

**MINUTES
TOLL BRIDGE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025
118 S. CAGE BLVD. 2ND FLOOR**

The Toll Bridge Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, and following is the record of attendance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adalberto Campero, Secretary
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
Javier Martinez, Asst. Bridge Director
Vanessa Guzman, Marketing Coordinator
Freddy Flores, Bus. Expansion & Special Projects Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Flores, City Manager
Sabrina Solis, Operations Comptroller
Francisco Martinez, Finance Comptroller
Maria Rangel, City Engineer
Michael Rodriguez, Asst. Police Chief
Ezequiel Ordonez, Bridge México Liaison
Eddie Gutierrez, Financial Consultant
Andy Vega, CBP
Hollis Rutledge, Governmental Affair

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to excuse absent members. Member Lazaro 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 MARCH 2025

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the total crossings and revenues report for the month of March 2025. He reported total crossings for the month of March were 104,452, which was an increase of 1,071 vehicles or 1.04% compared to last year. Mr. Bazan further reported total car crossings for the month of March were 44,341, which was a decrease of -2,795 cars or -5.93%. He also reported northbound car crossings for the month of March 2025 were 48,015, which was an increase of 6,205 cars or 14.84% and went over car crossing comparisons from other bridges for the month of April 2025.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on the total truck crossings for the month of March 2025. He stated crossings were 60,111, which was an increase of 3,866 trucks or 6.87% increase and went over truck crossings comparisons from other bridges for the month of March 2025.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, also reported northbound crossings for the month of March 2025 were 62,036, which was an increase of 3,917 trucks or 6.74% increase and stated the agriculture for the month of March 2025 had 21,261 trucks, which represents 34% of all imports from Mexico to the U.S. He further reported on combination of northbound and southbound truck crossings for the month of March 2025 were 122,147, which was an increase of 7,783 or 6.81%.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, went over the crossing comparisons by axle for the month of March 2025. He stated cars were 44,341, 2X trucks were 2,676, 3X trucks were 5,333, 4X trucks were 1,031, 5X trucks were 45,343, 6X trucks were 249, mobile homes were 0, and wide loads were 128. He stated special crossings were 5,351 and the total combination for the month of March was 104,452.

Lastly, Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on total revenues collected for the month of March 2025. He reported the total revenues collected for the month were \$1,824,299, which showed an increase of \$103,531 or 6.02% in revenues.

B) FINANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, called upon Eddie Gutierrez, Bridge Financial Consultant, for the March 2025 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 F.Y. 2024-2025 2nd Quarter Crossings & Revenues Comparison.

C) ENGINEER'S REPORT

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director 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 on the DAP FY16 project. She stated they were moving forward with project and reported a delay of eight (8) days due to the rainstorm. She also stated they would be receiving an updated schedule from the contractor on the project and the twin span bridge. She further reported that before the rain, the contractor was working on the electrical ducts and the building pads. She stated regarding payment, they were about 5%, and they did receive pay app #4 for an additional two million dollars, and were about one hundred one (101) days or 23.8% into the contract time.

Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on the 2nd Span Project. She stated they brought in the precast bent caps from the San Antonio area, which connect the columns, and they installed thirteen (13) of them before the rain started. She added that now that the area is safe to work, they started this week to continue installing the precast bent and are installing six (6) per day. She stated the drilled shafts were 80% complete and the columns were 70% complete. She further reported they were 45% into the contract and had paid out approximately 30% of the contract.

Lastly, Maria Rangel, City Engineer, reported on the Commercial Vehicle Parking Area. She stated she would be providing a revised schedule, but is currently in talks with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) because they might be adding some components to the construction, which may change the bid opening date and the construction date.

Discussion ensued on the engineer's report.

D) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director introduced the item.

Luis Bazan, Bridge Director, reported on Viva Fresh Expo. He stated they have been members of Texas International Produce Association for over ten years and have been sponsoring their regional conference Viva Fresh and this was the second year that the media department had joined them and has done a great job in documenting the event and that video would be posted on social media but first would be presented at the city commission. He added that they had part of the team there representing the Pharr Bridge and were able to interact with current and potential customers.

Discussion ensued on the Viva Fresh Expo.

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2025 – REGULAR CALLED MEETING

Chairman Delgadillo introduced the item.

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

B) DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF ANY, ON 2025 INDEX REYNOSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,905.12.

Chairman Edgar Delgadillo introduced the item.

Vice-Chairman Tony Martinez moved to approve. Board Member Lazaro 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 Tony Martinez moved to adjourn. Board Member Lazaro Beas seconded the motion and when put to a vote, it carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED:

EDGAR DELGADILLO, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

ADALBERTO CAMPERO, SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS

**COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF PHARR**

ON THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2025, the Toll Bridge Board convened in a REGULAR MEETING at the Commissioner's Room located at 118 S. Cage, 2nd Floor, Pharr, Texas. The meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, subject, hereof, having been posted in accordance with Chapter 551, 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.

ATTEST:

VANESSA GUZMAN, BRIDGE
MARKETING COORDINATOR

DATE APPROVED: _____