

POHA June 6, 2024

The Commissioners of the Port of Harlingen Authority (POH) met in a regularly scheduled session on Thursday June 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM 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
Chris Villarreal – Commissioner, Place 4
Ryan Newman – Commissioner, Place 5

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

A. Meeting called to order at 12:19 pm.
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. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the vouchers.

D. 1. **Item:** APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING ON MAY 16, 2024
2. **Issue:** To review the corresponding minutes.
3. **Discussion:** There was no discussion regarding the minutes.
4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mr. Haman, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting on May 16, 2024.


- E. 1. **Item:** CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORTS
2. **Issue:** To review the amended investment reports.
 3. **Discussion:** Mr. McDonald stated that based on a recommendation in the last audit report, Mr. McDonald made a small adjustment to how the quarterly investment reports were created and added a reconciliation to the financial statements at the bottom to tie the investment reports to the financials. The Commission reviewed the corrected December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024 quarterly investment reports.
 4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Haman and seconded by Mr. Newman, the Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the amended Quarterly Investment Reports.
- F. 1. **Item:** STAFF REPORTS
2. **Issue:** To hear from staff regarding their respective projects.
 3. **Discussion:** Mr. Smith talked about the potential for positive changes concerning the international bridges with Mexico due to the newly elected Mexican president. Mr. Smith also discussed the appraisal report of the Port's bulk warehouse. He said the market value is estimated at \$2,675,000 per the report. Mr. McDonald reported that the Port has transitioned to an online format for its accounting software. He said that this might affect the way the monthly financial reports come out. Mrs. Lynch reported about a meeting she and Mr. Smith had with the Cameron County Emergency District #1 regarding potentially establishing funds to assist local entities after emergencies.
 4. **Action Taken:** This was for discussion only.

The Commission entered the executive session authorized by Chapter 551.072 at 12:50 PM. They came out of the executive session at 1:10 PM. A Certified Agenda for the executive session is on file.

- G. 1. **Item:** ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION
2. **Issue:** Discussion regarding Project Wind pursuant to TEX GOVT CODE 551.072.
 3. **Discussion:** Discussion took place under executive session under Texas Government Code 551.072.
 4. **Action Taken:** On a motion by Mr. Villarreal and seconded by Mrs. Snell, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the option lease agreement as presented by Mr. Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:11 PM.

ATTEST:



Alan Johnson, Chairman



Chris Villarreal, Secretary