

Minutes of Meeting June 4, 2015

A Regular Meeting of the Port Commission of Port Freeport was held June 4, 2015 beginning at 3:41 PM at the Administration Building, 200 W. Second Street, 3rd Floor, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. John Hoss, Chairman
Mr. Paul Kresta, Vice Chairman
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Secretary
Mr. Ravi Singhania, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Tom Perryman, Commissioner
Mr. Bill Terry, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Mr. Glenn Carlson, Executive Port Director/CEO
Mr. Jeff Strader, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Mr. Brandon Robertson, IT Systems Administrator
Mr. Nick Malambri, Engineering Specialist
Mr. Bill Fox, Interim Director of Trade Development
Ms. Dianna Kile, Director of External Affairs

Also present:

Mr. Bob Arroyave, Brown & Gay Engineers
Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry
Mr. Richard Fields, Aguirre & Fields

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Pledge of Allegiance: U.S. Flag & Texas Flag
3. Invocation – Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry
4. Approval of Oath of Office and Surety Bonds for Newly Re-Elected Commissioner Paul Kresta and Newly Elected Commissioner Rudy Santos.
A motion was made by Commissioner Pirtle to approve the oaths and surety bonds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

5. Election of Officers for the Port Commission for the period June, 2015 – May, 2017.

Commissioner Hoss opened the floor for nominations of Chairman. Commissioner Terry nominated Commissioner Singhania as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kresta. With no opposing nominations, Commissioner Terry made a motion to accept the nomination of Chairman by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoss.

At this time, Commissioner Singhania presented Commissioner Hoss with a plaque and gift as a token of appreciation for his service as Chairman for the past term.

Commissioner Singhania made a motion to nominate Commissioner Terry as Vice Chairman, Commissioner Kresta as Secretary and Commissioner Santos as Assistant Secretary, respectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoss with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

6. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 21, 2015.

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

7. Reports from Executive Staff & Commissioners:

A. Receive report from Executive Port Director/CEO on activities and matters related to federal, state and local governmental affairs. Port tenant updates, USCOE, rail issues, HGAC/TPC, AAPA Committees, leases, contracts, upcoming Port and civic events and other related administrative and governmental affairs.

Mr. Carlson reported that General BG Hill from the U.S. Corps of Engineers in Dallas plans to visit Port Freeport the week of June 15th. The finalized date and time is forthcoming. The GRR is still waiting for the Asst. Secretary of the Army's signature. Congressman Weber did send a letter of support encouraging signature so the project can move forward. June 10th, the transition will take place between Paul F. Richardson Associates and HDR for the managing of the Freeport Harbor Channel Improvement Project. Phase I of construction for Hoegh is 99.9% complete. GM volume projections for August – December is slightly over 31,000 vehicles for export with another 6,000 imports from Asia anticipated. Mr. Carlson also reported on a meeting with Dole held earlier this week and reported that the Rail District bylaws are currently in review.

B. Receive report from Commissioners on matters related to meetings and conferences attended, Port presentations and other related Port Commission matters.

Commissioner Hoss reported attending the Highway 288 Rotary in Pearland. Commissioner Singhania reported that the Brazoria County Petrochemical Council expressed an interest in hearing about Port Freeport and the projects.

8. Receive comments from the Public.

There were no comments.

9. Adoption of a resolution declaring items surplus and ordered sold separately for cash, after notice of sale and receipt of bids to the highest bidder; destroyed if no bids are received; or offered as trade-in for new property of the same general type.

Mr. Hull stated that this is for items related to the cold storage facility as well as equipment from the pump station at Dredge Material Placement Area 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kresta to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terry with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

10. Approval of a modification to the Personal Services Contract between Port Freeport and FMF, Incorporated.

This item was tabled for further consideration.

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

- A. Under authority of Section 551.071 for discussion with attorney regarding:

1. Legal issues regarding possible condemnation of real property in East End, Freeport, Texas.

- B. Under authority of Section 551.072 for discussion regarding:

1. Discussion regarding the exchange, lease or value of Port Freeport real property as it relates to potential private capital investment.
2. The potential lease of Port property located adjacent to Berths 5 and 7, and Parcels 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 34, 35a, 39 and 40.

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

13. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.