



NOTICE OF PILOT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (the "Pilot Board") will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, 15 Dec 2015**, at the Portland Community Center, 2000 Billy G. Webb, Portland, Texas. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Sherry DuBois at (361) 882-5633 at least 48 hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Si usted se dirige a la junta y cree que su inglés es limitado, habrá un intérprete inglés español en la reunión de la junta para ayudarle.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Call meeting of the Pilot Board to order and receive safety briefing and conflict of interest affidavits.
2. [Approve the minutes of the Pilot Board meeting held on 18 Aug 2015.](#)
3. Receive comments from the public. ***(Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.)***
4. [Present two Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Work hours visual inspection reports performed 14 August 2015 and 9 Oct 2015 per Sec V of the Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage on the Corpus Christi Ship Channel.](#)
5. [Approve renewal of Captain Forrest Albrecht's expiring Branch Pilot's license per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.040. Branch Pilot's License Renewal.](#)
6. [Determine whether Deputy Branch Pilot Trip Webb is qualified to be a Branch Pilot to and from the Port of Corpus Christi and authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to certify such finding to the governor per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.036. Branch Pilot Appointment by Governor. \(Sensitive personal information withheld from public record and held in file\).](#)
7. [Determine whether Deputy Branch Pilot Steve Conway is qualified to be a Branch Pilot to and from the Port of Corpus Christi and authorize the Secretary of the Pilot Board to certify such finding to the governor per Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.036. Branch Pilot Appointment by Governor. \(Sensitive personal information withheld from public record and held in file\).](#)
8. Adjourn the meeting.

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF PILOT BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2015**

The Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (the “Pilot Board”) met on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at 8:45 a.m., at the Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz International Center, 402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Commissioners Present: Ms. Judy Hawley
Mr. Charles Zahn
Ms. Barbara Canales
Mr. David P. Engel
Mr. Wayne Squires
Mr. Richard L. Bowers

Staff Present: Mr. John LaRue
Mr. Sean Strawbridge
Mr. Jarl Pedersen
Mr. Tony Alejandro
Mr. John Pasch
Ms. Sherry DuBois

Others Present: Mr. Leo J. Welder, Jr.
Mr. Dane Bruun

Others Present: Mr. Richard R. Valls
Valls Group
Capt. Louis Adams
Capt. Rick Casas
Capt. James Dooley
Capt. Sammy Murphy
Capt. Matthew Lynch
Aransas/CC Pilots Assn.
Mr. Chris Ramirez
Caller-Times
Mr. Fred Dotts
MDR
Mr. Terry Arnold
Consultant

I.

Chair Hawley called the meeting to order and asked for any conflict of interest affidavits. None were submitted.

II.

On motion made by Mr. Zahn and seconded by Ms. Canales, the minutes of the Pilot Board meeting held on May 19, 2015 were approved in the form presented to the meeting.

III.

Chair Hawley asked for comments from the public. None were received.

IV.

The Pilot Board received a presentation of the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Work hours audit report performed May 29, 2015.

V.

On motion made by Mr. Zahn and seconded by Mr. Engel, the Pilot Board approved the re-appointment of Captain John "Richard" Casas as Branch Pilot to the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Association.

On motion made by Ms. Canales and seconded by Mr. Squires, the Pilot Board approved the re-appointment of Captain Louis Adams as Branch Pilot to the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Association.

On motion made by Mr. Engel and seconded by Mr. Squires, the Pilot Board approved the re-appointment of Captain James Dooley as Branch Pilot to the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Association.

On motion made by Mr. Zahn and seconded by Ms. Canales, the Pilot Board approved the re-appointment of Captain Sammy Murphy as Branch Pilot to the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Association.

VI.

On motion made by Mr. Bowers and seconded by Mr. Engel, the Pilot Board approved the appointment of Capt. Matthew Lynch as Deputy Pilot to the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Association per TX Transportation Code Sec. 70.003. Qualification for Certificate for Deputy Branch Pilot.

VII.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of
Corpus Christi Authority

DATE: 14 Aug 2015
FROM: John LaRue; 885-6189; john@pocca.com

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

**Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Work Hours Visual Inspection Report for 3rd Quarter
2015**

On Friday, August 14, 2015 Mr. John Pasch, Interim Director of Operations, reviewed the Pilot's master work hours logbook for the third quarter 2015 as required by the Resolution adopted 12 August 2014 by the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority. That resolution amended the Pilotage Rule and Regulations by limiting a Pilot's work hours to not more than 13 total hours in any 24 hour period.

This inspection was performed with the Pilot's Presiding President, Capt Louis Adams, Capt Jay Rivera and Ms. Kristin Malone. The pilots are using a new, computer based data base that presents a professional display. Several pilots' work records were reviewed, including the complete two week work cycle of several randomly selected pilot. Pilot spot checks of July and August transits were made.

No discrepancies were noted during the audit of pilot work-rest hours. The next review is scheduled for later in 2015. After the inspection, the Pilots displayed their new "PRU" units which promote situational awareness integrated with GPS technology.

MAIN POINT OF CONTACT: John Pasch, Interim Director of Operations, (361) 885-6157.

**PORTCORPUSCHRISTI**

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of
Corpus Christi Authority

DATE: 09 Oct 2015

FROM: John LaRue; 885-6189; john@pocca.com

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

**Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot Work Hours Visual Inspection Report for 4th Quarter
2015**

On Friday, October 9, 2015 Mr. John Pasch, Interim Director of Operations, reviewed the Pilot's master work hours logbook for the fourth quarter 2015 as required by the Resolution adopted 12 August 2014 by the Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of Corpus Christi Authority. That resolution amended the Pilotage Rule and Regulations by limiting a Pilot's work hours to not more than 13 total hours in any 24 hour period.

This inspection was performed with the Pilot's Presiding President, Capt Louis Adams, Ms. Kristin Malone and Ms. Jennifer Powell. The pilots are using a computer-based data system called Harbor Lights. Three pilots' work records were reviewed, including the complete two week work cycle of one pilot and several randomly selected days of the other pilots.

No discrepancies were noted during the audit of pilot work-rest hours. The next review is scheduled for the 1st quarter of 2016.

MAIN POINT OF CONTACT: John Pasch, Interim Director of Operations, (361) 885-6157.

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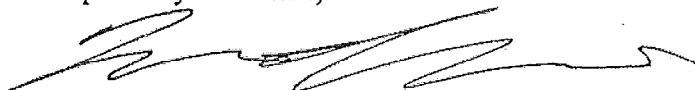
December 2, 2015

Mr. John P. LaRue
Executive Director
Secretary – Pilot Board of Commissioners
PO Box 1451
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue

My four year commission as a Branch Pilot for the Corpus Christi Ship Channel expires on March 1, 2016. I respectfully request that the Board of Pilot Commissioners consider recommending to the Governor that my commission be renewed.

Respectfully submitted,



Captain Forrest Albrecht
Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots

cc: Captain John Pasch
USCG(Ret) – Director Port Operations

November 28, 2015

Mr. John P. LaRue
Secretary: Board of Pilot Commissioners
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
P.O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX. 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

Captain Earl G. Webb III will complete the Aransas Corpus Christi Pilot Deputy Pilot Program as of January 1, 2016. During this 2 year period, he has been under the careful supervision of the State Commissioned Pilots that serve the Port of Corpus Christi. Captain Webb has proven himself to be a competent and capable pilot in every way. His training consisted of an intense ship-handing program based on the gradual increase in size and draft of ships that call on this port. In addition, he has completed many professional training and continuing education courses including Manned Model Ship handling, Bridge resource management for Pilots, Emergency ship handling, Portable Pilot Unit training, and advanced ship handling with tractor tugs. He acquired his First Class Pilot endorsement for Corpus Christi Ship channel, LaQuinta Channel and adjacent tributaries.

Captain Webb has demonstrated to be an individual of good moral character and of sound physical and mental health. He possesses the requisite skills to safely, efficiently, and competently maneuver the vessels that call on the Port of Corpus Christi. He has completed all the requirements to qualify for a license as branch pilot in the Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.032.

I therefore request that the Board of Pilot Commissioners act at its earliest opportunity to recommend Captain Earl G. Webb for commissioning by the Governor of the State of Texas as a Branch Pilot.

Sincerely,

Captain R. L. Adams

Presiding Officer
Aransas Corpus Christi Pilots

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December 2, 2015

Mr. John P. LaRue
Secretary of the Pilot Board
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
P.O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, Tx 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:


Captain E.G. (Trip) Webb III will complete the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots Deputy Pilot Program as of January 1, 2016.

During this 2 year period, he has been under the careful supervision of the Sate Commissioned Pilots that serve the Port of Corpus Christi. Captain Webb has honed his skills as a Harbor Pilot through an intensive, advanced shiphhandling program based on a gradual increase in size and draft of ships that transit our waterway. In addition, he has completed many professional training and continuing education courses including a Shiphhandling Pilot Course with manned ship models, Bridge Resource Management for Pilots Course, and Emergency Shiphhandling Course. Captain Webb has also completed additional continuing education courses to keep up with technological advances in the Maritime industry such as the Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA) Course, Electronic Charts training, Portable Pilot Unit training, and Advanced Ship Handling with Tractor Tugs. He has acquired a U. S. Coast Guard First Class Pilot License for the Corpus Christi, La Quinta Ship Channels, and adjacent waters.

Captain Webb has demonstrated to be an individual of good moral character and in good physical and mental health that possesses the requisite skills to safely, efficiently, and competently maneuver the vessels that call upon our Port. He has also completed all the requisites to qualify for a license as branch pilot outlined in the Texas Transportation Code Sec. 70.032.

I therefore request the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Pilot Board act at its earliest opportunity to recommend Captain Earl Grey Webb III for commissioning by the Governor of the State of Texas as a Branch Pilot, to and from the Port of Corpus Christi and its Tributaries.

Sincerely,



Captain Forrest G. Albrecht

cc: Trip Webb
P.O. Box 1612
Fulton, TX 78358

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Mr. John P. LaRue
Secretary: Board of Pilot Commission
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Mr. LaRue,

Growing up on the gulf coast of Florida, I have always been drawn to the ocean. Throughout high school, my summers were spent working on tug and barges as a deck hand. The tug and barge I worked on was chartered to Valero and frequented The Port of Corpus Christi. It was during those summers that I fell in love with the coastal bend of Texas and fastened my career goal on becoming a harbor pilot. Once I received a congressional nomination, I was appointed to the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation, I commenced working with Penn Maritime (now Kirby Offshore Marine) on ocean-going tug and barges. Whenever possible, I upgraded my United States Coast Guard (USCG) license and attended continuing education courses — which progressed me through the ranks to sailing as Chief Mate after just two years. Navigating in and out of Gulf ports as second-in-command of the company's largest articulated tug and barge sharpened my ship handling skills, as well as judgements in the face of unforeseen circumstances.

On January 1st, 2014, I began training as a Deputy Pilot with the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots. Over the past two years, I have observed and handled more than one thousand ship movements, in addition to passing all three necessary USCG First Class Pilotage exams, in three consecutive days. Supplementing my real-time, hands-on training, I also traveled abroad to further my education. Last fall, I exercised emergency ship handling using state-of-the-art simulators under the instruction of St. Lawrence River Pilots in Québec, Canada. This September, I attended a week-long ship handling course in Port Revel, France — the world's leader in manned scale model training.

After years of preparation both personally and professionally, I can proudly say I've dedicated my life to serving the Port of Corpus Christi. Joining the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots brings about a sense of immense responsibility and unwavering commitment to the welfare and growth of our local waterways. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to become a State Commissioned Branch Pilot, and am confident I will serve this port with the upmost regard and quality performance expected of this position.

Sincerely,



Captain Earl G. Webb, III
Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots

November 28, 2015

Mr. John P. LaRue
Secretary: Board of Pilot Commissioners
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
P.O. Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX. 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue:

Captain Stephen J. Conway will complete the Aransas Corpus Christi Pilot Deputy Pilot Program as of March 1, 2016. During this 2 year period, he has been under the careful supervision of the State Commissioned Pilots that serve the Port of Corpus Christi. Captain Conway has proven himself to be a competent and capable pilot in every way. His training consisted of an intense ship-handing program based on the gradual increase in size and draft of ships that call on this port. In addition, he has completed many professional training and continuing education courses including Manned Model Ship handling, Bridge resource management for Pilots, Emergency ship handling, Portable Pilot Unit training, and advanced ship handling with tractor tugs. He acquired his First Class Pilot endorsement for Corpus Christi Ship channel, LaQuinta Channel and adjacent tributaries.

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Sincerely,



Captain Sammy Murphy

cc: Stephen J. Conway
5902 Raven Hill Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78414

Stephen James Conway
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November 28, 2015

John P. LaRue
Secretary: Board of Pilot Commissioners
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
PO Box 1541
Corpus Christi, TX 78403

Dear Mr. LaRue,

Having been raised in a Pilot family, I have been afforded the unique perspective of the rigors and rewards of a piloting career. From an early age, my intention was to one day become a harbor pilot like my father. My journey began in the fall of 2003, attending the Texas Maritime Academy at A&M Galveston. Upon graduation, I began employment with one of the premier Jones Act tanker companies; Overseas Shipholding Group. On the Overseas Luxmar, our primary port of call in the United States was Corpus Christi, TX. I was very impressed with the pilots and port facilities. I eagerly awaited our port stays in Corpus Christi. Through hard work and dedication, I was promoted quickly within OSG. I was chosen to sail on their new shuttle tanker fleet; the Overseas Chinook and Overseas Cascade. At the time of promotion to Chief Mate, I was the youngest senior officer in the fleet. Fast forward to 2013, I had finally upgraded my USCG license to the highest level possible: Unlimited Master. Shortly thereafter, I received a phone call that changed my life forever, I had been selected into the deputy training program of the Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots.

On March 1st 2014, I began my training as a Deputy Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilot. During the first four months, I made more than 300 transits under the guidance of senior Pilots and acquired a USCG first class pilotage license. Since then, I have piloted all types and classes of vessels, starting with the smallest, then progressing to the largest. My off-channel training has included; Bridge Resource Management for Pilots, Advanced Manned-Model Ship Handling, Tractor Tug Application and Legal Aspects of Piloting.

As a State Commissioned Branch Pilot in Corpus Christi, I look forward to safeguarding the waterways of the Coastal Bend Region, while being an integral part of the Port's continued growth.

Sincerely,


Capt. Stephen James Conway