

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2020, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 21st day of October 2020, the Toll Bridge Board met in a regular Bridge Board Meeting. Following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary
Luis Flores, Member
Larry Hernandez, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
PRESENT:** None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager
Anali Alaniz, Assistant City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Omar Anzaldúa, Engineering Department
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Andy Harvey, Police Chief
Joel Robles, Asst. Police Chief
David Moreno, CBP
Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexico Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Darrel Renfrow, INDEX Reynosa

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.

ITEM 2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATIONS

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and said the prayer.

B. 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 3 CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, went over the total crossing and revenues report for the month of September 2020. He reported total crossings were 105,199, which was an increase of 9,648 vehicles or 10.10% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 44,278, which was an increase of 721 cars or 1.66% and showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported the total truck crossings were 60,921, which was an increase of 8,927 trucks or 17.17% increase. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported northbound crossings were 59,902, which was an increase of 6,514 trucks or 12.20% increase. Mr. Brouwen further stated for the Agriculture for the month of September they had 14,542 trucks, which represents a 26% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Lastly, Mr. Brouwen stated total revenue collected for the month of September was \$1,438,238, which shows an increase of \$241,019 or 20.13% in revenues.

Discussion ensued on the crossings.

ITEM 4 EXPENDITURES REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, was in the audience and questions could be entertained at this time.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM 5 PROJECT ENGINEER REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, was present and questions on projects could be entertained at this time.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the DAP15 projects. He stated they broke ground on September 10th and would like to show them a few pictures from the event for those that missed it. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, reported that they gave the notice to proceed back on September 8th, so they are about six weeks into the construction. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, added that the timeline for this project is March 2022.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the office expansion. He stated they finished phase I and they are now out for bids for phase II of the project. He added the bid opening should be on November 3rd and once they award the contract, they will start on that project right away. Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, reported that on phase I they are still pending the generator which is on site already just need to coordinate with Magic Valley to turn off some of the transformers and do some electrical work.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the expansion of the bridge. He stated they are moving right along and did submit their Presidential Permit amendment application on September 30th to the Department of State and was handed over to the White House on October 1st. He added they are now having bi-weekly meetings with the consultants and engineers on both sides of the border. He stated if everything goes according to plan about February or March of next year, they should be receiving the Presidential Permit.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item.

ITEM 6 DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the Start of the Produce Season Event. He added they have pictures of the event which took place two weeks ago and it was a very successful event. He stated they were not planning for the event to be exactly the same as it was in previous years due to the pandemic and social distancing, but they still had a very productive event. He then showed the board pictures of the event along with a video of the event.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on BridgeConnect. He stated that they will be having a BridgeConnect LIVE Trade Session on Port Hours of Operation tomorrow at 10am, so those that want to tune in to listen about hours of operation please do so.

There being no questions, Chairman Edgar Degadillo moved to the next item.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE:

**ITEM 7 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES-
SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the items.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF
TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARIES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP
FOR \$660.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the items.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to approve. Member Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 9 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE 33RD ANNUAL RGV
PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION TOURNAMENT BRONZE LEVEL
SPONSORSHIP FOR \$1,500.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the items.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to approve. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 10 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING WITH THE
PACKER. **(TABLED)****

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the items.

Member Flores **moved** to untable the item. Vice-Chairman Martinez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on The Packer. He stated that this was discussed when they had their last virtual meeting and they are already advertising in a lot of different produce media and they have looked at this and it is not a good fit for them at this moment.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to deny as recommended by staff. Member Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 11 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INDEX REYNOSA /
FUNDACION RAMMAC CHARITY GOLF FUNDRAISER SPONSORSHIP.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item and stated they would be going into executive session for Items 11, 12 and 13.

ITEM 12 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING WITH EXPANSION SOLUTIONS.

Item taken into executive session.

ITEM 13 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON BORDER WAITING TIMES, TRAFFIC DEMAND AND REVENUE ASSESSMENT PROPOSAL.

Item taken into executive session.

D. 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 B-C.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo stated the time being 12:26 p.m., the Bridge Board would be going into executive session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt.

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

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:57pm.

Member Hernandez **moved** to approve Item 3E(11) as discussed in executive session. Vice-Chairmen Martinez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried on unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to table item 3F(12). Member Flores seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried on unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to deny item 3G(13). Member Hernandez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried on unanimously.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item

F. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM 14 ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Campero **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 1:00pm. Vice-Chairman Martinez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 21st DAY OF OCTOBER 2020, 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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