

Minutes of Pilot Commission

Port Freeport

May 25, 2017

A Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held May 25, 2017, beginning at 8:30 AM at the Associated Builders and Contractors Building, 1002 ABC Ave., Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. Paul Kresta, Chairman
Mr. John Hoss, Vice Chairman
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Secretary/Treasurer
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
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager

Also present:

Captain Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain James Teeter, Brazos Pilots Association

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 27, 2017.

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

3. Approval of the reappointment of Captain Daniel L. Blanton as Branch Pilot for the Ports of Brazoria County.

Captain Blanton has submitted an application of renewal for reappointment as Branch Pilot. Ms. Saathoff stated that she has reviewed the application and confirmed the following:

- Copy of the completed Governor's Application
- Certification that Captain Blanton has made at least six roundtrips within last six months;
- Current copy of U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credentials, also confirmed online;
- Current U.S. Coast Guard medical certificate, also confirmed online;
- Certification of drug screening within 185 calendar days of application. A copy of the original drug screen report has been reviewed.

Ms. Saathoff added the required bond has been submitted and feels the Commission has a thorough set of documentation to approve the reappointment of Captain Blanton.

A motion was made by Commissioner Singhania to approve the reappointment of Captain Blanton as Branch Pilot. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirtle with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

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

Ms. Saathoff reported that over the last several weeks the working group has been meeting regularly to review the draft rules and procedures. The group has completed a review of all sections and the final set of recommended changes will be reviewed with committee first and then be submitted to the Pilot Commission for consideration.

5. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.