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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**
Tittletown Tap Room, 320 N. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 8:47 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present:

President Tom Klimek
Commissioner Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Pete Diemer
Commissioner Mike Vizer

Excused:

Commissioner Ngosong Fonkem
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Also Present:

Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR
Wes Kornowske, Paper Transport Inc
Roger Wilson, Cargill Salt
Stephen Burnett, Great Lakes Cruising Coalition
Bruce Nierenberg, Victory Cruise Lines

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 – Minutes of February 12 Meeting – *Request for Approval*

Tom Klimek asked that the minutes be modified as follows:

Item 10 should read “President Klimek mentioned that the Harbor Assistance Program does not have a Section Chief in WisDOT’s budget.” Eliminate the 2nd line about Lisa Stern.

A motion to approve the minutes of February 12th, 2018 as amended was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

Pete Diemer is replacing Commissioner Fonkem. Wes Kornowske will be appointed to the HC in April in place of Peter Zaehring. Dean introduced the new Clerk/Typist II, Patti Cole.

Dean Haen thanked Executive Troy Streckenbach for attending the meeting and noted that the 20th Annual Port Symposium will be held immediately following this meeting.

6) 2018 Federal Policy Positions – Request for Approval

Commissioner Haen stated concern that Congress needs to fully fund the Harbor Maintenance Funding and “hit the target” for annual dredging, marine infrastructure renewal, construction of a new Soo Lock, rehabilitation of the Seaway locks, and break walls along the Great Lakes, protecting against aquatic invasive species, funding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, state assistance for port infrastructure and pilot reform.

Commissioner Erickson asked the committee to express support for the replacement of Line 5, a 60-year-old pipeline that runs oil beneath the Straits of Mackinac. The company that maintains the damaged pipeline will only rehabilitate it if the State of Michigan compels them to. The State of Michigan has the responsibility to protect the Great Lakes while it meets the energy needs of its people.

A motion to approve the 2018 Federal Policy Positions was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

7) 2017 Port Annual Report – Request for Approval

Commissioner Haen stated that the Port Annual Report contains an overview of the Department, the port’s economic impact, the financials and the status of 2017 goals and establishment of 2018 goals. Commission Wallace suggested adding Advancing Great Lakes cruise ship activity as a 2018 goal.

A motion to approve the 2017 Port Annual Report was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

8) Renard Island RFP– Request for Approval

The Port Department has developed a Request for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consulting firm to develop an End-Use Plan for Renard Island using a grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Public and Private partnerships will be sought to help implement projects developed in the End-Use Plan.

Engineering/consulting firms will be contacted directly to make them aware of the RFP. The End-Use Plan will be the first step toward getting finalizing uses for Renard Island.

Commissioner Hyska suggested that the Department keep the city of Green Bay involved as an interested stakeholder and we coordinate plans with the City.

A motion to approve the Renard Island RFP was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

9) Director's Report - Update

The Pulliam Plant will be decommissioned soon. Mr. Haen would like the Port to be involved, either by owning the parcel of land or ensuring the property is used for Port related purposes.

Mr. Haen invited the Harbor Commission to attend the Annual Symposium immediately following the meeting.

10) Acknowledgement of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

11) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – Update

No other matters.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 9:05 am was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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