

Minutes of Pilot Commission Port Freeport April 27, 2017

A Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held April 27, 2017, beginning at 1:42 PM in the Port Freeport Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. Paul Kresta, Chairman
Mr. John Hoss, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rudy Santos, Commissioner
Mr. Bill Terry, Commissioner
Mr. Ravi Singhanian, Commissioner

Staff Members present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Business Development
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Mr. Shane Pirtle, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Ms. Dianna Kile, Director of External/Government Affairs
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services

Also present:

Captain Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain James Teeter, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Billy Burns, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Matthew Krohn, Brazos Pilots Association
Mr. Neils Aalund, WGMA

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 April 13, 2017.

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

3. Receive report from Executive Director/CEO regarding activities and matters related to pilotage and navigation of Freeport Harbor Channel.

Ms. Saathoff reported the efforts to install lights on radar tower to help with evening navigation is moving forward. Lights should be installed by next week once the fixture is received. Staff is still working to find a solar solution as backup for the current lights served by CenterPoint. Additionally, Ms. Saathoff reported a working group meeting of the Channel Users to discuss the Pilotage Rules and Procedures had to be postponed but should be rescheduled soon.

4. Public Comment. (Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per guest)

There were no comments.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with Subchapter D of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:

A. Under authority of Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) for discussion regarding:

1. Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters associated with Open Records Request.
2. Consultation with attorney regarding matters pertaining to Pilots & Pilotage Rules and Regulations of Freeport Harbor Channel.
3. Consultation with attorney regarding law affecting pilotage fees.

6. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION to review and consider the following:

7. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.