

NEW PORT DIRECTOR FOR MCND#1/PORT OF PALACIOS



The Matagorda County Navigation District No. 1 Board of Commissioners recently hired Blake Welborn to take over as Port Director effective August 11, 2025. Blake Welborn is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain with nearly 29 years of distinguished service and extensive leadership experience in maritime operations, safety, and emergency response. He has served in multiple executive roles overseeing port operations, risk management, and regulatory compliance, including senior positions with the U.S. Coast Guard and in the energy sector as an EH&S Advisor and Emergency Response Manager. Welborn is a Certified Port Executive and holds a Master of Science in Quality Systems Management from the National Graduate School and a Bachelor of Science in Geography from East Texas A&M University. He brings proven expertise in port management, maritime safety, and crisis response to his new role as Port Director for MCND #1. The MCND#1 Commissioners and staff welcome Mr. Welborn aboard!