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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, July 11th, 2022**
at the Port Offices, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 10:28 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Tom Klimek
 Vice President Bryan Hyska
 Commissioner Hank Wallace
 Commissioner Ron Antonneau
 Commissioner Mike Vizer

Excused: Commissioner Barb LaMue
 Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
 Commissioner Wes Kornowske
 Commissioner Pete Diemer

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
 Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
 Katie Platten, Brown County P&RR
 Ken Przybyla, GLC Minerals

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of June 13th, 2022 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 13th, 2022 meeting was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen mentioned that the August meeting of the Harbor Commission may be on an irregular day due to when the 2023 Budget is available.

6) Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Agreement

The grant agreement for the \$15 million Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant was presented to the Harbor Commission by Mr. Haen and Mark Walter. Details regarding the scope of work, timeline, and budget were clarified by the Port Department. The original grant application was completed in conjunction with an application submitted by the City of Green Bay. The intention was for Brown County to develop and prepare a site that would be acceptable for any operator needs in Phase I, and the second phase of the project would be for the city of Green Bay to work with the C. Reiss Company to relocate their operations to the new site. Brown County's project estimate is now at \$30 million. Bringing in the City of Green Bay project enabled the application to be eligible for grant funds and to receive a better score. The C. Reiss Company and city of Green Bay continue to negotiate details of the city's project.

Ron Antonneau asked what the City of Green Bay funding would have gone towards if they had received their grant? Mr. Walter responded that the redevelopment of the current C. Reiss operation site on Mason Street would have been redeveloped after operations have been moved. Mr. Antonneau also asked if that potential redevelopment at Mason Street would require any Port activities? Mr. Haen answered that part of the property would be continuing the project of the Shipyard, and the southern half of the property would be dedicated to Port growth with dockwall repairs and stormwater considerations. Mr. Walter further clarified the application process that happened and the intent of both projects.

Vice President Brian Hyska asked what level of risk does Brown County face in finding the remaining \$15 million needed for the Port Development Site's funding. Mr. Haen explained that there was funding available from various sources already received as potential future grants being pursued. While unsure if the full need will be met upfront, there are plans in place in this event. Mr. Klimek asked what funds have currently been used and Mr. Haen responded that GEI has been hired to provide engineering services and the property was purchased with grant assistance from the WEDC. Mr. Walter clarified the timeline and funding process for the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant.

Mr. Haen discussed the many moving parts of the grant agreement. Mr. Vizer raised concerns of approving the agreement without the scope of work and budget being completed. Mr. Walter answered that he possessed the form filled out and agreed that the scope of work needed details. Further discussion concluded that the agreement will be acted on with modification.

A motion to approve the Neighborhood Investment Grant Agreement contingent upon receipt of the work plan and budget by the Harbor Commission prior to the document's submission to the PD&T Committee was

made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

7) Resolution Authorizing Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Grant Application

A motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Grant Application was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

8) Resolution Expanding Brown County Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #167 With Subzone FTZ #167-F

Mr. Haen explained that Burger Boat Company requested Brown County expand FTZ#167 to include a subzone that will allow an operating agreement between Brown County and Burger Boat. Burger Boat will be responsible for paying the federal fee and monthly FTZ fee to Brown County. Mr. Vizer asked why Brown County FTZ was chosen? Mr. Haen responded that the Madison and Milwaukee FTZs are tied closely to their respective airports, while the Brown County FTZ covers the State of Wisconsin border.

A motion to approve the Resolution Expanding Brown County Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #167 With Subzone FT #167-E was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

9) Director's Report

Mr. Hyska asked if there were any updated discussions with the City of Green Bay regarding the easement to Renard Island as well as an update for the 217 agreement that Mr. Haen could share. Mr. Haen responded that Corporation Counsel has redrafted the Renard Island easement and then it was given to the County Executive who will share it with Green Bay's City Council and Mayor.

Mike Konecny was hired from MWK, LLC to help work through the charts and data that the Corps of Engineers compiled. Mr. Konecny was able to work through and create a report. The Port will engage with the Corps later in the next week.

Mr. Haen discussed the continued participation with the Friends of the NERR and an upcoming meeting with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Without funding from Brown County's ARPA funds, the project is unlikely to move forward unless funding partnerships are found. Mr. Haen explained a few reasons why he believes Green Bay is a great choice and Mr. Walter discussed the site evaluation committee's process to visit all of the potential sites. Mr. Walter also discussed that the process is very well in place to not allow any single group to sway any decisions.

10) Tonnage Report

The tonnage report for the month of June was presented to the Harbor Commission.

Mr. Haen discussed that tonnage is up 9% over 2021 YTD. On the way to being a good season, which is important as American Great Lakes Port Association will be using 2022 data for a port economic impact study.

Mr. Vizer asked where all the coal that was shipped into the Port was being utilized. Mr. Haen responded that it was being brought to Fox River Terminals to be used at industries such as Proctor & Gamble, foundries, and Western Lime. Mr. Vizer also asked for clarity on why petroleum products imported was low. Mr. Haen explained that it could be due to economic timing and where the products are being shipped from. Ken Przybyla from GLC Minerals commented that timing of the vessels was also something that could factor the lack of petroleum imports, as GLC Minerals is currently waiting on three ships.

Mr. Antonneau asked why foundries are not converting to natural gas and is that something they can do to move away from coal. Mr. Haen explained that while it is possible, the sites are old manufacturing sites dependent upon low cost energy.

Mr. Vizer discussed the bridge closure at Walnut Street may affect shipping tonnage to terminals downstream if there are any delays in maintenance. Mr. Haen mentioned that WATCO was sourcing funds to repair and upgrade the railroad bridge.

Hank Wallace asked what general feedback was received regarding the passenger vessels that docked at Leicht Memorial Park during the month of June. Mr. Haen said that the Captain was very impressed with the dock wall. The Green Bay Visitor's Bureau offered a lot of activities for them to choose from. Mr. Walter explained that the crew enjoyed that the dock was at a park with a lot of entertainment to see around since they were generally docking in an industrial port and then bussing out to different sites.

11) Acknowledgement of Bills

A listing of the bills paid in June was reviewed by the Commission. Mr. Haen raised the option to do away with presenting the Acknowledgement of Bills as a quarterly budget status is reported on to the Commission. Mr. Antonneau and Mr. Vizer agreed with the condition that any significant changes be highlighted in the quarterly reporting.

12) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

A motion to remove the Acknowledgement of Bills from future meeting agendas was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Ron Antonneau.
Unanimously approved.

13) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:25 am was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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