

South Texas Waterways Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

13:30, 16 July 2020

Zoom- *Below is a list of attendees that announced their name/ presence via Zoom.

Xavier Valverde	John Pasch	Gewyn Olson	Jessica Thomas
Tom Mylett	Josh Johnson	Kevin Mulholland	Matt Peterson
Mike Kershaw	Chad Chambers	Rene San Miguel	Emily Soltow
Kurt Hallier	Jason Gunning	John Francis	Steve Carr
Robert Hawn	Kevin Miller	BJ Schulze	Russell Pickering
Joe Harrington	Dwayne McCullion	Bob Paulison	Dan Koesema
Toby Tschoepe	Matt Peterson	Jalyn Stineman	Richard Ludwig
Russell Cordo	Mike Winans	Michael Stineman	Chad Janosky
Kevin Lenz	Michael Richardson	Danielle Hale	Larry Perryman
Jay Rivera	Chaitali Dave	Tyler Reichel	Greg Payne
Philip Kuebler	Kris Lamb	Doug Salik	Margaret Brown

A. Call to order/opening remarks by chairman

At 1342 Chairman of STWAC Mr. Xavier Valverde called the meeting to order, the quorum is present. Mr. Valverde thanked all for attending.

B. Administration

At 1343 there is a motion to approve the minutes from the last two meetings (16 Jan 2020 and 10 Feb 2020), the motion carries.

C. Coast Guard COTP Remarks

CAPT Jason Gunning, Deputy Sector Commander, gave remarks. CDR Salik, Chief of Prevention Department, introduced himself.

D. Presentations

At 1349 positions that will be expiring are announced. A solicitation was made for chair of the Nominations Ad-Hoc Committee.

At 1354 Jessica Thomas gave a presentation on Buckeye Partners, L.P.,’s South Texas Gateway Terminal. The presentation included a history of Buckeye, locations of current facilities, and progress on their deepwater export terminal in Ingleside, TX which will include two deep water docks to both accommodate up to a VLCC-size vessel.

At 1409 Jalyn Stineman discussed updates on Del Mar College's Maritime Program. Del Mar College has partnered with San Jacinto College to provide a Coast Guard-approved curriculum on basic safety courses.

At 1415 Kevin Mulholland gave a presentation on Phillips 66's Bluewater Terminal. The presentation included information on Phillips 66 Midstream, Deepwater Port licensing process, SPM buoy design, location advantages,

At 1445 Margaret Brown gave a presentation on Hurricane Preparedness and Port Conditions related to Hurricane Season.

At 1451 John Pasch gave a presentation on Cheniere Energy and LNG nighttime transits. Cheniere has received over 150 vessels in 21 months and would like to extend their nighttime transit trial period for six months.

E. Committee Reports

At 1455 Russell Cordo gave an update on the Vessel Movement Committee and noted that the Port had an exceptional first quarter of increased vessel transits.

The Waterway Optimization/ Dredging Committee, WSA Advisory Committee, Marine Firefighting Committee, and Gangway Safety and Waterway Rescue Ad-Hoc Committee had no updates.

F. Old Business

At 1459 Jim Reardon gave an update on the proposal for a Choke Point Working Group to identify areas of concern. The proposal will be voted on at the next STWAC full Committee meeting.

At 1505 Margaret Brown discussed dredging and communication and requested any information. Xavier Valverde noted that Dan Koesema from the Port of Corpus Christi notified that Phase 2 of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Improvement Project was awarded and is due to begin in late 2020.

G. New Business

At 1507 Margaret Brown presented the names of General Membership applicants: Chad Chambers, Michele Truax, Dwayne McCullion, Brian Busey, Mike Winans, Mike Stineman. All members passed motion for approval.

At 1509 Kevin Miller is nominated to be chair of Nominations Ad-Hoc Committee.

At 1516 motion was approved to extend LNGC temporary exemption for nighttime transits by six months.

At 1519 Russell Cordo discussed consideration and action on nominations and selection for STWAC representatives to the POCC Pilot Review Board. At 1521 Xavier Valverde's nomination was approved. At 1525 Joe Harrington's nomination was approved.

At 1526 Xavier Valverde announced that Jim Stark from GICA has volunteered to host the Brownwater/ Bluewater Symposium remotely. Robert Hawn noted that likely many would attend if hosted remotely, but it would be difficult to moderate. Kris Lamb from Kirby noted that the Symposium would be beneficial. Xavier Valverde will further arrange with Jim Stark.

G. Adjourn

At 1529 meeting adjourned.