

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2019, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 20th day of February 2019, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Prajeres Gutierrez, Secretary
Artemio Palacios, Member
Tony Martinez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Larry Hernandez, Vice-Chairman

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
PRESENT:** None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER
ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Carrillo

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Administrative Assistant
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison

OTHER PRESENT: Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Karla, Moya, Finance Director
Fabiola Sanchez, Asst. Finance Director
Omar Anzaldua, City Engineering
David Moreno, CBP
Hollis Rutledge Representative
Sgt. Orlando Barrera, DPS
Lt. Robert Pena, DPS

There being a quorum established Chairman Edgar Delgadillo called the meeting to order.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

ITEM "1": ROLL CALL-EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS.

Chairman Delgadillo called the meeting to order. All members were present during roll call except Vice-Chairman Hernandez. Secretary Gutierrez made a motion to excuse Vice-Chairman Hernandez for being absent. Member Palacios seconded the

motion and was then carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “2”: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director led them in the Pledge of Allegiance and in prayer. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(The City of Pharr has called this meeting as allowed pursuant to Texas law, city charter, and Ordinance O-2015-28. The governing body may recess from day to day when it does not complete consideration of a particularly long subject as authorized by law. All persons desiring to address the governing body must register with the presiding clerk prior to the scheduled meeting)*

C. CONSENT AGENDA: *(All items listed under consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Governing body and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board Member may remove items from the consent agenda by making such request prior to a motion and vote on the Consent Agenda)*

**ITEM “3”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES-
JANUARY 16, 2019.**

**ITEM “4”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING IN THE
PORT OF BROWNSVILLE’S 2019 DIRECTORY FOR \$2,900.**

**ITEM “5”: CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING IN THE
TEXAS INTERNATIONAL PRODUCE ASSOCIATION 2019
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOR \$800.**

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Member Martinez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Palacios seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

D. DIRECTOR’S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: *(Director’s Administrative Reports and discussion, if any, with Bridge Board. The Director may also assign a designated spokesperson for any particular listed topic)*

ITEM “6”: CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR JANUARY 2019.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that for the month of January total crossings were 120,643, which shows an increase of 9,099 vehicles or 8.16% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 65,059 cars, which shows an increase of 5,459 cars or 9.16%. Mr. Brouwen then showed a car crossing comparison from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that total truck crossings for the month of January were 55,584, which shows an increase of 3,640 trucks or 7.01% increase in

trucks. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that northbound crossings for the month of January were 58,516, which shows an increase of 3,419 trucks or 6.21% increase in trucks. Mr. Brouwen stated that for the Agriculture for the month of January they had 19,124 trucks, which represents a 34% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Mr. Brouwen stated that total revenue collected for the month of January were \$1,257,893, which shows an increase of \$131,567 or 11.68% in revenues. Several discussions then took place regarding the crossings. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “7”: EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Karla Moya, Finance Director if they have any questions. Some discussion then took place regarding the total budget for the bridge. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “8”: PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they do have Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer there if they have any questions regarding their projects. He stated that he would give them a quick update of what is going on with the projects and as a matter of fact they were on a conference call just before this meeting today. He added that on the DAP15 Projects the Donations Acceptance Agreement is done through regional and national GSA reviews and approvals. He then went in to detail about the process of the projects. Mr. Anzaldua, City Engineer then went over the DAP15 Project and the DAP16 project in detail explaining the start dates. He then spoke about the bridge office expansion and renovation project. Some discussion then took place. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM “9”: DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that they have a Memorandum of Understanding that was authorized for them to move forward with at their last meeting. He then began to explain in details the MOU and where it will take place as well as the benefits of the MOU.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that the next thing is the Supply Chain Leaders Summit which is a regional outlook or regional perspective and basically this will be the Pharr International Bridge’s show. He then began to explain in detail of what was going to take place at the event and who will be attending as well as the benefits of the event. Several discussions then took place regarding the Supply Chain Leaders Summit.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that the next thing he has is BridgeConnect and as they know they have been doing it for a number of years now and Freddy has been working with DPS for the last few months and the next one will be Thursday, February 28th and it will be a two-sided deal and they do have Lt. Robert

Pena from DPS and Sgt. Orlando Barrera there and Mr. Barrera will give them a briefing about what to expect in this training and that they do this free of charge and average about 100 attendees at each BridgeConnect. Mr. Orlando Barrera from DPS then began to give his presentation. Several discussions then took place. Chairman Delgadillo moved on to the next item.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE:

ITEM “10”: DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON 2019 PMA FRESH SUMMIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE TEXAS TOWN PAVILION.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item and stated that they would be going in to executive session.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Gov’t. Code, the International Toll Bridge Board hereby gives notice that it may meet in Executive session to discuss and deliberate any items listed on the public portion of the meeting agenda including items C-E.

Chairman Delgadillo stated the time being 12:43 p.m., the Bridge Board would be going in to executive session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt.

G. RECONVENE: into regular session, and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in executive session.

Chairman Delgadillo reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:59pm and stated there will be no action on Item 10. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM “12”: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Member Palacios made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Gutierrez seconded the motion and was then carried on unanimously.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

PRAJERES GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HIDALGO §
CITY OF PHARR §

ON THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a Regular Meeting at the Pharr International Bridge, the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place and subject thereof, having been posted to the public and notice of said meeting, given in accordance to Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code, (Open Meetings Act) and their being present a quorum, **I, VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: _____
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