

OTTAWA PORT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2012

Roll Call

President Keith Conrad called the April 20, 2012 regularly scheduled meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following board members present: Keith Conrad, Katie Troccoli, John Stone, William Franklin Jr., and Thomas Haeberle. Also present were Boyd Palmer, Reed Wilson, Rich Burton, and Diane Stelken.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Review of the March meeting minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Hearing of Citizens

None.

Financial Report and Payment of Claims

Katie advised that she had an invoice for \$4,000.00 from Diane Stelken. On motion of Katie and second by William, Katie was directed to pay the invoice by unanimous oral vote. Diane will next be working on the website. Keith will assist Diane. The Port District will also look at possible grant opportunities.

Communications

None.

Individual Member Reports

Reed reported that the school district may be seeking levee improvements on the Fox River side from the school. He anticipated the expense of such may exceed \$1,000,000.00. This could be a joint project between the school, city and perhaps the Port District.

Boyd also discussed a possible river tour. Boyd will report back on the possibilities of setting such up for the board.

Public Hearing on Budget

President Keith called a public hearing to order as to the proposed budget. Since there was no one from the public present nor did any member of the public provide comment in advance of the meeting, Keith closed the public hearing.

Old Business

Board members approved the reviewed and approved Diane Stelken's work to date.

Neither Rich nor Reed could report any progress on the District's draft intergovernmental agreement with the city. Both will follow up on this for next month.

Katie requested that consideration of the District's draft ordinance requiring a Waterfront Activity Permit be tabled for further consideration. The draft ordinance is modeled from the Waukegan Port District which may be too much for Ottawa. Katie recounted efforts that she personally undertook to establish a small residential dock. Katie has concern that the District not duplicate already burdensome Army Corp and Illinois Department of Natural Resources permit procedures and normal City of Ottawa procedures. All agreed to table to the next meeting.

New Business

On motion of William and second by Thomas, the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Ottawa Port District was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Executive Session

On motion of William and second by Katie to proceed to executive session pursuant to section 2(c)5 to discuss the purchase or lease of real property, a roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

The board returned from executive session about 9:00 a.m. Mayor Bob Eschbach joined the meeting and general discussion about the Port District followed. On motion of Thomas, second by William, and unanimous oral vote, the meeting adjourned shortly after 9:00 a.m.