

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2015

ROLL CALL

Keith Conrad called a regular meeting of the Port District to order at City Hall on August 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, William Franklin, Jr., Katie Troccoli, John Stone, and Charles Sheridan and Mark Stoudt. Thomas Haerberle joined the meeting shortly after the meeting started but had to leave before the meeting adjourned. Also present were Boyd Palmer, David Noble, Reed Wilson and Rich Burton.

MINUTES

Minutes from July 17 minutes were presented and approved by unanimous vote following a motion by John Stone and second by William Franklin, Jr.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Boyd Palmer spoke about several business properties in Ottawa including the demolition of the Little City building and potential business changes for the old Walmart Store and the old Carsons building, and the old Woolworth building.

David Noble spoke about a Resiliency Grant which the City (with the help of NCICG) is seeking for improvement of flooding conditions which may also have funds available for the Central School riverfront development project. David advised that there be several public hearings and meetings as to the grant and he requested the port district participate in such. A workshop session is being scheduled for August 31, 2015 at 3:30 P.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Katie Troccoli presented a financial report, which was approved along with usual and customary bills on motion of Charles Sheridan, and second by Williams Franklin, Jr. and unanimous oral vote. Discussion followed about the state of our treasury and when such will become depleted absent income.

COMMUNICATIONS

Jerry Hicks is to provide the Port District with information about a Boat Access Development Program. As the grant has a September filing deadline, this may be a project we can consider for the next grant cycle.

MEMBER REPORTS

William Franklin, Jr. reported as the Multimodal group project which is still in the feasibility review stage. Bill followed up about the railroad discussions from last month but received no response from his further inquiries.

William Franklin, Jr. commented about the back of buildings being visible as a result of the start of demolition of the Little City Building.

OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to report concerning recent riverfront activity nor Skydive Chicago. Ottawa River Rescue is continuing with their efforts to build a facility at the old oil storage site by Allen Park.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by William Franklin, Jr. and second by Charles Sheridan and unanimous oral vote, the Board approved a RESOLUTION APPROVING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, FINDING MINUTES SHOULD REMAIN CLOSED, AND AUTHORIZING THE BOARD SECRETARY TO DESTROY RECORDINGS.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9 a.m. upon motion of Katie Troccoli and Mark Stoudt, and unanimous oral vote. The next regular meeting of the port district will be September 18, 2015. A special meeting will likely be called to allow members of the Port District to participate in a City of Ottawa workshop session for said Resiliency Grant scheduled for August 31, 2015 at 3:30 P.M.