

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2015

ROLL CALL

President Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order at City Hall on February 20, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Katie Troccoli, John Stone, Charles Sheridan, and Mark Stoudt. Thomas Haerberle was absent. Also present were Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson, Matt Stafford and Rich Burton.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2015 were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion 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 Charles Sheridan second by William Franklin, Jr. and unanimous oral vote. Katie noted that all outstanding invoices have been paid. Invoices of Hupp, Lanuti, Irion & Burton, P.C., and the United States Postal Service box were approved on motion of William Franklin, Jr., second by Mark Stoudt and unanimous oral vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

A check from Heritage Harbor was received from their half of NCICG grant work costs. An invoice for the post office box was received and ordered paid.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Boyd Palmer reported on industrial part and downtown Ottawa business activities. Grants are being sought for assistance in removal of the Little City building.

Reed Wilson reported that the experimental coal tar remediation attempt on the former Central School site had not gone well and that other remediation options would likely be explored.

MEMBER REPORTS

William Franklin, Jr. reported no new progress regarding the multi-modal project. For current, the project is not in need of additional funding. Some portions of the study may be done in coordination with the study commissioned by the Illinois Soybean Association.

John Stone noted using an upcoming meeting as a time to brainstorm about ideas in ways to help the local community in 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming changes to downtown Ottawa were discussed, including additional restaurants and renovations on existing buildings, and the grant for Little City Building. Larry Kiest will be at Ottawa Rotary on March 11 to discuss his plans for the Ottawa Boat Club property.

Discussion took place about the anticipated recreational feasibility study. The board should monitor this work as a possible participant to any facility.

#### ADJOURN

The board adjourned at about 8:35 a.m. upon on motion of Charles Sheridan, second by Katie Troccoli and unanimous oral vote. The next meeting of the port district will be March 20, 2015.