

These are the minutes of the workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission held on June 25, 2014, in Kemah, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chairman Houghton with the following commissioners present:

Texas Transportation Commission:

Ted Houghton	Chairman
Fred Underwood	Commissioner
Jeff Austin III	Commissioner
Jeff Moseley	Commissioner
Victor Vandergriff	Commissioner

Administrative Staff:

General Joe Weber, Executive Director
 Joanne Wright, Deputy General Counsel
 Rose Guajardo Walker, Chief Clerk
 Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk

Registration sheets listing others in attendance are on file with the Texas Department of Transportation, Assistant Chief Clerk.

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 3:54 p.m. on June 17, 2014, as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as "The Open Meetings Act."

ITEM 1. Safety Briefing

This item was presented by District Engineer Mike Alford.

Recognition of area public officials, community and civic leaders, and private citizens.

The commission recognized and received remarks from Mayor of Kemah Bob Cummins and Seabrook City Manager Gayle Cook. The commission also heard from Representative Allen Fletcher, former Texas Transportation Commissioner Ned Holmes, and Harris County Public Infrastructure Department Executive Director Art Story.

ITEM 2. Discussion

a. Texas ports community update and maritime system discussion

This item was presented by Maritime Division Director Dan Harmon. The commission also heard from Associate Director, Center for Economic Development and Research, University of North Texas, Michael Bomba; Chairman of the Port Advisory Committee and Executive Director of the Port of Corpus Christi, John LaRue; .

b. Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Update

This item was presented by Maritime Division Director Dan Harmon. The commission also heard comments from Commissioner Jim Rich of the Sabine Neches Navigation District; and from Federal Affairs Division Representative Melanie Alvord.

c. Houston District (Presentations)

Houston District and regional partner overview and presentations

This item was presented by District Engineer Mike Alford. The commission also heard comments from Houston-Galveston Area Council Director of Transportation Planning Alan Clark; Executive Director, Gulf Coast Rail District, Maureen Crocker; Brazoria County Engineer, Matt Hanks; Fort Bend Toll Road Authority General Manager Mike Stone; Tom Lambert of METRO; City of Houston Director of Planning and Development Patrick Walsh; Fort Bend County 36A Coalition - Fort Bend County Commissioner Andy Meyers and Waller County Judge Glenn Beckendorff; President of the Katy Prairie Conservancy Board of Directors Mary A. Van Kerrebrook; and Executive Director, Katy Prairie Conservancy, Mary Anne Piacentini.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD - At the conclusion of all other agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the department. No action will be taken. Each speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Speakers must be signed up prior to the beginning of the open comment period.

The commission heard no comments during the open comment period.

ITEM 3. Executive Session Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551

a. Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding any item on this agenda

b. Section 551.071 - Consultation with and advice from legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation

The commission adjourned to Executive Session at 4:47 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 5:23 p.m.

The workshop meeting of the Texas Transportation Commission was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ted Houghton, Chairman
Texas Transportation Commission

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages constitute the full, true, and correct record of all proceedings and official records of the Texas Transportation Commission at its workshop meeting on June 25, 2014, in Kemah, Texas.



Robin Carter, Assistant Chief Clerk
Texas Department of Transportation