

**REGULAR MEETING
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2021, AT 12:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

On the 18th day of August 2021, 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 Daniel Chavez

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Wylie, Interim City Manager
Anali Alanis, Assistant City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Chris Hinojosa, Asst. City Attorney
Omar Anzaldúa, Engineering Department
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexico Liaison
Juan Aviel Barrera, AAA
Jesus Barrera, AAA
Leonel Cantu, AAA
Oscar Trevino de la Cerda, AAA

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 JULY 2021

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, went over the total crossing and revenues report for the month of July 2021. He reported total crossings were 86,950, which was a decrease of -1,566 vehicles or -1.77% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total crossing for cars were 26,463, which was a decrease of -5,826 cars or -18.04% and showed a car crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported the total truck crossings were 60,487, which was an increase of 4,260 trucks or 7.58% increase. Mr. Brouwen then showed a truck crossing compassion from other bridges across the board. Mr. Brouwen further reported northbound crossings were 54,204, which was a decrease of -1,346 trucks or -2.42% increase. Mr. Brouwen further stated for the agriculture for the month of July they had 16,731 trucks, which represents a 31% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. Lastly, Mr. Brouwen stated total revenue collected for the month of July was \$1,417,363, which shows an increase of \$ 133,802 or 10.42% in revenues.

Discussions ensued on the crossings.

ITEM 4 FINANCE REPORT FOR JULY 2021

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, was in the audience and would give the board a quick report on the finances for the bridge.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, then began to give a quick report on the expenditures and revenues year to date for the bridge.

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.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, reported on the Bridge Facility Expansion Phase II. He stated they just had their final walk through today so they should be wrapping up with that project soon. He also reported on FY15 DAP Project and stated they are about 40% complete and that the project should be completed about March or April of next year.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, reported on the Truck Staging Area. He stated that it is in its final approval stage with TX-DOT. He reported that it has about 255 parking spaces and once they get the final approval from TX-DOT they should be able to finish up the design and go out for bids early next year.

Omar Anzaldua, City Engineer, reported on FY16 DAP Project. He stated that this is the next project that will be coming right after the FY15 Project is completed. He reported that they will be adding 13 cold facilities, 11 dry docks and an Ag lab. He added that they are on schedule to bid this out early next year. He also reported on the Second Span and stated that last month they authorized their consultants to move forward with the final design, which should be finished by early next year and they can go out for bids. He added that the completion date is 2023.

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 BridgeConnect. He reported that they have an upcoming session tomorrow which will be an Update on ACE. He stated that this is requested by the trade and CBP to make sure that the end users know how to log on to their portal and use the system correctly. He added this will held tomorrow at 10am at the bridge facilities.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa. He stated that they wanted to present the outgoing president, the incoming president, and the new secretary for the association. He added that they would like to say a few words to the board and introduce themselves. Luis Bazan, Bridge Director then introduced the outgoing President for the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa, Juan Aviel Barrera who then began to give a brief update in Spanish to the board.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director also introduced the incoming President for the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa Oscar Trevino De La Cerda who also gave brief update in Spanish to the board.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director then introduced the incoming Secretary for the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa Leonel Cantu Lozano who gave a brief update in Spanish to the board.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE:

ITEM 7 CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES- JULY 21, 2021.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

ITEM 8 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON RENEWAL OF NASCO ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR \$5,000.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

ITEM 9 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING WITH THE ADVANCE NEWS JOURNAL FOR \$930 PER MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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 TEXAS BORDER BUSINESS FOR \$1,600 FOR 12 MONTHS.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

ITEM 11 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING WITH THE RIO

GRANDE GUARDIAN FOR \$11,000 (TWO PAYMENTS OF \$5,500).

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

**ITEM 12 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ADVERTISING WITH
INBOUND LOGISTICS FOR \$50,000 FOR 12 MONTHS.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported that they have been working with Inbound Logistics for over 5 years and what this allows them to do is hit all corners of the country and Mexico as well. He added that aside from the publications, it's a participation as guest panelists at their conferences with other executives from the trade industry who belong to different sectors. He added that this is a recommendation from staff to continue operating and working with Inbound Logistics for the next year.

Member Flores **moved** to approve. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 13 DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH EZEQUIEL ORDONEZ ANIMAS DBA BORDER
INFRASTRUCTURE CONSULTING, LLC. FOR PROFESSIONAL
CONSULTING AND LOBBYING SERVICES.**

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated that they would be like to go into executive session for this item.

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 12:35 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 12:53pm.

Member Flores **moved** to approve Item 3G(13) as discussed in executive session. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried on unanimously.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo moved to the next item

F. ADJOURNMENT:

ITEM 11 ADJOURNMENT

Member Hernandez **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 1:12pm. 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 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2021, 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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