

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called the regular meeting of the Port District to order on September 20, 2013 at 9 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Charles Sheridan, Katie Troccoli, Thomas Haeberle, and Mark Stoudt. Also present were Dave Noble and Jeff Torricelli. Member John Stone was absent.

MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2013 were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by William Franklin, Jr. and seconded by Charles Sheridan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comment.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli handed out the financial reports, which were approved by motion of Charles Sheridan and seconded by Mark Stoudt.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a letter from the Chamber requesting money for the golf outing.

There was an e-mail from the Harbor Master at Heritage Harbor seeking a letter of support. On motion made by Katie Troccoli, seconded by William Franklin the motion to issue a letter of support was passed.

There was an e-mail regarding seeking a grant for a pump house. No action was taken.

MEMBER REPORTS

William Franklin said he spoke to Randy Jacobs, the pro diver, who told him he did not think there were enough carp to support a commercial fishing business around here.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Hupp advised that Richard Burton was waiting on comments from Keith Leigh regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Katie Troccoli reminded everyone about the annual Illinois River Sweep on Saturday September 21, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Torricelli spoke about the carp issue relative to there being a commercial fishing business being started and supported in this area. He also talked about revenue sources and specifically mentioned a fertilizer business seeking a storage facility with river access. Much discussion was had regarding the possibility of the district purchasing the property and

constructing a building to lease out. During his talk there was a question as whether we need to have a permit form. Rich Burton will follow up with this issue.

DISCUSSION IN GENERAL

Attorney Hupp apprised the board that the state park near Lyman Road was a too small for use by Railnet to expand it switching capabilities so as to not interfere with Route 23 traffic. Hupp also said that the Armstrong property seemed to have the area needed for this. Dave Noble, City of Ottawa Engineer, advised that he thought Railnet already had property sufficient to allow additional tracks for this purpose.

ADJOURN

On motion of Katie Troccoli and second by Tom Haeberle, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.