

POHA April 25, 2024

The Commissioners of the Port of Harlingen Authority (POH) met in a rescheduled session on Thursday April 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Port's Administration Office located at 24633 Port Road, Harlingen, Texas, 78550.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Rose Snell – Commissioner, Place 1
Neil Haman - Commissioner, Place 2
Alan Johnson – Chairman, Place 3 (remote)
Chris Villarreal – Commissioner, Place 4

PORT STAFF PRESENT: Walker Smith – Port Director
Robert McDonald – Chief Financial Officer (remote)
Amy Lynch - Director of Marketing & Public Relations
Anne Jimenez - Receptionist

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Boswell – Port Attorney
Terral Smith - Port Legislative Consultant (remote)
William Yarnell – Port Legislative Consultant (remote)

A. Meeting called to order at 9:14 am.

Declaration of conflicts of interest: None.

B. 1. **Item:** PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. **Issue:** To hear public comments, if any.

3. **Discussion:** There were no public comments.

4. **Action Taken:** None.

C. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2. **Issue:** To review the vouchers for approval.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the vouchers.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted to approve the vouchers. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES & CERTIFIED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2024

2. **Issue:** To review the corresponding minutes.

3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the minutes.

4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mrs. Snell and seconded by Mr. Villarreal, the Commissioners voted to approve the minutes and certified agenda for the meeting on

April 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

- E. 1. **Item:** CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MARCH FINANCIAL, OPERATIONS REPORT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT
2. **Issue:** To review and approve the reports.
 3. **Discussion:** Regarding the Tonnage report, Mr. McDonald told the Commission that the March tonnage is below last year's tonnage. Regarding the Profit & Loss report, he said the Port is \$17,000 under budget for revenue. Regarding the Capital Projects report, Mr. Smith gave a brief update concerning the status of each capital project. Mr. Smith said regarding the Turning Basin Expansion project, the cost estimate finally came back. The USACE estimated the project to have an overall cost of \$13.7 million which would put the Port's cost-share to \$4 million. Mr. Smith said that the Port has the option to apply for a waiver to pay the cost-share.
 4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted to approve the March reports: Tonnage, A/R Aging Summary, Balance Sheet, the Profit & Loss Budget Performance and the Master Plan Progress Report. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. 1. **Item:** CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY CASH FLOW AND INVESTMENT REPORTS
2. **Issue:** To review and approve the reports.
 3. **Discussion:** Regarding the Cashflow report, Mr. McDonald stated that it's projected that the Port will not have available cash by March 2026 due to the turning basin expansion. Mr. McDonald said he can let the Port's bonds mature and then move the funds to Texas CLASS investments. Regarding the Investment report, Mr. McDonald said the Port's investment earnings have continued to increase every quarter though it has not reached the T-bill rate benchmark.
 4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mrs. Snell and seconded by Mr. Villarreal, the Commissioners voted to approve the quarterly Cash Flow and Investment reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. 1. **Item:** STAFF REPORTS
2. **Issue:** To hear from staff regarding their respective projects.
 3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald stated that we received the medical insurance renewal estimates. He said that there is a 39% increase in the premiums for the upcoming renewal. He said he's attempting to get an insurance quote from a different insurance company in

case there might be something lower.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

H. 1. **Item:** LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION WITH THE PORT'S LEGISLATIVE
CONSTULTANT


2. **Issue:** To hear new legislative updates.

3. **Discussion:** Mr. Smith told the Commission about a meeting held at the Port on Tuesday with Senators Nichols and LaMantia. Mr. Smith said that Sen. Nichols, who is the Transportation Committee chairman, was made aware of the Port's need for the overweight corridor extension. The Commission discussed the need to have a resolution in support of the overweight corridor bill that can be signed by other local governmental entities.

4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.

ATTEST:



Alan Johnson, Chairman



Chris Villarreal, Secretary