

Minutes of Pilot Commission Port Freeport January 24, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Pilot Commission of Port Freeport was held January 24, 2019, beginning at 12:48 PM at the Port Freeport Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

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

Staff Members present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Ms. Callie Cole, Accounting Specialist

Absent:

Mr. Shane Pirtle, Secretary/Treasurer

Also, present:

Captain James Teeter, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Billy Burns, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Daniel Blanton, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Matthew Krohn, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Ross Coviello, Brazos Pilots Association
Captain Sean Kelly, Brazos Pilots Association
Mr. David Eby, Terracon
Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry
Ms. Melanie Oldham

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 October 18, 2018.

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. Approval of reappointment of Captain James A. Teeter as Branch Pilot for the Ports of Brazoria County.

Mr. Durel stated that staff reviewed Captain Teeter's application and supporting documents and found everything to be in order for his reappointment as Branch Pilot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Singhanian to approve the reappointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoss with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

4. Receive update from the Brazos Pilots Association regarding pilot boat, 2018 vessel traffic, pilot boat fee collection and expenditures, improvements to pilot station and other pilot matters.

Captain Burns stated the ship traffic for 2018 was a plateau year as compared to 2017. 2018 saw 948 ships while 2017 saw 938 ships. He reported on the new pilot boat income stating the account balance is \$297,000. The account was moved from a construction loan to a permanent loan earlier this week. The first payment is due February 1 and will be just under \$18,000/month. According to terms of the agreement, the Pilots will hold four months of expenses in reserves and the balance will be applied to loan principle. At the payment amount, the reserve will be just under \$80,000. The final boat loan amount is \$2.45 million which is \$50,000 under budget. The Pilots are still working out a few things on the new boat but overall, they are very pleased with it and look forward to the ceremonial christening on Thursday, January 31st.

5. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.