

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF NAVIGATION AND
CANAL COMMISSIONERS OF THE BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT OF
CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS HELD DECEMBER 03, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District of Cameron County, Texas, held a regular meeting of the board on **Wednesday, December 03, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.**

The following individuals were present and absent:

PRESENT: Esteban Guerra
Sergio Tito Lopez
John Reed
John Wood
Ernesto Gutierrez

ABSENT: None

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

STAFF MEMBERS: Michael Davis
Janie Velasquez
Yessenia Gonzalez
Estela Rangel
Manuel Martinez
Santos Barbosa
Zeus Yanez
Jorge Montero
Julio Romo
Tony Rodriguez
Ervey Gonzalez
Guillermo Rico
Miguel Barajas
Juan Resendez
Carlos Garza
Karina Franco
Ana Pascual

OTHERS PRESENT: Rev. Andreas Lewis
Mark Clive
Bobby Daniels
Ernesto Segrera
Eduardo Garcia
Patrick Alvarez

Albert Perez
Melissa Harrison
Jorge Sanchez
Kevin Garza
Ricardo Pedraza
Jonathan Sakulenzki
Marco Cavazos

REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting Called To Order

At 5:30 p.m. Chairman Guerra called to order the regular meeting. Reverend Lewis offered a prayer. The Chairman then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

2. Public Audience

There was none.

3. Director's Report

The Board received the report.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

4. Consideration and ACTION on the Following Consent Agenda Item:

- a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2025.
- b. Approval to authorize payments over \$25,000.00
 1. HDR Engineering, Inc., the amount of \$81,054.38, for engineering services for Cargo Dock 3 Reconstruction project and Cargo Dock 15 and 16 Deepening Evaluation project.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Commissioner Gutierrez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and Possible ACTION on proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget.

Mr. Dietrich asked that this item be tabled. Commissioner Lopez moved to table Item 5, Commissioner Wood seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration and ACTION on applications received for renewal of Line Handling Permits to Brownsville Mooring, LLC and M&M Mooring & Marine Services, Inc.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that Brownsville Mooring, LLC and M&M Mooring & Marine Services, Inc. currently hold active Line Handling Permits authorizing them to operate within the Port of Brownsville. These permits are set to expire on December 31, 2025. Both companies have

submitted complete renewal applications requesting a one-year extension of their permits. All required documentation and attachments have been provided in accordance with the established permit renewal guidelines. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the renewal of Line Handling Permits for Brownsville Mooring, LLC and M&M Mooring & Marine Services, Inc. for a one-year term, effective January 1, 2026, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

BIDS/AGREEMENTS/PURCHASES

7. Consideration and ACTION on the Grantee/Operators agreement between the Brownsville Navigation District and Gulf Stream Marine – Foreign Trade Zone No. 62.

Mr. Rodriguez addressed the Board that Gulf Stream Marine has submitted a request for Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) activation for approximately 5-8 acres of its 20-acre laydown area on patio 22 located at 11200 RL Ostos, Brownsville, TX 78521. The requested FTZ activation will support general-purpose warehousing and laydown area operations. The scope of activity will include the storage and handling of steel products. All required documentation has been submitted and reviewed for compliance with applicable FTZ regulations and requirements. The agreement has met all necessary criteria and is now ready for Board consideration and approval. Commissioner Reed moved to approve Gulf Stream Marine, under the Port of Brownsville Magnet Site, as an Operator of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 62 and authorization to proceed with the FTZ activation request, Commissioner Lopez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and ACTION to approve extension of contract for the purchase of testing & lab services for BND wastewater treatment plants.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that on April 05, 2023, the Board of Commissioners authorized the purchase agreement for Testing and Lab Services. The agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2025. Vendor has agreed to exercise the Option of Extension of Contract agreement with the Brownsville Navigation District for one year upon the same initial terms and no increase in unit price. Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the agreement extension to SPL from Kilgore, TX, for Testing and Lab Services for BND Wastewater Treatment Plants for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, Commissioner Gutierrez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration and ACTION to approve extension of contracts for the purchase and delivery of less than 12% clay sand.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that on March 01, 2023, the Board of Commissioners authorized a purchase agreement for the purchase and delivery of less than 12% clay sand. The Purchase Agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2025. Vendor has agreed to exercise the option of Extension of Contract agreement with the Brownsville Navigation District for one year upon the same initial terms and no increase in unit price. Commissioner Wood moved to approve the purchase agreement extension with Olmito Sand Pit at a cost of \$17.30 per Cubic Yard for the purchase and delivery of less than 12% clay sand, for period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, Commissioner Gutierrez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration and ACTION to approve extension of contracts for the purchase and delivery of limestone for BND projects.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that on March 01, 2023, the Board of Commissioners authorized purchase agreements for the purchase and delivery of limestone. Purchase Agreements are due to expire on December 31, 2025. Three Vendors have agreed to Exercise the Option of Extension of Contract agreement for Crushed Limestone with the Brownsville Navigation District for one year upon the same initial terms and no increase in unit price. Discussion followed regarding prices for the limestone. Commissioner Lopez requested that spot checks be performed to weigh trucks delivering limestone. Commissioner Lopez moved to approve the purchase agreement extensions to Primary Supplier Calixa Aggregates, LLC, at a cost of \$35.00/ton, Secondary Supplier, TD America Limestone Products at a cost of \$35.64/ton, and Tertiary Supplier Vulcan Materials Company at a cost of \$38.00/ton for the purchase and delivery of Crushed Limestone, each for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, Commissioner Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

11. Consideration and ACTION to approve extension of contracts for hauling services, as needed.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that on March 01, 2023, the Board of Commissioners authorized purchase agreements for the purchase of hauling services. The Purchasing Agreements are due to expire on December 31, 2025. Two vendors have agreed to exercise the option of Extension of Contract agreement with the Brownsville Navigation District for one year upon the same initial terms and no increase in unit price. Commissioner Wood moved to approve the purchase agreement extensions to primary provider, J. Molina Trucking, LLC, at a cost of \$74.75/hr., and to secondary hauling provider, Rio Grande Hauling, LLC, at a cost of \$88.70/hr. for hauling services as needed. The New Agreement extension would be for period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

12. Consideration and ACTION to approve selection of medical insurance benefits for all BND employees.

Mr. Dietrich addressed the Board that the District solicited proposals for medical insurance coverage for the 2026 plan year. The current medical plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) BlueChoice PPO expires December 31, 2025. The District's goals in seeking proposals were to maintain benefits comparable to the current plan, minimize provider disruption for employees, ensure broad network access, and obtain the most cost-effective premium structure. Multiple proposals were received and evaluated based on their benefit coverage, network strength, plan design, and overall value to the District. These proposals included the BCBS renewal and competitive alternatives from other carriers, such as Curative, Cigna, and UnitedHealthcare. Commissioner Reed thanked BND Staff for their efforts in reviewing and evaluating the proposals. Commissioner Wood moved to select the UnitedHealthcare proposal provided by Higginbotham Insurance Agency for medical insurance benefits, Commissioner Reed seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13. 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; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property (§551.072); to deliberate the deployment of security personnel or devices (§551.076); to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee (§551.074); and to conduct deliberations regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087).


There was none.

14. Possible ACTION on matters or items discussed in Executive Session.

There was none.

15. Adjournment.

Commissioner Reed moved to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Wood seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:45 p.m.


~~Esteban Guerra~~ *Sergio Tito Lopez*
~~Chairman of the Board~~ *Vice chairman*

ATTEST



John Reed, Secretary