

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary
Lazaro Beas, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roberto Garza, Member

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS
PRESENT:** None

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

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
George Selvera, Assistant Bridge Director
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Cleo Salinas, Office Manager
Oscar Duenas, Intl' Business Development Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Garza, Asst. City Manager
Ricardo Rodriguez, City Attorney
Maria Rangel, Asst. City Engineer
Fabiola Sanchez, Asst. Finance Director
Victoria Brewster, Public Affairs Liaison
Andy Vega, CBP
Danny Garcia, CBP

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Member Beas **moved** to excuse absent members. Vice-Chairman Martinez seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, led in the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.

ITEM 2. DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A) CROSSING AND REVENUES REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of July 2024. He reported total crossings for the month of July were 104,469, which was an increase of 6,160 vehicles or 6.27% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of July were 48,430, which was an increase of 4,723 cars or 10.81% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of July 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of July 2024. He stated crossings were 56,039, which was an increase of 1,437 trucks or 2.63% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of July 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of July 2024 were 59,822, which was an increase of 3,744 trucks or 6.68% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of July 2024 had 15,629 trucks, which represents 26% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He further reported a combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of July 2024 were 115,861, which was an increase of 5,181 or 4.68%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of July 2024. He stated cars were 48,430, 2X trucks were 2,979, 3X trucks were 5,891, 4X trucks were 973, 5X trucks were 39,662, 6X trucks were 251, mobile homes were 3, and wide loads were 192. He stated special crossings were 6,088 and the total combination for the month of July was 104,469.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of July 2024. He reported total revenues collected for the month were \$1,778,230, which showed an increase of \$463,454 or 35.25% in revenues.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Fabiola Sanchez, Assistant Finance Director, for the finance report for July 2024.

Fabiola Sanchez, Assistant 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.

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

Maria Rangel, Interim City Engineer, reported on DAP FY16 project. She stated there were no updates since the last meeting. She added they are still waiting for concurrence from TxDOT to award the project and is expecting a response later this month or early September and that would put them at a construction start date sometime in October 2024.

Maria Rangel, Interim City Engineer, also reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they had a pre-construction meeting on July 22, 2024 and a safety meeting. She added that they issued a notice to proceed with contract start date of August 5, 2024, and the contractor had set up their field office in the lot south of UETA. She further added the contract time was four hundred and eighty (480) calendar days and it included weekends and holidays with an end contract time of November 24, 2025 and contract amount of \$47,601,706.75. She stated some of the things that they were continuing to work on is the final permit for aerial crossing from the Irrigation District as well as the final easements for the overhead sign bridges.

Lastly, Maria Rangel, Interim City Engineer, reported on the Commercial Vehicle Parking area. She stated they received the letter of concurrence from TxDOT to award the project on August 16, 2024 and had already put it on the city commission agenda for September 3, 2024 to award the project. She added they would be having a pre-construction meeting the week of September 23, 2024 and would start construction in October 2024.

Discussion ensued on the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated they had a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, July 29, 2024 for the DAP15 Project and they were still waiting on TxDOT to open up their portion of the project to become fully operational. He added they had their

ground breaking ceremony last week on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 and wanted to share a quick video recap that the media department made for them.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, showed the video recap of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Bridge Expansion and DAP16 Project. He added he would like to thank everyone on the board for their continued support throughout the years.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, further reported they were working on a couple of events but was only going to highlight one or two, which is the 1st Annual Pharr International Truck Expo. He added the Greater Pharr Chamber previously did this event before COVID and now the Bridge Department would be taking a leader role on it this year and were working collectively with the Greater Pharr Chamber to ensure that they include the suppliers and trucking companies. He added it would be a good show and a good program and they were very excited about this and the people that they talked too were excited about it as well, especially since they were coming on the week of National Truck Drivers Appreciation. He further stated this would take place on Friday, September 27, 2024 at the Pharr EMS Headquarters.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated they hosted what they called a Hot Summer 9 Golf Tournament Appreciation for their customers last year which went quite well and this year their customer appreciation event was done a little different. He added they would be having a BBQ Luncheon at the bridge and welcomed board members to join them tomorrow Thursday, August 22, 2024 between 11:00am and 2:00pm.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, stated they had been working with Texas Trucking Association (TSTA) to start a Pharr Chapter and the first meeting would be on Thursday, September 5, 2024. He stated this would line-up everything with the Truck Expo and would allow them to rekindle those relationships with their transportation companies and extend the invitation to other companies that might not be included.

ITEM 4. CLOSED SESSION: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOV'T. CODE, THE BOARD 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

The time being 12:30 p.m., Chairman Delgadillo stated the Bridge Board would be entering into closed session in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Govt. Code to discuss agenda items listed in the public portion of the agenda and Pursuant to Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.084 and 551.087.

ITEM 5. RECONVENE

The time being 12:53 p.m., Chairman Delgadillo stated the Bridge Board would be resuming the open meeting.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 19, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

B) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON ASOCIACIÓN MEXICANA DE HORTICULTURA PROTEGIDA A.C. (AMHPAC) FOR BRONZE LEVEL MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,625.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

C) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INDEX REYNOSA/FUNDACIÓN RAMMAC CHARITY GOLF FUND RAISER SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

D) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INDEX 49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,000.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

E) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON 2024 GLOBAL PRODUCE & FLORAL SHOW (FORMERLY PMA) TEXAS TOWN PAVILION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$27,000.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to adjourn. Member Beas seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2024, 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 MARKETING COORDINATOR**, of the City of Pharr, Texas, certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes.

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
MARKETING COORDINATOR

DATE APPROVED: _____