

**San Patricio Municipal Water District
MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2025**

President Troy Mircovich called the meeting of the Board of Directors of San Patricio Municipal Water District to order at 2:00 p.m. with the following members and officers present:

**Troy Mircovich, President
Thomas Bridges, Vice-President
Danny Cox, Director
Mark Evans, Director
Alan Miller, Director
Doil Kellar, Director
Larry Kalich, Director
Brian Williams, Manager
Rebecca Klaevemann, Secretary/Treasurer
Karen Ivey, Assistant Secretary**

Also present were Cliff Ezell, HR Manager, Mallory Lightsey, District Engineer, Newman "Tree" Baker, District Counsel, and Chad Magill, District Liaison to Texas Senator Adam Hinojosa representing District 27.

Pledge of allegiance to United States flag and the Texas flag.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas Pledge were led by President Troy Mircovich.

Public Comment. No public comment.

1. Minutes of Meeting February 11, 2025. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Coastal Bend Water Alliance Resolution. Discussion by Board and staff. A motion was made and seconded to approve the RES-001 Resolution of Commitment to the Coastal Bend Water Alliance

A Resolution Declaring Unified Commitment to the Development of Regional Water Supplies and Expanding the Port of Corpus Christi Authority to Include Additional Representation from the Coastal Bend

WHEREAS, the Coastal Bend region is experiencing severe drought conditions, with water levels critically low and future water supply projects still years from completion; and

WHEREAS, access to reliable water supplies is essential for the economic stability, industrial growth, public health, and overall prosperity of the Coastal Bend region; and

WHEREAS, cities, counties, industries, and economic leaders throughout the Coastal Bend have historically pursued individual water solutions, which has resulted in fragmentation and a failure to secure the level of state and federal funding necessary to meet the region's growing water needs; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) have made substantial funding available for large-scale water infrastructure projects, including desalination, groundwater development, aquifer storage and recovery, and inter-basin transfers, but have prioritized regions that demonstrate strong intergovernmental collaboration and regional planning; and

WHEREAS, other regions of Texas, including Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, and El Paso, have successfully united to secure billions in state funding for long-term water supply projects, while the Coastal Bend has yet to receive an equivalent level of investment due to a lack of regional coordination; and

WHEREAS, failure to act decisively and collectively will result in the Coastal Bend being bypassed for critical water infrastructure funding, jeopardizing economic development, industrial investment, and the ability to meet future water demands; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Coastal Bend Water Alliance represents an unprecedented opportunity for all stakeholders—including municipal governments, counties, industries, economic development organizations, and the Port of Corpus Christi—to come together in a united effort to advocate for, secure funding for, and implement regional water supply solutions; and

WHEREAS, by working together, the Coastal Bend Water Alliance will ensure that the region takes control of its water future, preventing unnecessary water shortages, increasing resilience against drought, and securing the resources needed to support future generations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring the region's long-term water security, it is critical that the governance of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, accurately reflects the interests of the Coastal Bend's major economic and industrial stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the current seven-member structure of the Port of Corpus Christi Commission does not fully encompass the broad geographic and economic representation of the Coastal Bend, despite the Port's role as a major economic driver for the entire region; and

WHEREAS, expanding the Port of Corpus Christi Commission from seven (7) to nine (9) members by adding one appointment from the City of Portland in San Patricio County and one appointment from the City of Port Aransas in Nueces County will allow for stronger regional input, improved decision-making, and greater collaboration on water infrastructure and economic development initiatives that impact the entire Coastal Bend; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The San Patricio Municipal Water District formally joins the Coastal Bend Water Alliance and commits to full participation in regional efforts to develop and secure water supplies for the region.
2. The San Patricio Municipal Water District publicly supports a unified strategy to identify, advocate for, and implement long-term water supply solutions, including desalination, groundwater development, aquifer development, inter-basin water transfers, and infrastructure investment.
3. The San Patricio Municipal Water District commits to adopting policies and initiatives that encourage regional cooperation, support funding applications, and promote legislative advocacy to secure state and federal investment in Coastal Bend water infrastructure.
4. The San Patricio Municipal Water District calls upon the Texas Legislature, Texas Water Development Board, and relevant state and federal agencies to recognize the Coastal Bend as a high-priority region for water infrastructure investment and to provide low interest rate loans and grant funding necessary to implement seawater desalination solutions.
5. The San Patricio Municipal Water District encourages all municipalities, counties, industrial partners, and economic stakeholders in the Coastal Bend to pass similar resolutions, demonstrating a collective commitment to regional water security and representation in the governance of the Port of Corpus Christi.
6. The San Patricio Municipal Water District calls upon the Texas Legislature to expand the Port of Corpus Christi Commission from seven (7) to nine (9) members, ensuring that the Coastal Bend region's key economic contributors have a stronger voice in the Port's decision-making process.

Motion carried unanimously. Chad Magill left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

3. Vehicles. Discussion by Board and staff. A motion was made and seconded to award the bid for two vehicles utilizing Texas Smart Buy pricing to Lake Country Chevrolet for one 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 for \$44,154.10 and one 2025 Chevrolet Colorado for \$36,352.60. Motion carried, Director Troy Mircovich abstained.

4. Regional and State Water. Discussion by Board and staff.

President Troy Mircovich skipped Item 5 Economic Development and Item 6 Personnel.

6. Manager's Reports

a. Management Reports

- i. Water Supply & Demand
- ii. Infrastructure & Facilities
- iii. Municipal & Industrial Development
- iv. Cartegraph Demonstration
- v. Personnel

b. Financial Reports.

5. Economic Development

6. Personnel

President Troy Mircovich called the meeting into executive session at 3:30 p.m. pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.087 for economic development for Item 5 Economic Development and pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 for personnel for Item 6 Personnel. The meeting was called back into open session by President Troy Mircovich at 4:16 p.m. No action was taken on Item 5 Economic Development and Item 6 Personnel.

7. Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.


Karen Ivey, Assistant Secretary


Troy Mircovich, President