

These are the minutes of the regular meeting of the Port Authority Advisory Committee (the Committee) held on July 2, 2018 in Houston, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 9:16 a.m. by Acting Chair John LaRue with the following committee members present:

Port Authority Advisory Committee:

John LaRue	Port of Corpus Christi – Acting chair
Roger Guenther	Houston Port Authority
Chris Fisher	Port of Beaumont - Teleconference
Eduardo Campirano	Port of Brownsville
Larry Kelley	Port of Port Arthur
Jennifer Stastny	Port of Victoria
Phyllis Saathoff	Chair, Port Freeport - Teleconference
Michael Plank	Lt. Governor Appointee – Teleconference
Alan Ritter	Speaker of the House Appointee- Absent

A public notice of this meeting containing all items on the proposed agenda was filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at 9:49a.m. September 7, 2018 as required by Government Code, Chapter 551, referred to as “The Open Meetings Act.”

ITEM 2. Introduction of committee members and TxDOT staff.

John LaRue, acting chair, asked committee members, TxDOT and guests to introduce themselves.

ITEM 3. Approval of minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting. (Action)

Roger Guenther made a motion that the meeting minutes be accepted with a second by Larry Kelley and the Committee approved the minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting by a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 4. Approval of the final Rider 45 project list. (Action)

Stephanie Cribbs, TxDOT Maritime Division employee, presented the results of the third call for projects for the Rider 45 grant program. A total of \$5,403,743 in grant funds was available with 11 projects competing for the funds. The top two projects, Calhoun Navigation District (\$3,870,875) and the Port of Brownsville (\$1,532,868) received the remainder of the Rider 45 funds. Jennifer Stastny made a motion that the funds be distributed to the respective applicants and the motion was second by Larry Kelley and approved by the Commission with a vote of 5-0.

ITEM 5. Approval of the budget request for the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund. (Action)

Committee members voted to submit a Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) to the Texas Transportation Commission in the amount of \$450MIL in order to capitalize on the Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund, which was established by Transportation Code §56-003. Larry Kelley made a motion to approve the amount requested and Eduardo Campirano second the motion. The motion was approved by the Committee 5-0 for approval.

ITEM 6. Approval of the budget request for the 2020-2021 Texas Port Capital Program. (Action)

At the May 31, 2018 Port Authority Advisory Committee meeting Dan Harmon, Maritime Division, Director, discussed the process for the committee to approve the legislative appropriations requests (LAR) for the Port Capital Program (PCP). Mr. Harmon stated that it is not part of the base budget for TxDOT but an exceptional item request for the appropriations on the behalf of the committee. The preliminary request for the Port Capital Program (PCP) was an estimated \$515MIL. Mr. Harmon suggested that it may be good to revisit the PCP project list and try to focus on those projects that can be completed in the next two to three years and reduce the LAR requested amount. Mr. Harmon stated that if the Committee wanted to leave the requested amount as is, then that number would be submitted. A motion was then made to table the vote on the LAR request for the next scheduled meeting on July 2, 2018 (see meeting minutes from the May 31, 2018 meeting).

Maritime employees sent out the PCP project list to committee members on June 25, 2018 for the committee to review and consider adjustment of the LAR request.

At the July 2, 2018 meeting the Committee voted to decrease the PCP LAR request to \$125MIL with a motion being made by Jennifer Stastny and second by Roger Guenther with the Committee approving the motion of 5-0.

ITEM 7. Discussion on the development of the Texas Port Mission Plan.

Alisha Pena, TxDOT Maritime Division, gave a brief update on the Texas Port Mission Plan. Ms. Pena stated that all ports have been responding well to request for information and that the plan was on track to be completed by this fall.

ITEM 8. Select next meeting date and location. (Action)

A motion was made by John LaRue that the next meeting will be held in Austin, Texas at the Dewitt Greer Building, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas to begin at 9:00 a.m. The motion was second by Jennifer Stastny and the Committee approved the motion 5-0.

ITEM 9. Public comment

ITEM 10. Adjourn. (Action)

John LaRue, acting chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

John LaRue, Acting Chair
Port Authority Advisory Committee