



Eddie Treviño, Jr.
County Judge

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E.K. Atwood Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Cameron County is pleased to announce the opening of the new improvements at E.K. Atwood Park located on South Padre Island at Cameron County Beach Access No.5. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for February 27, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. E.K. Atwood Park was originally constructed in 1996. The park attracts thousands of visitors annually and is a popular place for our beach visitors especially during the summer months. In 2017, construction was started on the new improvements at E.K. Atwood Park. These necessary improvements have restored the park and will better serve our visitors.

The new improvements include an elevated plaza structure with five pavilions and picnic tables, restrooms, community rinse stations, two new dune walkover structures, four designated parking areas for food truck concessions and other associated improvements. The parking area has Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking and is constructed using a pervious paving system that is environmentally friendly. The parking lots unique construction will reduce storm water run-off by allowing rainwater to infiltrate through the pavement and subsoil beneath, resulting in much cleaner run-off water making its way back into our waterways and groundwater.

“Our County Coastal Parks on South Padre Island are a destination for many visitors. These parks offer an array of amenities and recreational opportunities. I’m excited that the improvements at E.K. Atwood Park are completed and also excited about all of the upcoming improvements to other County’s Coastal Parks. The goal of Cameron County and our Parks & Recreation Department is to improve the quality of life for our park visitors by making the necessary improvements to our community and coastal parks. We strive to make our parks a safer and better place for our visitors to enjoy,” stated Judge Eddie Treviño, Jr.

E.K. Atwood Park is the first project completed of the approximately \$40 million in Coastal Park Improvements that Cameron County will undertake. The cost for this project was approximately \$3.75 million. Funding for this project is financed through bonds and paid by the beach user fees.

“I’m pleased that the new improvements at E.K. Atwood Park are completed and ready for the public to enjoy. The improvements to this popular beach access area will result in positive changes that children and families will benefit from for years to come. Several years ago, this park was in total disrepair and the structure was failing and the restrooms did not work. We owe it to our visiting public to offer proper amenities that families can utilize while they enjoy the beach and outdoors,” said Commissioner Sofia C. Benavides.

The Architectural Firm working on this Project is Gomez, Mendez, Saenz, Inc., the Engineering Firm is Green, Rubiano, & Associates Inc. and the General Contractor selected for the construction is Bryant Industrial Service.