

**Aransas County Navigation District
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**



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June 20, 2023.

The Navigation and Canal Commission of the Aransas County Navigation District met in a Regular Meeting on June 20, 2023, with Chairman Malcolm Dieckow presiding. Other Commissioners present were Judith Vlasek, Martin De Leon and Long Nguyen. Among others present were Harbor Master Keith Barrett, Executive Administrator Janine Loney. Commissioner Tommy Moore was an excused absence.

The guest register has been made a part of these minutes.

Chairman Malcolm Dieckow convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., declared a quorum, and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the honoring of the Texas flag.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

No citizens to be heard.

No. IV.1 Agenda:

Approve the minutes of special meeting of May 31, 2023, and regular minutes of June 5 and June 9, 2023.

Noted that the minutes of June 9, 2023, meeting were not ready for approval at the time of this meeting. These minutes will be put forward for approval at the next meeting.

Action:

Commissioner Vlasek made the motion to approve as presented the minutes of special meeting of May 31, 2023, and regular minutes of June 5, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieckow. The motion was adopted.

No. IV.2 Agenda:

Approve Accounts Payable list for June 20, 2023.

Action:

The motion was made by Commissioner Vlasek to approve as presented the accounts payable list for June 20, 2023. Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

No. IV.3 Agenda:

Approve Treasurer's report for May 2023.

Action:

Commissioner Vlasek made the motion to approve as presented the Treasurer's report for May 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner De Leon. The motion was adopted.

No. IV.4 Agenda:

Deliberate and possible action to accept or reject a public bid, June 12, 2023, relating to the leasing of bait stand located at Rockport Harbor, 318-320 Navigation Circle (Formerly D & M Bait on the bay).

Harbor Master Barrett commented that ACND had only received one bid for this bait stand lease. The bid has been placed by the current manager, Mr. H T Conrey at the minimum required bid amount of \$825.00 per month. Harbor Master Barrett confirmed that if approved this new lease would commence July 1, 2023.

Action:

The motion was made by Commissioner Nguyen to approve a public bid, June 12, 2023, relating to the leasing of bait stand located at Rockport Harbor, 318-320 Navigation Circle (Formerly D & M Bait on the bay). This approval includes the monthly rental amount being set at \$825.00 for the following five (5) years with a five (5) year option to extend said lease. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vlasek. The motion was adopted.

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No. IV.5 Agenda:

Consider and possibly approve the request made by Rockport Cultural Arts District to become a vendor at Rockport Beach to enable the commencement of miniature train rides along Sea Breeze Drive.

Presentation made by Mrs. Jennifer Day of RCAD relating to their request. Noted that once all related actions had been taken, including the completion of a contract, this item would be put forward through the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Action:

Commissioner Vlasek made a motion to conditionally approve the request made by Rockport Cultural Arts District to become a vendor at Rockport Beach to enable the commencement of miniature train rides along Sea Breeze Drive. The approval is subject to all insurance and indemnification requirements being met and including confirmation of route, booth location and traffic safety issues being addressed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dieckow. The motion was adopted.

No. IV.6 Agenda:

Deliberate and possible action request made by Rockport Yacht Club to include Little Bay in the 4th of July Boat Parade route for 2023.

Discussed that only shallow draft vessels would be permitted to make one circumference of the Little Bay's Sky Basin. The start time for the parade would be noon with consideration of shutting down the area for the duration of the parade being made.

Action:

The motion was made Commissioner Vlasek to approve the request made by Rockport Yacht Club to include Little Bay in the 4th July Boat Parade route for 2023. This approval is conditional upon obtaining support from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Rockport Police department relating to boat safety and accessibility of the area during the parade. Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

No. IV.7 Agenda:

Harbormaster Report - Updates on projects and happenings on ACND properties, which may include but not be limited to construction, improvements, and conditions at Rockport Harbor, Cove Harbor, Fulton Harbor, the Festival Grounds, Rockport Beach, Little Bay, public restrooms, other ACND properties and projects status of grants and issues with existing leases.

With the summer season now in full swing and the festival grounds being utilized, traffic congestion in and around ACND facilities can be slow moving reported Harbor Master Barrett. He asked for the public's patience regarding wait times entering the Beach Park as the slowdown occurs when the incoming roads bottle neck into one. Harbor Master Barrett reiterated that Rockport Beach is a bird sanctuary which means no dogs are allowed within the park. ACND takes care to ensure vehicles are checked accordingly but again this slows traffic flow entering the park.

Action: No Action Taken

No. IV.8 Agenda:

Chairman and Commissioners Report – Update on ACND environmental and safety issues relating to Little Bay and or other District properties.

Commissioner Dieckow noted that the Stormwater Management Meeting is scheduled for the second Monday in July. He reiterated that the ACND is committed to working with all parties involved to achieve the most favorable outcome regarding the county's drainage issues.

Action: No Action Taken

VI. PRESS QUESTIONS:

None

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VII. CLOSED SESSION:

The Chairman announced that the Commission will recess this open meeting and conduct a closed meeting pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act to conduct a private consultation with its attorney under Section 551.071 of the Act, to deliberate regarding real property under Section 551.072 of the Act, and to deliberate regarding personnel matters under section 551.074 of the Act.

The Open meeting was recessed at 09:31 a.m. The closed session was convened at 09:39 a.m. and was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

The Commission reconvened into open meeting at 11:15 a.m.

VIII. CONTINUATION OF OPEN MEETING/DELIBERATION AND/OR ACTION:

No. VIII.1 Agenda:

Consider and possible action a request to lease Cove Harbor Plot 12 (2.5 acres). Approval is required for a new lease with a ten (10) year term including an increase of rates every five (5) years.

Action:

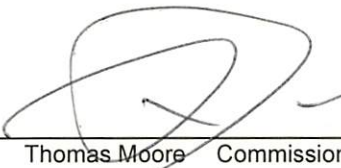
The motion was made by Commissioner Vlasek to approve a request to lease Cove Harbor Plot 12 (2.5 Acres) by Lydia Ann Channel Mooring, LLC. This approval is for a ten (10) year term including an increase of rates every five (5) years. ACND requires a site plan proposing improvements to be submitted prior to the execution of the lease contract. Commissioner De Leon seconded the motion with all present voting Aye. The motion was adopted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn the meeting .at approximately 11:16 a.m.

Certificate of Approval

I attest that the foregoing minutes of a meeting of the Navigation and Canal Commission of the Aransas County Navigation District held on June 20, 2023, were approved by the Commission at a meeting duly held on June 5, 2023.



Thomas Moore Commission Secretary