

Minutes of Meeting July 1, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Port Commission of Port Freeport was held July 1, 2016 beginning at 11:00 AM at the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioners present:

Mr. Bill Terry, Vice Chairman
Mr. Paul Kresta, Secretary
Mr. Rudy Santos, Asst. Secretary
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Commissioner
Mr. John Hoss, 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

Absent:

Mr. Ravi Singhania, Chairman
Mr. Jeff Strader, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller
Ms. Dianna Kile, Director of External/Government Affairs

Also present:

Mr. Gene Theriot, Dow Chemical
Mr. Steve Rudder, Phillips 66

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. 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 for discussion regarding:
Consultation with attorney regarding terms of potential agreement to purchase vessel for pilot services.
3. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION to review and discuss the following:

4. Consider approval of terms for purchase of vessel for pilot services.

Commissioner Hoss noted for the record that it was brought to the Port's attention there is a need for a new pilot vessel in the community however, with the cost of a new vessel going up significantly over the last several years, it has been difficult financially for the Pilots to achieve this purchase. The Port Authority wants to assure the stakeholders there will be a quality piece of equipment in the harbor to bring in ships now and in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kresta to authorize CEO to proceed with negotiations for charter services agreement for a pilot services vessel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pirtle with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

5. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.