

# Minutes of Port Commission Special Meeting

## October 28, 2021

### In Person & Videoconference

A Special Meeting of the Port Commission of Port Freeport was held October 28, 2021, beginning at 1:05 PM at the Administration Building, 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas.

Commissioner Hoss noted the following information that was included on the posted agenda.

This meeting may be attended virtually or in person.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code titled "Videoconference Call." This statute provides public officials, employees and members of the public may participate remotely in a public meeting by videoconference call. The Port Commission is utilizing this existing statute to ensure the greatest amount of access to the public and ensure the ability of all Commissioners to participate in meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The quorum of the Port Commission will be located at the Commissioner Meeting Room located at 1100 Cherry Street, Freeport, Texas ("Meeting Location"). The Port Commission intends to have a quorum at the Meeting Location. The presiding Commissioner of this meeting will be physically present at the Meeting Location. The public will be permitted to physically attend the meeting at the Meeting Location.

Public comment will be available at the beginning of the meeting during the agenda item devoted to public comment. Public comment may be communicated virtually and in person, but in either event public comment will be limited to 5 minutes per participant and must be communicated verbally. Following public comment, the public will not be permitted to communicate with the Port Commission.

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Commissioners present in person:

- Mr. John Hoss, Chairman
- Mr. Rudy Santos, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Dan Croft, Secretary

Mr. Rob Giesecke, Asst. Secretary  
Mr. Ravi Singhanian, Commissioner  
Mr. Shane Pirtle, Commissioner

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Jason Cordoba, Legal Counsel  
Ms. Phyllis Saathoff, Executive Director/CEO  
Mr. Rob Lowe, Director of Administration/CFO  
Mr. Mike Wilson, Director of Economic Development & Freight Mobility  
Mr. Jason Hull, Director of Engineering  
Mr. Chris Hogan, Director of Protective Services  
Mr. Jason Miura, Director of Business & Economic Development  
Mr. Brandon Robertson, Network Systems Manager  
Ms. Missy Bevers, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Mary Campus, Controller  
Mr. Jesse Hibbetts, Operations Manager  
Ms. Tricia Vela, Public Affairs Assistant  
Mr. Nick Malambri, Engineering Specialist

Also, present:

Mr. Bobby Fuller, Texas Port Ministry  
Mr. Nathan Ferrington, K-Bin, Incorporated  
Mr. Jason Mills, Terracon  
Mr. Kirk Glasby

1. CONVENE OPEN SESSION in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001, et. seq., to review and consider the following:
2. Adoption of a Resolution approving the application for tax abatement between Port Freeport and Shintech Incorporated and K-Bin Incorporated regarding a \$30 million expansion of their PVC Compounding facility for property located in Brazoria County Reinvestment Zone No. 21-03, approving Tax Abatement Agreement on the same terms and conditions as granted to Shintech Incorporated and K-Bin Incorporated by Brazoria County and authorizing Chairman and Secretary to execute said agreement.

Mr. Lowe stated that Shintech, Incorporated and its subsidiary, K-Bin, Incorporated is evaluating the expansion of their PVC compounding process and noted the following considerations. The project is a \$30 million investment and is a 7-year term of tax abatement with a requested variance of 8 years in the application. The estimated value after the abatement expires is \$23,700,000. 10 permanent jobs will be created with 20 construction jobs at start, 40 at peak and 20 upon completion. After conducting its assessment and reviewing with the Finance Advisory Committee, staff recommends approval of a 7-year term abatement which is consistent with the agreement approved by Brazoria County. Mr. Nathan Ferrington, Operations Manager for K-Bin also gave a brief overview of the project and was available for questions from commission members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Singhanian to approve the tax abatement agreement as recommended by staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Croft with all Commissioners present voting in favor of the motion.

3. Adjourn.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.