

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 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
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Freddy Flores, Trade Liaison
Oscar Duenas, Intl' Business Development Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge México Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Carlos Rodriguez, 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 12:01 p.m. Roll call established a quorum.

Chairman Delgadillo moved to excuse absent members. Member Beas 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 NOVEMBER 2024

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of November 2024. He reported total crossings for the month of November were 110,777, which was an increase of 7,074 vehicles or 6.82% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of November were 54,183, which was an increase of 4,382 cars or 8.80% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of November 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of November 2024. He stated crossings were 56,594, which was an increase of 2,692 trucks or 4.99% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of November 2024.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of November 2024 were 61,144, which was an increase of 4,095 trucks or 7.18% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of November 2024 had 18,472 trucks, which represents 30% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He further reported a combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of November 2024 were 117,738, which was an increase of 4,095 or 7.18%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of November 2024. He stated cars were 54,183, 2X trucks were 2,620, 3X trucks were 6,047, 4X trucks were 954, 5X trucks were 41,653, 6X trucks were 174, mobile homes were 12, and wide loads were 136. He stated special crossings were 4,998 and the total combination for the month of November was 110,777.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of November 2024. He reported total revenues collected for the month were \$1,815,436, which showed an increase of \$383,916 or 26.82% 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 November 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.

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 they were thirty-three (33) days into the contract time and had submitted their first pay out which was about half a million dollars of work they had completed. She further, reported on the recent activities where the contractors continue the demolition of the existing concrete pavement on the northeast side of the project area.

Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they were one hundred thirty-five (135) calendar days into the contract which was about 23.33% completed and had paid out approximately 16.7% of the contract which was about \$8 million. She stated completed work was 57 columns and 105 drilled shafts.

Lastly, Maria Rangel, City Engineer, also reported on the Commercial Vehicle Parking Area and stated they were still waiting on the 2nd TxDOT concurrence so there was no update to this project.

Discussion ensued on the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexican Liaison, for his quarterly report. Ezequiel Ordonez, Mexican Liaison gave a brief update to the board in Spanish.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, presented a video that was created by the City of Pharr Award Winning Media Department for the Pharr Bridge's 30th Anniversary. He added they debuted the video at their Annual Customer Appreciation Holiday Social event that took place last Friday, December 13, 2024 and had around four-hundred (400) guests. He thanked those that made it out to the event and for sponsoring the food, music and for their assistance when they needed it the most.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2024 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

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

ITEM 4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the board, Vice-Chairman Martinez **moved** to adjourn. Secretary Campero seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER 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: _____