

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, and following is the record of attendance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edgar Delgadillo, Chairman
Lazaro Beas, Member
Roberto Garza, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Martinez, Vice-Chairman
Adalberto Campero, Secretary

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

PRESENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

ABSENT: Mayor Ambrosio Hernandez
Mayor Pro-Tem Daniel Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Luis Bazan, Bridge Director
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT: Cynthia Garza, Asst. City Manager
Jamison Merrick, Finance Director
Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Michael Rodriguez, Asst. Police Chief
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge México Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Andy Vega, CBP
Lauro Garza, 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 12:02 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Member Beas **moved** to excuse absent members. Chairman Delgadillo 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 OCTOBER 2024

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of October 2024. He reported total crossings for the month of October were 107,028, which was an increase of 5,200 vehicles or 5.11% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of October were 49,109, which was an increase of 4,340 cars or 9.69% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of October 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of October 2024. He stated crossings were 57,919, which was an increase of 860 trucks or 1.51% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of October 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of October 2024 were 63,509, which was an increase of 5,082 trucks or 8.70% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of October 2024 had 16,756 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 October 2024 were 121,428, which was an increase of 5,942 or 5.15%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of October 2024. He stated cars were 49,109, 2X trucks were 2,989, 3X trucks were 5,873, 4X trucks were 964, 5X trucks were 42,619, 6X trucks were 250, mobile homes were 1, and wide loads were 157. He stated special crossings were 5,066 and the total combination for the month of October was 107,028.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of October 2024. He reported total revenues collected for the month were \$1,709,722, which showed an increase of \$313,586 or 22.46% in revenues.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2024

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant, for October 2024 finance report.

Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant with Blue Stone Capital Solutions, briefly reported on the expenditures and revenues year to date for the bridge. He also reported on the 30th Anniversary Crossings report.

C) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported DAP FY16 project. She stated project started on November 4, 2024, and they were currently sixteen days into construction. She further, reported it would last four hundred twenty five (425) standard work-week days to equal approximately twenty-two (22) months, and the project would end in July of 2026.

Lastly, Maria Rangel, City Engineer, also reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they were one hundred twelve (112) calendar days into the contract which was about 23% completed and have paid out approximately 9% of the contact which was about \$4.3 million. She stated completed work was 36 columns and 82 drilled shafts.

Discussion ensued on the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on Trucksgiving Luncheon. He stated they held their 3rd Annual Trucksgiving Luncheon last week and had over 120 people in attendance. He then showed a video recap of the event and reported the end-of-the-year celebration would be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He further extended an invitation to the Bridge Board to attend.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Member Beas moved to approve. Chairman Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

B) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON 2025 NATIONAL CUSTOMS BROKERS & FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (NCBFAA) MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$889.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Member Beas moved to approve. Chairman Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

C) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON THE GREATER PHARR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,200.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Member Beas moved to approve. Chairman Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

D) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL & TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION (IBTTA) MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,436.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Member Beas moved to approve. Chairman Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously.

E) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON PROPOSAL FROM WORLD CITY FOR THE 2024 PHARR TRADE NUMBERS BOOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,600.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Member Beas moved to approve. Chairman Delgadillo 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, Member Beas moved to adjourn. Chairman Delgadillo seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

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

ON THE 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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: _____