

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON MAY 22, 2019, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 22nd day of May 2019, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Larry Hernandez, Vice-Chairman
Artemio Palacios, Member
Tony Martinez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Prajeres Gutierrez, Secretary

**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: Ed Wylie, Deputy City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Karla, Moya, Finance Director
Omar Anzaldúa, City Engineering
Veronica Gutierrez, Purchasing Department
Pedro Pena, CBP
Andres Vega, CBP
Sgt. Juan Sanchez, Pharr PD
Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexico Liaison
Marcos Olivares, CAPUFE

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 Secretary Gutierrez. Member Palacios made a motion to excuse Secretary Gutierrez for being absent. Vice-Chairman Hernandez 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-
APRIL 17, 2019.**

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 “4”: CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR APRIL 2019.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Brouwen, Director of Operations stated that for the month of April total crossings were 98,377, which shows a decrease of (-12,211) vehicles or -11.04% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 47,494 cars, which shows a decrease of (-12,524) cars or -20.87%. Mr. Brouwen then showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen reported that total truck crossings for the month of April were 50,883, which shows an increase of 313 trucks or 0.62% 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 April were 49,762, which shows a decrease of (-5,389) trucks or -9.77% decrease in trucks. Mr. Brouwen stated that for the Agriculture for the month of April they had 16,856 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 April were \$1,190,428, which shows an increase of \$39,449 or 3.43% in revenues. Several discussions then took place regarding the crossings. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM "5": EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR APRIL 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. He added that they have started the budget process already and they have been meeting with the finance director and their finance consultant to start that preparation process and they are taking it to the city commission in early August, so they are going to be putting a lot of work in to this budget process. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM "6": 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 like to give a brief update on what is going on and then Omar can take care of the technical stuff. He stated that they finally broke ground on the building expansion last month and they have given notice to proceed to the contractor and they have been coordinating with the city engineer and they have their preconstruction meeting scheduled for May 29th a week from today. He added that they have pretty much moved out almost a 100% from their facility and he is happy to say that they finally got electricity up and running after a few weeks and IT is already working on getting them connected with all the cabling and internet, so they are hoping to get in there late next week.

Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director then stated that when it comes to the DAP15 Projects, they received the final executed Federal Project Authorization and Agreement from TX-DOT along with the state letter of authority, which is giving them authority to proceed with the bidding process. He added that it looks like they are going to have a pre-bid meeting on June 6th inside CBP and do a walk through.

Mr. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer stated that the FY15 Projects get advertising this weekend in The Monitor and bids open on June 27th so that's when they'll know the bids for that project and then it will take anywhere from 30-90 days for everyone to review and for TX-DOT to give them the authorization to award the contract and they will review the bids. He added that he foresees construction starting probably in September. Some discussions then took place regarding the FY15 projects and building expansion. Chairman Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM "7": DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT.

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the next item. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that one of the things that they have been working on and Tony is very in tune with this because they have been at the state capital in the last few weeks and it is still going on. He added that just yesterday he ran in to Cynthia Garza over there at the

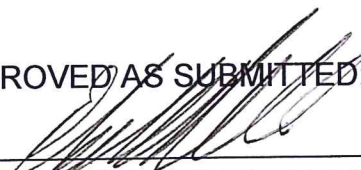
capital and Michael Vargas and it looks like it finally, the STAC Bill passed the house and the senate, but it was vetoed by the Governor. He added that at this point they will be sending more letters of support to take a proactive stance. He then went in to detail on who is submitting letters and described what the STAC Bill is. Several discussions then took place regarding the STAC Bill. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director stated that the Anti-Wait Time Task Force was something that they created and as they know they have always taken a proactive stance and approach things head on and regardless of what is happening on the political field and they have always gotten the support from their associations and members, but more importantly the person who is going to come up here right now and give them an update from CAPUFE, Marcos Olivares has been the one taking the biggest hit because he is losing revenue when it comes to car traffic that is not traveling north bound, so he is going to talk a little bit about that and he wants to thank Mr. Marcos Olivares for all his support. He then went in to detail about the wait times and the task force's next meeting. He then introduced Mr. Marcos Olivares from CAPUFE to the board to give his presentation. Mr. Marcos Olivares from CAPUFE then began to give his presentation in Spanish to the board. Some discussions then took place regarding this issue. Mr. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director then stated that he would like to call Ezequiel Ordonez to give them his quarterly report. He added that this report was scheduled for last month, so this report is from January to March 2019. Mr. Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Mexico Liaison then began to give his report in Spanish to the board. Several discussions then took place regarding this issue. Chairman Delgadillo moved on to the next item.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM "8": ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:


EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


PRAJERES GUTIERREZ, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS	§
COUNTY OF HIDALGO	§
CITY OF PHARR	§

ON THE 22nd DAY OF MAY 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa Guzman', written over a horizontal line.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

DATE APPROVED: 6-14-19

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