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Port Corpus Christi Commission Elects 2014 Executive Leaders

"Commissioner Judy Hawley Replaces Mike Carrell as Chairperson"

Corpus Christi, TX - Port Corpus Christi Commissioners Elected Judy Hawley, Richard Borchard, and Charles Zahn as the 2014 Officers of the Port Corpus Christi Commission today at the first scheduled meeting of 2014.

Commissioner Judy Hawley was elected Chair of the Port Commission replacing Mike Carrell who had termed out after 12 years of service. Judy Hawley has represented San Patricio County since 2004. Following her first career of teaching and coaching tennis, Judy Hawley served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During her tenure in the House, she focused her legislative agendas around issues which impacted rural Texas. She served as Vice-Chair of both the Transportation and Energy Resources Committees and authored numerous bills relating to those industries. Additionally, she served on the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and sponsored major legislation for the agricultural producers in the state. As Chair of the Rural Caucus, she carried the legislation establishing the Office of Rural Community Affairs which coordinates rural issues among the state agencies and serves as a resource for rural communities. Serving as the Vice-Chair of the House Military Caucus, Ms. Hawley carried the legislation which established both the Texas Military Preparedness Commission and the Office of Defense Affairs. Ms. Hawley represented Texas as Vice-Chair of the Southern States Energy Board and as a member of the National Energy Council. She serves on numerous community boards including those of the South Texas Institute of the Arts, South Texas Public Broadcasting, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, Texas Maritime Museum, Regional Leaders Forum and Citizens for Educational Excellence.

Vice-Chair Richard Borchard has represented Nueces County since 2009. Borchard holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters Degree from Texas A&I University and currently is Director of Client Relations at the law firm of Lineberger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson. Borchard served as Nueces County Commissioner from 1981-1994 and then Nueces County Judge from 1994-2002. His community involvement includes among others the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Highway 77 & 281 Coalition for I-69, and the Alliance for I-69 Texas Executive Committee.

Secretary Charles Zahn was appointed by Nueces County to the Port Commission in 2012. Zahn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Baylor University. He is Partner in the Law Offices of Charles W. Zahn, Jr. He is a long-time resident of Port Aransas, Texas, where his community involvement and organizational affiliations include Port Aransas Parks and Recreation Board, Port Aransas Charter Commission, Port Aransas Rotary Club, Friends of the Ellis Library, Keep Port Aransas Beautiful, Port Aransas Preservation and Historical Association, Aransas County ISD Education Foundation, Coastal Conservation Association, to name a few. He also serves on the Nueces County Board of Park Commissioners. Because of his commitment to his community, he has received numerous awards with the Boy Scouts of America, has also been named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the City of Port Aransas and is a recipient of the Jerry McDonald Award for Service to Youth.

The Authority is governed by a Port Commission composed of seven commissioners who serve without pay. Commissioners serve three year staggered terms. Three commissioners are appointed by the Corpus Christi City Council, the governing body of the City of Corpus Christi, three commissioners are appointed by the Nueces County Commissioners Court, the governing body of Nueces County, and one is appointed by the San Patricio County Commissioners Court. The executive staff, under the leadership of the executive director, manages the operations of the Authority and assists the Commission in planning for the future. Port Commission efforts are directed toward encouraging industrial expansion, attracting new cargo, building and maintaining public terminals, setting operational policy and cooperating with the Federal Government as a local sponsor in maintaining and further improving vital navigation channels.

About Port Corpus Christi

As the primary economic engine of the Coastal Bend, Port Corpus Christi is the 5th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. The Port's mission statement is to "serve as a regional economic development catalyst while protecting and enhancing its existing industrial base and simultaneously working to diversify its international maritime cargo business." Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico, with a straight, 45' deep channel, the Port provides quick access to the Gulf and the entire United States inland waterway system. The Port delivers outstanding access to overland transportation with on-site and direct connections to three Class-1 railroads and uncongested interstate and state highways. The Port is protected by a state-of-the-art security department and an award-winning Environmental Management System. With outstanding management and operations staff, Port Corpus Christi is clearly "The Port of the Lone Star State."
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