

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2014

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order on December 19, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Katie Troccoli, Thomas Haeberle, and Charles Sheridan. Also present were Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson, Rich Burton, and Matt Stafford. Richard Kolesar and Bernie Sexton were in attendance as representative of the Starved Rock Yacht Club.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2014 were presented and approved as amended by unanimous vote following a motion by William Franklin, Jr. and second by Charles Sheridan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli presented a financial report and reported she would relay a copy to the board members via e-mail. She also stated the need to transfer funds from the money market to the checking account. Katie then presented a quarterly bill from Diane Stelken and monthly invoice from Hupp, Lanuti, Irion & Burton, P.C., which were approved on motion of Thomas Haeberle, second by William Franklin, Jr. and unanimous oral vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

MEMBER REPORTS

William Franklin, Jr. updated the board concerning the multi-modal project. Two quotes have been received: one from Hanson and one from Parsons Brickerhoff. The next meeting will take place December 22 with another meeting for interviews to take place on January 5, 2015. A decision will be made after that.

It was reported that there is a University of Illinois Asian Carp feasibility study taking place in Pekin, Illinois. William Franklin, Jr. commented that the district should obtain a copy of the report once it is available.

Old business:

There is nothing to report regarding the Illinois Sand and LaSalle County property, nor recent riverfront activity. There is also nothing to report concerning Skydive Chicago.

NEW BUSINESS

Comptroller Report

Rich Burton confirmed that the required report had been filed with the comptroller with Katie Troccoli's assistance. He reported he is awaiting confirmation of acceptance of said report.

Keith Conrad reported that he had touched base with Mark Stoudt, who was looking into obtaining a GIS map.

#### Starved Rock Yacht Club Permit

Richard Burton reported being contacted by Starved Rock Yacht Club, who seeks to obtain another dredging permit. Copies of permit application were passed out and reviewed. Richard Kolesar and Bernie Sexton, representatives of the Starved Rock Yacht Club, stated that the club has received a provisional permit from the Army Corps but is awaiting approval from the IEPA.

Rich Burton reminded the board that the district's Waterfront Activity Permit is valid for eight months, since the original intention of the permit was more for structures. It was reported that the Army Corps dredging permit is good for ten years and the ILEPA permit is good for five. Matt Stafford reported that LaSalle County issued their permit for five years, with the understanding this dredging is a continuous process. Discussion ensued around molding this permit to correlate with the state permits. William Franklin, Jr. suggested the district should follow the county time permit period. Keith Conrad commented the district's original intention was to correlate and flow with other entities. Katie Troccoli noted that the district may have such issues for awhile going forward as they work to associate with other organizations.

Katie Troccoli made a motion to approve a Waterfront Activity Permit for Starved Rock Yacht Club for a five year time period contingent upon their obtaining IEPA approval. Said motion was seconded by William Franklin, Jr. and unanimous oral vote. As Keith Conrad is a member of the Army Corps, he abstained from voting.

Keith Conrad reported another letter of support for the Brownsfield Grant, similar to the one sent prior, was recently sent to the City of Ottawa. He provided a copy to the district board via e-mail.

#### ADJOURN

The board adjourned at about 8:28 a.m. upon on motion of William Franklin, Jr. and second by Katie Troccoli and unanimous oral vote. The next meeting of the port district will be January 16, 2015.