

**MATAGORDA COUNTY NAVIGATION DISTRICT NO. ONE
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING (PLANNING WORKSHOP)
APRIL 21, 2021**

I. Chairman Jimmy Neeley called the meeting of April 21, 2021 to order at 9:04 a.m. Chairman Neeley announced the Notice of Meeting had been duly posted and there was a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Neeley welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for coming.

ATTENDEES:

Victor Eggemeyer, Commissioner
Greg Seaman, Commissioner
Victor Martinez, Port Director
Isidro Castanon, Port Attorney
Judge Nate McDonald, County Judge
Matt Glaze, Urban Engineering

Jimmy Neeley, Chairman
Donny Tran, Commissioner
David Aparicio, Commissioner
Loy Sneary, Consultant
Mitch Thames, Bay City Chamber of Commerce

II. PLANNING WORKSHOP


1. Matagorda County Economic Development Corporation – Mr. Martinez opened the discussion on the MCEDC topic with some quick background information and introduced Judge Nate McDonald and Mitch Thames who currently both serve as MCEDC Officers. Mitch Thames gave more background and discussion on the MCEDC mission, history, and information. Judge McDonald also gave his history with MCEDC and working to bring development to Matagorda County over the last 14 years. The Commissioners had some questions for each of these attendees but also discussed in detail their concerns not only from them, but also from their constituents. After much discussion Mr. Martinez closed the topic as to keep the meeting on scheduled.
2. Texas Department of Transportation Rider 38 Port Access Program - Mr. Martinez gave an update on this project. Asked the Commissioners to consider moving forward with the project by approving an action at the next Regular Board Meeting which will allow Mr. Martinez to draft a Resolution that must be done and submitted to TxDOT as soon as possible. Mr. Martinez stated the action to move forward will help with ensuring the Commissioners want to continue with this project and the Port Access Program.
3. Rates and Tariffs – Mr. Martinez opened this discussion by giving some background information on the Rate and Tariffs of the District. The Commissioners discussed this in detail recognizing that these items need to be raised or adjusted to meet at least the standard yearly inflation rates. Mr. Martinez asked the Commissioners to consider putting this topic on one of the next few Agendas and before we begin Budget Season.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 11:12 a.m., the Board went into an Executive Session, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.087 of the Open Meetings Act, permitting discussion and deliberation in an Executive Meeting for the following purpose:

1. Consultation with Attorney on legal matters as permitted under Sections 551.071 including, but not limited to some of the other matters listed below to be discussed in Executive Session.
2. To conduct deliberations regarding real property and to conduct deliberations regarding economic development as permitted under Sections 551.072 and 551.087 including, but not limited to the following matters:
 - A. Marine Education Center Property
 - B. General development/real estate
 - C. Planning and development of current properties
 - D. FEMA repair on Port property

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Commissioners returned to Open Session at 12:32 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT. Commissioner Eggemeyer moved to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Aparicio, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.



Greg T. Seaman, Secretary