

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, November 13th, 2017**
Port & Resource Recovery Department | 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54302

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 10:32 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Tom Klimek
Vice President Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Ngosong Fonkem
Commissioner Bernie Erickson

Excused: Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
Commissioner Peter Zaehringer
Commissioner Mike Vizer

Unexcused: Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR
Jim & Sylvia Graefe, Resident
Troy Gawronski, Foth
Diane Mitchell, RGL Holding
Bjorn Lysne, Tetra Tech
Holly Bellmund, GLC Minerals
Steve Moss, GLC Minerals

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda – *Request for Approval*

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

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of October 9th, 2017 – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the minutes of October 9th, 2017 was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

Commissioner Erickson explained that because of the rat problem in the Green Bay area a solution may be to release feral cats. The Port may need to be involved depending on where the cats are released.

Motion to open discussion to the public was made by Bernie Erickson seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

Representatives from GLC Minerals, RGL Holdings and residents along the Fox River all said that they are not experiencing a rat problem but did not have other comments about using feral cats as a solution.

Motion to return to regular order of business by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

The County Board passed the budget November 2nd. The Port's budget stayed intact.

6) Fox River Environmental Clean-up Project – Public Comments/Update on Standing Item

Mr. Haen stated that the Project asked the Port for the third time to evaluate using Bay Port for dredged material. Brown County spent \$10,000 with Foth to perform the evaluation. The Project decided not to use Bay Port but they have agreed to pay Foth for the Department's cost during the evaluation process.

Troy Gawronski stated that November 11th was the last day of operation for the year. Sand spreading will continue until November 15th. The Project will start again in March or April.

7) Third Quarter 2017 Budget Status Report – Request for Approval

Mr. Haen reviewed the third quarter 2017 budget status report.

A motion to approve the Budget Report was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

8) Grant Submittal for Renard Island End-Use – Request for Approval

Mr. Walter reviewed the grant with the Harbor Commissioners. The grant is a 60% local/40% state WI Coastal Management Grant. Staff and the Renard Island Committee has secured \$65,000 in funds to be used for the local share. Brown County contribution is \$10,000. He anticipates that scoring may be affected because the city of Green Bay has not been involved in planning. The city of Green Bay has been encouraged to be involved in the discussion process as well as financially. Commissioner Erickson advised city of Green Bay residents to contact their City Alderperson to advocate for the Renard Island project.

9) PFM – Request for Approval

PFM manages Department long-term financial investments. Majority of funds managed are on the Solid Waste side. PFM has been managing our long-term investments for three years. The Treasurer recommends to continue working with PFM for another two years. The Treasurer believes the Treasurer's Office can outperform PFM's investment performance, but unable to handle the responsibility at this time. Brown County will reconsider in 2019.

A motion to approve the PFM contract extension was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

10) Economic Impact Study – Update

Mr. Haen explained the final report will not be available until January.

11) Bylsby Ave Work and Lease Plans – Update

GLC Minerals indicated that they want to lease the entire Bylsby property, 12.6 acres. There is work left to perform to finish the sedimentation pond. The Department will hire a contractor to complete the sedimentation pond and get the surface to grade. There is \$15,000 budgeted for this work in the 2017 budget.

There are currently three leases with GLC Minerals. Once this new lease is agreed to there will just be one lease between the County and GLC Minerals.

Motion to open discussion to the public was made by Bernie Erickson seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Bellmund explained GLC Minerals is growing and will need more raw material storage.

Motion to return to regular order of business was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

12) Director's Report - Update

Great Lakes Pilots' lawsuit continues. There was a resolution to the issues being challenged. Some resolutions were favorable, others were not. The U.S. court has intervened as well as Congress. Congress reported to the Coast Guard that safety and economic viability do not need to be at odds. They need to reexamine great lakes pilots.

The Western Great Lakes Pilots sent a letter to the Port. They are concerned about the height of the Leo Frigo bridge. Mr. Haen encouraged the Pilots to reach out to the Coast Guard because they are in charge of aid to navigation. Mr. Haen also reached out to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to confirm the height of the bridge. The State determined that the bridge is built as designed. They did report that water level lines need to be repainted on the bridge and the lights hang down lower than they should. Clearance is 117 feet under current water conditions

U.S. Oil is indicating they plan to receive three shipments in December. They also plan to receive two vessels in January between the 10th and 25th. Ice breaking may need to take place. Public outreach will be evaluated and all proper channels will be notified.

As requested, the letter to the City regarding Mr. Haen's suggestions on adding throw rings, signage and police patrol to the City Deck was provided to the Commissioners. The Port is still waiting for the US Coast Guard incident report.

13) Acknowledgement of Bills – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve Acknowledgement of Bills was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Ngosong Fonkem. Unanimously approved.

14) Tonnage Report – *Request for Approval*

Tonnage is down 4% from this time last year. Tonnage was received and placed on file.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – *Update*

No other matters.

16) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:18 am was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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