

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2014

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order on October 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Katie Troccoli, John Stone, Thomas Haeberle and Mark Stoudt. Also present were Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson, Rich Burton and Tom Walsh.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2014 were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by William Franklin, Jr. and second by John Stone.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli presented a financial report, which was approved on motion of William Franklin, Jr., second by Charles Sheridan and unanimous oral vote. The fourth quarter invoice of Diane Stelken and monthly invoice of Attorney Burton were approved on motion of John Stone, second by William Franklin, Jr. and unanimous oral vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

MEMBER REPORTS

William Franklin, Jr. reported that the Multi-Modal Study paperwork was completed recently, with the next step would be the formality of obtaining signatures: Jerry Hicks was to sign and then it would be relayed to the state. It was noted that the money has been approved and the next step will be to review bids, which are to be back the first of October. A possible glitch would be if the bids come in high. The estimated start of the project is by the end of the year. The next meeting regarding the Multi-Modal study is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 28 in Room 220.

Thomas Haeberle commented that the port district has been noted in newspaper publication, which is a positive step for getting the district's name familiar with the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was had regarding the Illinois Sand and LaSalle County property. A draft has been approved by board and final review of the insurance section and stipulations are next. It was noted the docking area will be rebuilt 500 feet east of present docking site. Keith Conrad questioned if the City of Ottawa and LaSalle County have copies of the Waterfront Activity Permit. It was confirmed they do.

Next was review of recent riverfront activity. William Franklin questioned if a survey was being completed. It was also questioned if other property had underground storage. Discussion followed regarding the challenges of moving the road to the south, the option to expand hillside, and an inquiry as to how much space this would create. The other challenge is where the drive meets Route 23 and the need to consult with IDOT regarding this. The financial aspect was questioned and noted that this is an unknown aspect.

William questioned if putting in a harbor/port has to wait until the pilot project is completed. It was noted nothing will happen until the port district obtains clearance, which some funding sources would help. More information would be available in late spring. Bill noted the district should be involved in that in some way.

#### Skydive Chicago

Discussion was had about an upcoming meeting with Jeff Torcelli to see if there is any funding available. Discussion continued regarding possible expansion of the airport and it's comparison in size to other local regional airports. It was noted it is commonplace for port districts to have hangars and runways. William Franklin, Jr. questioned if the port district could derive money from landing fees. Keith commented there is a planned meeting with Jeff Torcelli next week and he will follow up at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that the November meeting of the port district will held at the Reddick Mansion Annex building. Keith confirmed that this has been reserved with Kathy Clair.

Rich Burton discussed the upcoming report due with the State of Illinois Comptroller's Office. All port districts must register no later than six months past the end of the district's fiscal year. Rich commented that the challenge is that the district has never levied anything therefore the county cannot assist with providing tax rolls. He did note that the representatives from the county have been very cooperative with providing information for the required report and will code all property once project is completed, absolving the need to complete such task again. Rich also noted the report is almost finished and will report again next month.

Tom Walsh discussed the upcoming large deposit of sand at the facility west of the nursing home. Plans are for Northern White Sand to deposit 18,000 tons of wet sand (due to 75% water content) piped in from another sight. The goal is to be able to ship to the home base of Texas. Discussion was had regarding the county's graduated fee for three years, which starts at seven cents per ton. Tom commented that the county will deposit the fees into the IL General Fund.

#### ADJOURN

The board adjourned at about 8:35 a.m. upon on motion of William Franklin, Jr. and second by Thomas Haeberle and unanimous oral vote. The next meeting of the port district will be November 21, 2014. .