

Minutes of Meeting February 27, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Port Commission of Port Freeport was held February 27, 2020 beginning at 1:03 PM at the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. Shane Pirtle, Chairman
Mr. Paul Kresta, Vice Chairman
Mr. Rudy Santos, Secretary
Mr. John Hoss, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Ravi K. Singhanian, Commissioner
Mr. Dan Croft, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO
Mr. Rob Lowe, Director of Administration/CFO
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Al Durel, Director of Operations
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager
Mr. Cecil Booth, Project Engineer
Ms. Lauren McCormick, Public Affairs Manager
Mr. Nick Malambri, Engineering Specialist
Mr. Jesse Hibbetts, Operations Manager
Mr. Mike Quilty, Safety Coordinator
Ms. Jennifer Barrera, Sales & Marketing Specialist

Also, present:

Mr. Kevin Cadenhead, KM &L
Mr. Mike Hayes, Texas Port Ministry
Mr. Rick Stephanow, Gulf LNG Services
Mr. Chris Witte, BASF
Ms. Tammy Bialek, BASF
Ms. Beth Holland, BASF
Mr. Bob Arroyave, BGE, Inc.
Mr. Gary Basinger, The Alliance
Mr. William Bonner, TWE

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Adoption of a Resolution approving the application for tax abatement between Port Freeport and BASF Corporation regarding a \$90 million warehousing and distribution facility for property located in BASF

Corporation Reinvestment Zone No. 15, approving Tax Abatement Agreement on the same terms and conditions as granted to BASF Corporation by Brazoria County and authorizing Chairman and Secretary to execute said agreement.

At this time, Commissioner Singhanian excused himself from the meeting and discussions regarding this item.

Mr. Lowe introduced Mr. Chris Witte with BASF Corporation who spoke on this project. He stated this \$90 million warehouse distribution facility will be state of the art and help in making a few of the product lines on site become more competitive. BASF anticipates construction to begin in April this year and will hire a minimum of 45 full-time employees at the site. He further stated there is a potential for a Phase 2 to this project which would bring more activity to the area which would directly affect the Port.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoss to approve the contract as staff recommends. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kresta with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion, and Commissioner Singhanian abstaining.

3. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.