

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022
PHARR CITY HALL, 118 S. CAGE BLVD.
2ND FLOOR, PHARR, TEXAS**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular called meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 and following is the record of attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
PRESENT:** None

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Cleo Salinas, Administrative Assistant
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: Anali Alanis, Asst. City Manager
Patricia Rigney, City Attorney
Maria Rangel, Asst. City Engineer
Karla Saavedra, Finance Director
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge Mexico Liaison
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affairs
Eleazar Guajardo, City of Pharr Commissioner
Carlos Rodriguez, CBP
Angel Ramirez, RGV FC Toros
Juan Rabanales, STC
Jesus Barrera, AAA
Oscar Trevino de la Cerda, AAA
Mike Myers, INDEX Reynosa

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER:

A) ROLL CALL AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EXUSING OF ANY ABSENT MEMBER

Chairman Delgadillo called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A) CROSSING AND REVENUES COMPARISON FOR APRIL AND MAY 2022

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the months of April and May 2022. He reported total crossings for the month of April were 89,679, which was a decrease of -9,461 vehicles or -9.54% compared to last year. He also reported total crossings for the month of May were 103,970, which was an increase of 6,893 vehicles or 7.10% compared to last year. Mr. Brouwen stated that total car crossings for the month of April were 36,340, which was a decrease of -4,402 cars or -10.80% and that total car crossings for the month of May were 42,219, which was an increase of 3,726 cars or 9.68%. He went over car crossing compassions from other bridges for the months of April and May, 2022.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, further reported the total truck crossings for the month of April were 53,339, which was a decrease of -5,059 trucks or -8.66% decrease and the total truck crossings for the month of May were 61,751, which was an increase of 3,167 trucks or 5.41% increase. Mr. Brouwen went over truck crossings compassions from other bridges for the months of April and May.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, also reported northbound crossings for the month of April were 44,692, which was a decrease of -15,505 trucks or -25.76% decrease, and northbound crossings for the month of May were 56,519, which was a decrease of -2,729 trucks or -4.61% decrease. Mr. Brouwen stated the agriculture for the month of April they had 14,715 trucks, which represents a 33% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S., and the agriculture for the month of May was 17,338 trucks, which represents a 31% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He also reported a combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of April were 98,031, which was a decrease of -20,564 or -17.34%, and a combination of northbound and

southbound truck crossings for the month of May were 118,270, which was an increase of 438 or 0.37%.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, went over the total revenues collected for the months of April and May, 2022. He reported the total revenue collected for the month of April was \$1,240,476, which shows a decrease of -\$101,993 or -7.60% in revenues and the total revenue collected for the month of May was \$1,423,226, which shows an increase of \$ 124,209 or 9.56% in revenues.

Lastly, Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, reported on crossing comparisons by axle for the month of April. He stated cars and trucks were 36,340, 2X trucks were 2,286, 3X trucks were 3,489, 4X trucks were 1,288, 5X trucks were 42,452, 6X trucks 3,704, mobile homes were 1, wide loads were 86 and special crossings were 33 and total combination for the month of April was 89,679. He reported on crossings comparisons by axle for the month of May and stated that cars and trucks were 42,219, 2X trucks were 2,882, 3X trucks were 4,501, 4X trucks were 1,516, 5X trucks were 50,232, 6X trucks 2,480, mobile homes were 2, wide loads were 102 and special crossings were 36 and total combination for the month of May was 103,970.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR APRIL AND MAY 2022

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, stated Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, was in the audience and would give the board a report on the finances for the bridge.

Karla Saavedra, Finance Director, briefly reported on the expenditures and revenues year to date for the bridge.

C) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, stated Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, was present and questions on projects could be entertained at this time.

Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, reported on DAP FY15 projects. She stated the time to date was 645 days, which was 108% of the contract time and the contractor had provided a new estimated time of completion for late August, 2022. She further stated placed to date was about 84% of the contract amount.

Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, further reported the northbound lane expansion the concrete work was completed, and they were currently working on the canopy and the booths. She stated a temporary fence was installed on the 2nd BSIF Exit and the existing fence would be removed so that they can start to work on the pavement for the exit. She further stated they were installing electrical conduits on the canopy and

were setting the forms for the concrete work for the booth foundation. She added the grading and compaction of cement-treated flexible base was complete.

Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, also reported on DAP FY16 projects. She stated TXDOT provided comments on the 95% submittal on June 1, 2022 the city's team was currently reviewing the comments to re-submit to TXDOT in the month of July 2022.

Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they were continuing to work with the geotechnical study and the value engineer study and were obtaining permits to get ready to submit 60% plans, specifications and estimates to TxDOT. She further stated last month they submitted 30% PS&E to TxDOT and earlier this month they approved amendment #3 to the engineering contract for the value engineer study.

Maria Rangel, Assistant City Engineer, further reported later this month they would be submitting 60% PS&E and in August, 2022 the 95%. She stated currently they were working on some of the environmental work and next month they would be submitting an amendment to add to the engineering contract a Marine Archaeologist and Geoarchaeologist. Lastly, she reported the schedule was currently under review by the City Commission and once available, staff would share that with them.

D) DIRECTORS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, called upon Angel Ramirez from the RGV FC Toros to give the board a presentation. M. Ramirez gave a report on their services and how they could benefit the Pharr Bridge.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, introduced Oscar Trevino De La Cerda and Jesus Barrera from the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa for an update on the CAAAREM Sponsorship and the Guayaberas Sponsorship. Oscar Trevino, President for the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa, gave a brief update to the Board in Spanish.

Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, also introduced Jesus Barrera from the Asociacion de Agentes Aduanales de Reynosa, who gave a brief update to the Board in Spanish.

At this time, Fred Brouwen, Director of Operations, introduced Juan Rabanales from SCT to speak about the Certified Customs Specialist Program. Mr. Juan Rabanales gave a presentation on the Certified Customs Specialist with the Mid-Valley Customs Brokers Association.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 20, 2022

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Board member Flores moved to approve the minutes as presented. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON CONFEDERACION DE ASOCIACIONES DE AGENTES ADUANALES DE LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA (CAAAREM) SPONSORSHIP FOR \$10,883.94

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

C) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ASOCIACION DE AGENTES ADUANALES DE REYNOSA “GUAYABERAS” SPONSORSHIP FOR \$8,000

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.

D) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INDEX REYNOSA / FUNDACION RAMMAC 2022 CHARITY GOLF FUNDRAISER FOR \$2,500 AT THE CAMPESTRE REYNOSA

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE PHARR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY GIVES NOTICE THAT IT MAY MEET IN A CLOSED (NON-PUBLIC) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING BELOW

None.

ITEM 5. RECONVENE

None.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Board Member Flores **moved** to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Martinez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 15th DAY OF JUNE 2022, 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: _____