

A Regular Meeting of the San Patricio County Navigation District No. 1 was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 in the Harbor West Office Building, 426 Ransom Road, Aransas Pass, Texas 78336. A notice of the meeting was posted 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code. Chairman Richard Palmietto, Commissioner Patrick King and Secretary Dean Thomas were present. Also, present were Attorney Desiree L. Voth and Office Manager Yvonne Stonebraker. Harbor Manager Fred Ruff was absent.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Chairman Palmietto called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

2. TENANT'S/CITIZEN'S COMMENTS. (Tenants comments is intended for matters that are not scheduled on the agenda. No action can be taken at this time. A recording is made of the meeting so please state your name and slip number.)

There were none.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS.

3a) Aransas Pass Yacht Club.

Passed, Commodore Pam Keel could not attend due to being out of town. Item will be on the May 20, 2025 agenda.

4. CONSIDER AND ACT AGENDA ITEMS.

4a) Approving the Regular Minutes of March 18, 2025.

Commissioner King made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of March 18, 2025. Secretary Thomas seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4b) Approving the Treasurer's Report for March 2025.

Secretary Thomas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2025. Commissioner King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4c) Approving event sponsorship for Aransas Pass Project Graduation 2025.

Commissioner King made a motion to deny event sponsorship for the Aransas Pass Project Graduation 2025. Secretary Thomas seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4d) Approval of hiring David Wendal as a limited term Project Consultant to assist the Navigation District with fiscal matters with the general scope of work that includes budget review, financial planning, and taxation as necessary. The term of this project consultation will begin April 2025 and end September 2025 at a flat fee of \$650/month.

Mr. David Wendel introduced himself and stated he had been the San Patricio County Auditor for over 38 years and was knowledgeable with taxation and grants. He stated he had looked at the SPCND #1's financial statements from the website and had some ideas to help the navigation district.

Secretary Thomas made a motion to approve hiring David Wendal as a limited term Project Consultant to assist the Navigation District with fiscal matters with the general scope of work that includes budget review, financial planning, and taxation as necessary with a motion to proceed. The term of this project consultation will begin April 2025 and end September 2025 at a flat fee of \$650/month paid at the beginning of each month. Commissioner King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4e) Approval on statutory provisions available to the Navigation District to increase revenue in order to address maintenance, operation and upkeep of the Navigation District and its improvements; and related matters. Provide an update on financial analysis, grant status and meeting with Chief Appraiser Robert Cenci.

Project Consultant Wendel, Attorney Voth and navigation district commissioners had a discussion regarding capital assets; operating revenue; operating expense; depreciation; and the capital improvement projects list for the navigation district. They, also, discussed bonds, grants, and taxation.

Attorney Voth stated for the navigation district to move forward with taxation four (4) items under this agenda item needed a motion to proceed: **1)** contacting the San Patricio County Appraisal District and let them know the navigation district would like to be a part of the "Notice of Appraisal"; **2)** contacting County Auditor Robert Cenci asking him to rebuild the navigation district for taxation purposes; **3)** having Project Consultant Wendel create a detailed budget for the navigation district which will explain to citizens why taxation is needed; and, **4)** one (1) commissioner would need to meet with San Patricio County Judge David Krebs and San Patricio County Commissioner Precinct 4 Howard Gillespie to discuss the needs of taxation.

Secretary Thomas made a motion to approve statutory provisions available to the Navigation District to increase revenue in order to address maintenance, operation and upkeep of the Navigation District and its improvements; and related matters. Provide an update on financial analysis, grant status and meeting with Chief Appraiser Robert Cenci. He also stated the 4 items written above would give Attorney Voth and Project Consultant Wendel a motion to proceed in this motion. Commissioner King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

6a) Retire to Executive Session – Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code:

551.071 – Consult with Attorney(s) Including Matters Related to Litigation - Randy Mathew's Lease Agreement Update

Chairman Palmietto closed the meeting and retired into Executive Session at ____ P.M.

6b) Reconvene in Open Session – Consider and Act on findings of Executive Session – Texas Local Government Code

551.071 - Consult with Attorney(s) Including Matters Related to Litigation - Randy Mathew's Lease Agreement Update

Chairman Palmietto reconvened in Open Session at 1:20 P.M.

No action taken.

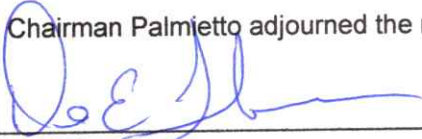
5. MANAGER'S REPORTS.

5a) Harbor Manager – Harbor Manager Ruff - Absent

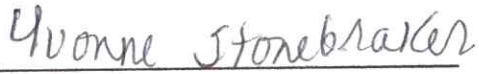
5b) Office Manager – Office Manager Stonebraker stated there were 23 open slips; F-13 Dr. Greeman would like to get rid of the blue water hose supplying water to F-Section due to algae build up; finished filing 2024 paperwork and started cleaning out the storage closet; and, the approved check for \$249 for the navigation district to be advertised in "The Flats" magazine fell through.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Palmietto adjourned the meeting at 1:23 P.M.



Board Secretary



Office Secretary

Approved during the meeting held on 5-20-95.