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COUNTY OF CAMERON §

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**NOTICE OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE
BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Brownsville Navigation District will meet on **August 19, 2026**, in the Board Room located at 1000 Foust Road, Brownsville, Cameron County, Texas. The Board of Commissioners will convene in a **Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m.**

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REGULAR MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Public Audience.

If you wish to address the Board of Commissioners during the Public Audience portion of today's meeting about either an **item on this agenda or other issue**, please print your name and the agenda item or topic of discussion you wish to address on the Sign-In-Sheet located at the Reception Desk.

In accordance with BND Policy, only those persons who have signed up on the list shall be heard. The speaker must limit remarks to three minutes. The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes for the Public Audience portion of the meeting. Complaints and concerns for which other channels of resolution are provided shall be directed through those channels. If the Chairman of the Board determines that a person has not attempted to resolve a matter administratively, the person shall be directed to the appropriate individual for attempted resolution before bringing the matter to the Board. A complaint against specific employees or officers of the BND shall be heard in a Closed Meeting, as authorized by the *Texas Government Code Title 5 – Sections 551.074(1) and (2)*. If your topic concerns a complaint against a specific employee or officer, please note this on the sign-in sheet. You must make your points on issues in a constructive and courteous fashion pursuant to *Robert's Rules of Order*.

3. Port Monthly Operations Summary Report

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

All Consent Agenda Items listed are considered to be routine by the BND Commission and will be approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless at least one BND Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately in the Regular Agenda.

4. Consideration and ACTION on the following Consent Agenda Items:

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 05, 2026. 8

b. Approval to authorize payments over \$25,000. 21

	Vendor	Purpose	Amount	
1.	HDR Engineering, Inc.	Engineering services for the Cargo Dock 3 – Phase 1 project.	\$125,621.04	22

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PRESENTATION

5. Presentation of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service Workforce Development. (WD) 27

6. Presentation by Staff of the BND's boundary map and discussion regarding BND's real estate availability. (AG) 30

APPOINTMENTS

7. Appointment of Commissioners to Information Technology and Pension Plan Advisory Committees. (WD) 31

ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and Possible ACTION of proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget Amendments. (ZY) 32

9. Consideration and ACTION to acknowledge receipt of Revised Certified Property Tax calculations for the District's 2026 tax year levy. (ZY) 40

10. Consideration and ACTION to discuss and vote on a 2026 Proposed Tax Rate for the Brownsville Navigation District. (ZY) 52

11. Consideration and ACTION on Adoption of the Maximum Local-Option Residence Homestead Exemption for individuals who are Disabled or Age 65 or older Pursuant to Texas Property Tax Code §11.13. (ZY) 54

12. Consideration and ACTION to authorize Grant Application Submission for FY 2026 United States Marine Highway Program Funding Opportunity. (MR) 55

13. Consideration and ACTION on Assignments, Negotiations, Easements, Subleases, and Contracts in General: (JV)

1.	Glenfarne North America Interconnect, LLC. (Authority to Negotiate – Option to Lease)	59
2.	Christopher Lee Hernandez d/b/a Hernandez Seafood (Renewal of Lease)	62
3.	BioUrja Brownsville Terminal, LLC (Consent to Change of Control)	65

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. 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).

1. Discussion with attorney regarding potential acquisition of real property and deliberations regarding purchase, sale, lease, or value of approximately 34.44 acres, more or less, described as Cameron Appraisal District Property ID 118626. (§§ 551.071 and 551.072)
2. Discussion with attorney regarding potential acquisition of real property and deliberations regarding purchase, sale, lease or value of certain acreage in Share 7 of San Martin Grant, Cameron County, Texas. (§§ 551.071 and 551.072).

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

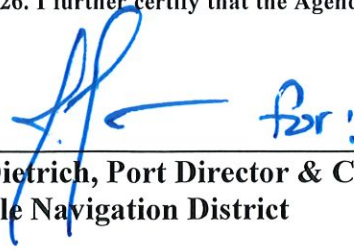
1. Action, if any, pertaining to Item 14(1), including ratification of a contract for purchase of real property.
2. Action, if any, pertaining to Item 14(2), including authorization for Port Director and CEO to execute a letter of intent relating to the potential acquisition of real property.

16. Adjournment.

NOTE: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to discuss any items in Executive Session whenever authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Title 5 of the *Texas Government Code*.

NOTE: The Brownsville Navigation District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission of, access to, treatment of, or employment in its programs, activities, or public meetings. Any individual with a disability in need of an accommodation is encouraged to contact the Director of Human Resources by Monday, no later than 5:00 P.M., to make proper arrangements.

I certify that a copy of the August 19, 2026 Agenda of items to be considered by the Brownsville Navigation District Commission was posted on the Bulletin Area at the BND Building on August 13, 2026. I further certify that the Agenda was posted on the BND's website and can be downloaded by accessing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "WD", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the letters "for:" are handwritten in blue ink.

William Dietrich, Port Director & CEO
Brownsville Navigation District