

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, October 12th, 2020**
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 10:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Tom Klimek
 Commissioner Barb LaMue
 Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
 Commissioner Ron Antonneau
 Commissioner Hank Wallace

Excused: Vice President Bryan Hyska
 Commissioner Wes Kornowske
 Commissioner Mike Vizer
 Commissioner Pete Diemer-present via phone

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
 Samantha Cooper, Brown County P&RR
 Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
 Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of August 17th, 2020 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 17th, 2020 meeting was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

No announcements

6) 2020 Port Strategic Plan

Director Dean Haen explained the strategic action items for the Port for the next five years:

1) World Class Operations:

- a. Reduce barriers to waterborne transportation in Green Bay
 - b. Amend and extend 217 Agreement between Brown County and US Army Corps of Engineers for placement of Dredged Material at Bay Port
 - c. Expand Bay Port upon acquired 36-acre parcel of property
- 2) Strong Business Development
- a. Research import and export commodity types and quantities in Wisconsin
 - b. Explore moving containers from Green Bay to Cleveland's European liner service
 - c. Continue to pursue acquisition or other involvement in the future use of the WE Energies Pulliam Power Plant site to ensure property is used for its highest and best uses as industrial port property
 - d. Participate in the Freight Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (FRIIP) study of Northeast Wisconsin intermodal needs and service
 - e. Assist and facilitate in establishing Green Bay as a cruise ship destination
 - f. Assist city of Green Bay with developing a US Coast Guard port security plan for Leicht's Park
 - g. Advance development of a remote rail intermodal yard(s)
 - h. Get Port of Green Bay designated as a Marine Highway Project
- 3) Enhanced Financial Performance
- a. Recognize financial implication of expiring dock leases and develop an approach to offset lost revenues
 - b. Evaluate the 2008 Harbor Fee
 - c. Develop beneficial reuse opportunities for dredge materials at both Bay Port and Cat Island
 - d. Identify target properties for acquisition for additional physical space and facilities to expand Port operations
- 4) Effective Public Relations and Marketing
- a. Commit to a presence in Washington D.C. and Madison, WI
 - b. Exhibit Port of Green Bay at targeted trade missions, exhibitions, conferences or similar forums each year
 - c. Determine public access capabilities at Cat Island with Cay Island Advisory Committee
 - d. Create Education/Certification program for Terminal Operators and key partners to understand impact of their operations and freight movements
 - e. Market the Port as a cost-effective means of exporting material
 - f. Implement first phase of Renard Island End-Use Plan through grants and fundraising
 - g. Lease Renard Island property for use compatible with the Bay Beach area or trade property for another property that has Port-related capabilities
 - h. Participate in a study of Northeast Wisconsin intermodal needs and service

A motion to approve the 2020 Port Strategic Plan was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

7) CLOSED SESSION (Real Property)

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), any meeting of a governmental body may be convened in closed session for purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or the conducting of other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require closed session.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Barb LaMue. A roll call vote followed with the following Commissioners voting “aye”: Tom Klimek, Barb LaMue, Tim Feldhausen, Ron Antonneau and Hank Wallace. There were no “nay” votes; the motion was passed. The purpose of the closed session was for deliberation and possible negotiations/action relating to real property.

A motion was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Hank Wallace to return to open session. A roll call vote followed with the following Commissioners voting “aye”: Tom Klimek, Barb LaMue, Tim Feldhausen, Ron Antonneau and Hank Wallace.. There were no “nay” votes; the motion was passed. **No action was taken.** The Harbor Commission continued with agenda items in open session.

8) Tonnage Report

Mr. Haen announced that there has been an overall decrease in tonnage (-19%) and in coal shipments (-65%) as the coal industry is slowly being replaced by cleaner forms of energy production.

A new type of commodity was brought in to the port in September; carbon anodes came in from the Netherlands. They are used by the foundries during the aluminum smelting process.

Tom Klimek asked what does the category “Project Cargo” refer to? Mr. Haen explained that is ACE Marine’s aluminum components going to Fincantieri.

9) Director’s Report

Mr. Haen explained that county plans on doing a pilot demonstration project by composting dredge material with wood chips and manure.

10) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

11) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:35 am was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Barb LaMue. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department