

Minutes of Pilot Commission Port Freeport September 27, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held September 27, 2018, beginning at 12:05 PM at 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. Rudy Santos, Commissioner

Staff Members present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Mr. Austin Seth, Operations Specialist
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Mr. Jason Caywood, Security Technician
Ms. Callie Cole, Accounting Specialist

Absent:

Mr. Ravi Singhania, Commissioner

Also, present:

Mr. Gene Theriot, Dow Chemical
Captain Jim Teeter, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Billy J. Burns, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Matthew Krohn, Brazos Pilots Association
Mr. Rick Stephanow, Gulf LNG Services
Mr. Chris Noble, Dole Fresh Fruit
Captain Ross Coviello, Brazos Pilots Association
Ms. Ann Marie Poninski, Phillips 66
Mr. Niels 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 Special Meetings held June 7, 2018.

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

3. Receive report from Working Group regarding Pilot Dispatch System.

Mr. Gene Theriot with the Dow Chemical Company gave a presentation and proposal for a Pilot Dispatch System. This proposal was put together by the Freeport Harbor Working Group and included the benefits of having a pilot dispatch system, what is needed for the system, annual cost, radio tower options, financial timeline and Fort Velasco Signal Station.

4. 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 issues arising out of Chapter 68 of the Texas Transportation Code, including those legal issues arising out of dispatch services for vessels. Receive update from the Freeport Harbor Working Group.

5. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

8. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.