

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2014

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order on June 20, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Charles Sheridan, Thomas Haeberle, Katie Troccoli and John Stone. Also present were Reed Wilson, Rich Burton, Boyd Palmer, and visitors Bill Cairnes and Ray Sibert from Ottawa River Rescue.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2014 were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by William Franklin, Jr. and second by Charles Sheridan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bill Cairnes and Ray Sibert from Ottawa River Rescue were present. They discussed the nature of their organization being a privately funded non for profit entity. They discussed the scope of their operations which included Illinois and Fox River work as well as work in the general area. They discussed their currently building, the problems associated with such and their work to date is investigating an alternative facility. Board members advised Bill and Ray that the Port District may be able to assist with financing options.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli presented a financial report which was approved on motion of William Franklin, Jr., second by John Stone and unanimous oral vote.

MEMBER REPORTS

President Keith Conrad advised the board that he, Thomas Haeberle and Atty. Burton attended a City of Ottawa workshop meeting relevant to the draft intergovernmental agreement with the City. After review of a few of the agreement provisions, the City Commissioners appeared satisfied with the agreement and anticipated approval of such at their next regular meeting.

Keith Conrad and John Stone also commented on issues relevant to silica sand storage near the River. The Ottawa Port District needs to consider floodplain issues with Ottawa Floodplain Administrator Mike Suffin and perhaps LaSalle County Board officials such as County Board Chairman Jerry Hicks.

OLD BUSINESS

Keith Conrad, Reed Wilson and others reported on the status of various governmental bodies providing financial support for the funding of the multi-county multi-modal project supported by IDOT. Discussion followed about the Port District appointing a representative to the steering committee for the next needed step of preparing a study in support of the project. Board members requested William Franklin, Jr. to consider acceptance as the Port District's representative to the steering committee.

Charles Sheridan and Boyd Palmer led discussion about existing buildings in the port district territory available to potential new businesses. No newer large facilities appear available. Charles Sheridan advised members of general cost estimating methods conveyed to him by David Sickley from D. J. Sickley Construction Company, Inc.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed an Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance which adopts the Illinois Department of Labor wage rates. The ordinance was adopted on motion of Katie Troccoli, second by Thomas Haeberle and unanimous oral vote.

Attorney Burton presented a report of his time spend on behalf of the port district and suggested a need to work on a realistic retainer and alternative means to handle preparation of minutes.

ADJOURN

The board adjourned at about 8:55 a.m. upon on motion of William Franklin, Jr., second by Charles Sheridan and unanimous oral vote. The next meeting of the port district will be July 18, 2014.