, as authorized by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Government Code to discuss with attorneys pending or contemplated litigation and matters in which the duty of the attorneys under the Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflict with Chapter 551; and to conduct deliberations regarding real property (§551.072).**

Commissioner Masso moved to adjourn into executive session, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Chairman then announced that the time was 4:02 p.m. and that the Board would adjourn into executive session.

The Chairman then announced that the time was 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Cowen moved to reconvene into open session, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

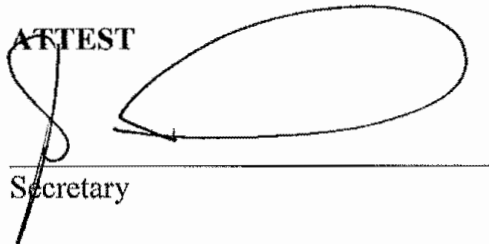
- 3. Consideration and action on proposed "Option Agreement to Lease Property" with Big River Steel, LLC, covering approximately 800 acres adjacent to State Highway 48 and the Brownsville Ship Channel, for the construction of a steel production facility.**

The Chairman briefly addressed the Board regarding the proposed option agreement between the BND and Big River Steel, LLC. Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the Option Agreement to Lease Property as presented in executive session, Commissioner Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

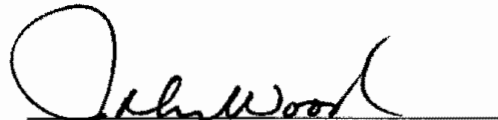
- 4. Adjournment.**

Commissioner Cowen moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:43 p.m.

ATTEST



Secretary



John Wood  
Chairman of the Board