

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**FEBUARY 17, 2009**

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF CHAMBERS         §

WHEREAS, on the 17<sup>TH</sup> day of February, 2009 a workshop meeting of the Board of Navigation and Canal Commissioners of the Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District was duly convened at the District's office at 211 Miller Street, Anahuac, Texas, and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members of said District voted in the proper manner; that all other requirements and proceedings under the law incident to the proper adoption or passage of the following order, including publication, as required, has been duly fulfilled, carried out, and otherwise observed; and the following members were present, to wit:

Terry Haltom, Chair  
Billy Combs, Vice-Chair  
James B. Sterling III, Secretary  
Tommy Myzell, Member  
Allen Herrington, Member

Staff present:                   Mary Beth Stengler, General Manager  
  Claudia Sandoval, Administrative Assistant  
  Wayne Morris, Canal Superintendent

Guest present:                 George A. (Pudge) Willcox, Consultant

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2009-02-01 Irrigation Budget: The proposed 2009-2010 budget is set at 3000 acres. As of today we do not have water to pump, there is still too much salinity in the lake. Lake Livingston is sending water down to use and we are taking it in from the mouth of the Trinity River here in town. The farmers would like to have the water around the 15th of April. The salt water barrier will take bids on their repairs to their facility in May. Their gate structures at Wallisville are stuck in the open position. The CDL figure is not included in our irrigation budget. We can amend the budget one way or the other once we know if we will supply water for rice. The investments are down due to interest rates and lke repairs. All salaries are increased. In the canal salaries, we have included a salary to hire a person

to begin learning the canal system, due to employees retiring and we do not have any backup employees. The operators' salaries have increased to stay in accordance with Trinity Bay Conservation District and Chambers County. Discussion was brought up concerning the need to create a new category for FEMA reimbursements. As of today we have at total of 16 approved PWs totaling \$ 1,502,091.85, and we have spent out of pocket \$1.4 million. There are still 14 PWs that have been sent to Austin in the amount of \$974,000.00 as well as 6 PWs that need to be written. We have received, from FEMA, \$391,000.00. Debris removal is a different FEMA category. This money will be reimbursed at 100% after excluding the first 8 hours of our employees' salary. Equipment and extra labor as well as employees' overtime will be reimbursed. The wooden flume is the only thing we're not sure of with FEMA. Discussion was brought up about budgeting FEMA as an income. We still have gates structures we have to repair. We moved one half of the consultant's fee to the Navigation Fund. The lake levee repairs will take about 400,000 yards of clay or dredged material according to FEMA. We will be able to get 250,000 of clay free from Trinity Bay Conservation District.

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2009-02-02 Navigation Budget: The income from the WEC is down due to income from only one boat. The salary is up due to hiring one employee to work strictly at the harbor. The profession fee is higher due to one half of Pudge Willcox's consultant services being included in this fund. We need to take off the budget the \$30,000.00 for repairs to the Moss Bluff vessel.

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There being no further business, motion was made by Combs, seconded by Sterling and unanimously passed to adjourn. Passed

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Accept this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Terry Haltom, Chair

Attest:

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James B. Sterling III, Secretary