

**Mr. Martinez abstained from voting on or deliberating about the following matter(s), in accordance with Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code (as to Conflicts of Interest). Mr. Martinez did not leave the room.**

Mr. Bearden then discussed considering the Tabled September 18, 2024, Agenda Item “Discussion and possible Action on Old Forklift Rental to Tenants and Use Agreement.” After some discussion, the following action was taken.

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Barrera to approve the Forklift use by Tenants only who have signed the new Use Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Martinez rejoined the meeting at this time.**

Mr. Bearden discussed considering the purchase of a maintenance agreement for New Case 580 Backhoe. After some discussion, the following action was taken.

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to decline the purchasing of the maintenance agreement for the New Case 580 Backhoe and do the maintenance in house. Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bearden discussed the purchase of new Woods Shredder (72 inch). Siever Implements Company provided PISND with a quote of \$4,320.00 for a new Woods Shredder (72 inch). After some discussion, the following action was taken.

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and second by Mr. Martinez to approve the purchase of New Woods Shredder (72 inch). Motion carries unanimously.**

Mr. Bearden discussed the Selection of Engineer Firm for “Request for Qualifications for 2024 EDA Grant Project Engineer”. PISBND advertised as required by the EDA grant for the qualifications for engineering firms for three (3) weeks in the local newspaper for the engineering services for the project. Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC was the only engineering Company that submitted their qualifications and was opened by the Commissioners on this day. The following action was taken.

**It was motioned by Mr. Morales and second by Mr. Martinez to approve Ferris, Flinn & Medina, LLC for the 2024 EDA Grant Project Engineer. Motion carries unanimously.**

Discussion on tabled item of June 20, 2024, Meeting “Laguna Madre Water District Potential Lease of Property in North Turning Basin for Desalinization Plant Water Access”. As set forth in greater detail in the Certified Agenda of the Executive Session of the Navigation and Canal Commission of the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District, the Commission entered into Executive Session at 2:20 P.M., in accordance with the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Morales to enter into Executive Session to discuss one item, “(in regard to Possible Lease Agreement between PISBND and Laguna Madre Water District) pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 551.072 (Vernon 2012) (deliberate the purchase exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the government body in negotiations with a third person; Closed Meeting). Motion carried unanimously.**

The Commissioners returned to open session at 2:55 P.M., in accordance with the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to return to the open session, there being no action taken in the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Commissioners, after returning to open session at 2:55 PM, indicated that having discussed the “(in regard to Possible Lease Agreement between PISBND and Laguna Madre Water District) pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 551.072 (Vernon 2012) (deliberate the purchase exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the government body in negotiations with a third person; Closed Meeting). An no action was taken in Executive Session”.

In open session Mr. Morales made the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to table action on Agenda Item #24 until Mr. Morales can attend the Laguna Madre Water District Next Board Meeting on or about December 11, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion and possible Action on the Present Port Employee(s) Compensation. As set forth in greater detail in the Certified Agenda of the Executive Session of the Navigation and Canal Commission of the Port Isabel-San Benito Navigation District, the Commission entered into Executive Session at 2:58 P.M., in accordance with the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Morales to enter into Executive Session to discuss one item, “(in regard to Compensation), pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. § 551.074 (Vernon 2004) (Personal Matters; Closed Meeting). Port Employees(s) Compensation. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Commissioners returned to open session at 3:32 P.M., in accordance with the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Morales to return to the open session, there being no action taken in the Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.**

In open session Mr. Morales made the following motion:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to approve the following \$0.50 cents Compensation for the Present Port Employee(s) Omar Montoya and Robert Maldonado. Juila Barrera is a new employee and will revisit in 90 days from the hire date. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion and possible Action on Giving Back to those in Need of the Local Communities During the Holiday Season, Commissioner Morales. After some discussion and coming to a decision the following action was taken:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez on Giving Back to those in Need of the Local Communities During the Holiday Season in the amount of \$500 for each Commissioner and each Commissioner to choose a Charity. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion on Commissioners’ Request for Additional Agenda Item for next meeting, Commissioner Morales. Acknowledge, no action taken. Mr. Morales spoke and asked for this item to be added to the future meeting agendas just in case something occurs.

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to approve the request for “Additional Agenda Item” for next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion and possible Action on the Port Director/General Manager Applicants and RFQ Port Attorney Applicants Review Meeting Date and Time. After some discussion it was decided by the Commissioners to have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at 11:45 AM to review the Port Director/General Manager Applicants and RFQ Port Attorney Applicants.

Mr. Bearden discussed the Monthly Director's report with the Commissioners. Ana will have vacation hours remaining at the end of the year and will be added to her last paycheck. Mr. Bearden will be in the office every Friday of December for two (2) to three (3) hours except on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. He will be in the office for six (6) hours to close the year and turn in his keys to Juila, and he is available if he is needed to come in. The Agenda for January's meeting has been drafted and Julia has possession of the draft and will be posting it when the next Port Director can take care of the agenda. The meeting date and time is set for Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. The following action was taken:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to acknowledge the Monthly Directors Report. Motion carried unanimously.**

The previous month's bills were reviewed by the Commissioners. The following action was taken:

**A motion was made by Mr. Morales and seconded by Mr. Martinez to Approve the previous months bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners, the following motion was made:

**A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Morales to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.**

  
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Victor Barrera, Commissioner Chairman

  
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Joe Martinez, Commissioner Secretary

  
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Jose L. Morales, Commissioner