

Minutes of Pilot Commission

Port Freeport

October 13, 2016

A Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held October 13, 2016, beginning at 3:32 PM in the Port Freeport Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. Paul Kresta, Chairman
Mr. John Hoss, Vice Chairman
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Bill Terry, Commissioner
Mr. Ravi Singhanian, Commissioner
Mr. Rudy Santos, Commissioner

Staff Members present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Jeff Strader, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Mr. Nick Malambri, Engineering Specialist
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager

Absent:

Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Business Development
Ms. Dianna Kile, Director of External/Government Affairs

Also present:

Captain Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Billy Burns, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain James Tetter, Brazos Pilots Association
Mr. Nick Miller
Mr. Matthew Krohn
Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Approval of minutes from the Pilot Commission Meeting held July 13, 2016.

A motion was made by Commissioner Terry to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirtle with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

3. Recommendation from the Brazos Pilots Association for the appointment of Deputy Branch Pilots and selection of Deputy Pilots for the Ports of Brazoria County.

Ms. Saathoff stated that Captain Blanton, President of the Brazos Pilots Association is here to present candidates for Deputy Branch Pilots for the Freeport Harbor Channel. All required information has been submitted and is in order. Captain Blanton explained that with future business and expansion as well as the growth of the Port, it was prudent and optimistic to bring in two candidates. He also explained the process of the 2-year training program the candidates would go through should the certificates be approved. For the record, Ms. Saathoff noted the requirements within the Transportation Code which include the following; must be 25 years of age and a U.S. citizen, passports submitted, appointed by a Branch Pilot, must be in good mental and physical health, have

good moral character and possess prerequisite skills. Captain Blanton introduced the candidates Matthew Krohn and Nicholas Miller who thanked the Board for the opportunity and consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Terry to approve the recommendations from the Brazos Pilots Association. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirtle with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

6. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.