

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2013

Roll Call

President Keith Conrad called the regular meeting of the Port District to order on June 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin Jr., John Stone, Charles Sheridan, Katie Troccoli, Thomas Haeberle and Mark Stoudt. Also present were Boyd Palmer, David Noble and Richard Burton.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2013 were presented and approved by unanimous oral vote following a motion to approve by John Stone and second by William Franklin Jr.

Hearing of Citizens

Boyd Palmer advised of the likelihood of RP Lumber establishing a facility in Ottawa and that a new warehouse facility was also possible. He reported that the former Hardies property had been purchased but that no progress appears to exist as to sale of the old Wal-Mart building.

Financial Report

Katie reported on the balance of the district's accounts. She requested authority to pay the NCICG billing of \$1,500.00 for work performed on the USDA loan pre-application. William Franklin Jr. made a motion to pay the bill in entirety and then bill Heritage Harbor for half of such. Charles Sheridan made a second to the motion which was passed by unanimous oral vote.

Communications

None.

Individual Member Reports

President Keith Conrad advised that he was communicating with Ottawa Commissioner Aussem about funding options available to port districts.

Katie Troccoli commented that the annual river sweep is on September 21, 2013 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Allen Park. Starved Rock Marina is involved in cleanup from their facility to Allen Park.

Charles Sheridan commented on the Asian Carp problem and the impact such may have on public river use.

Public Hearing

President Keith Conrad called to order a public hearing on the Annual Budget and Appropriation ordinance. Atty. Burton commented on the need of the port district to adopt an appropriation ordinance and made a few summary comments about the proposed ordinance. There being no public present to for the public hearing, President Keith Conrad closed the public hearing.

Old Business

No progress was reported as the proposed intergovernmental agreement between the Port District and the City of Ottawa.

President Conrad and William Franklin Jr. provided an update about reconsideration of the USDA pre-application rejection. Nora from NCICG is still working on a reconsideration and looking for approvals of airplane hangar projects which have in the past been approved for loans by the USDA. The topic of reconsideration of the USDA pre-application will be placed on next month's agenda.

William Franklin Jr. commented that we do not as of yet have a good project cost estimate for the project which will need to include architectural plan review and construction supervision. He also expressed concern as to how the Port District would ever operate such if the possible lease with Heritage Harbour failed. No TIF money would be available for the project but sales tax for the project would likely be avoided as the site is in an enterprise zone.

New Business

William Franklin Jr. made a motion to approve the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Katie Troccoli made a second to the motion which was unanimously approved at a roll call vote.

William Franklin Jr. made a motion to approve the Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance. A second was made by Katie Troccoli and the motion was unanimously approved by oral vote.

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John Stone commented on the start of the Central School planning process.

Adjourn

On motion of Katie Troccoli and second by Charles Sheridan, the meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 a.m. The next meeting of the Port District will be July 19, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at Ottawa City Hall.