

**PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT**



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**MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION**

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A meeting was held on **Monday, November 11th, 2019**  
at the Port Offices, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by Commissioner Hank Wallace at 10:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Hank Wallace  
Commissioner Wes Kornowske  
Commissioner Tim Feldhausen  
Commissioner Pete Diemer  
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Excused: President Tom Klimek  
Commissioner Bernie Erickson  
Vice President Bryan Hyska  
Commissioner Mike Vizer

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR  
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR  
Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR  
Will Agen, Interested Party  
Jim & Sylvia Graefe, Interested Parties  
Paul Killian, GEI

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

**A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of September 9th, 2019 Meeting

**A motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th, 2019 meeting was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen announced that it is Veteran's Day and to thank all of the commissioners who served for their service. It was also announced that Harbor

Commission President Tom Klimek and Commissioner Bernie Erickson were unable to be there due to recent surgeries.

6) Beneficial Reuse Project

Mr. Haen stated that GEI has been selected as the vendor for the project. So far, GEI has been gathering data and their next step is to establish a marketing plan. Under existing state statutes, dredge material is treated as solid waste. The goal is to get dredge material removed or treated differently than being treated under the solid waste regulations.

**A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

Jim Graefe asked if the dredge materials are clear of contaminants to with Mr. Haen answered “no” that there is still a small amount of contaminants. Currently, however, the amount of PCBs in the dredge material is 0.2 parts per million, which is five times lower than the Fox River Cleanup standard.

**A motion to return to regular session was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

7) Renard Island End-Use Plan

Mr. Haen explained that the department will have a public presentation on the Renard Island End-Use Plan on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Harbor Commission and Renard Island End-Use Committee will meet at 2:30 pm at the Neville Museum for a presentation after which the plan will be presented to the PD&T Committee at their regular meeting that evening.

8) Executed FTZ Subzone E Operating Agreement

Mr. Haen updated the Harbor Commission by stating that a resolution was passed a few months ago to enter in to an operating agreement with ProAmpac for FTZ Subzone E. It is a five year agreement with a \$1,000/month user fee.

9) Ducks Unlimited Site Specific Agreement - Cooperator

Mr. Haen explained that Ducks Unlimited is working on a project near Bay Port. Use of Bay Port was granted for storage and the site has been restored to existing conditions. They have been using the property to store trees to build wetland habitat. During a physical check of the area, Mr. Haen realized that Ducks Unlimited had installed a culvert across a small portion of the Port's property without Brown County's approval. Because of this, a Site Specific Agreement has been written up so both Ducks Unlimited and Brown County agree on their responsibilities regarding use and restoration of the property.

**A motion to approve the Ducks Unlimited Site Specific Agreement and forward it to PD&T contingent on Corporation Council approval was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Ron Antonneau.** Unanimously approved.

10) Pulliam Plant

Mr. Haen stated that meetings continue regarding the Pulliam Plant. The County Planning department is putting together a port opportunities study. The Port has met with C. Reiss Coal, GLC Minerals, U.S. Venture, and Flint Hills Resources regarding the property. Planning has come up with five different concepts for the property, but not all companies have agreed on a concept.

11) ACE Marine Bridge Street

Mr. Haen announced that ACE Marine learned of a development project by the city of Green Bay that would hinder their ability to tie up on the bollards they currently use. As part of the design, the bollards would be removed. ACE Marine asked the Port for assistance in communicating with the City. The City was unaware of how the plan would affect the terminal and are considering a couple of options to fix the situation: 1) they could put in two more bollards to allow ACE Marine's ships to tie up or 2) they could put in two dolphins which would require \$300,000 of a Harbor Assistance Program grant.

Pete Diemer asked about the current timeline for the project. Mr. Haen stated that the City is currently in the design phase of their project.

12) Tonnage Report

Mr. Haen explained that tonnage for the month of September is up yet again. This is most likely due to higher water levels and a strong economy. The Port could be on pace for a record year, however; ice could be a possible barrier this year. With the colder weather Lake Michigan could freeze over faster than in past years resulting in the need for ice breaking.

Ron Antonneau asked why the domestic exports tonnage is low. Mr. Haen explained that it is because exports are mostly petroleum products leaving the Port. Currently, the Port is importing more petroleum products than it is exporting; however, more ethanol is being exported.

13) Director's Report

Mr. Haen announced that the United States Corps of Engineers is currently spending money to fix the damages that occurred at Cat Island this past summer due to high water levels. They are also hardening the roads to prevent future damage.

14) Acknowledgement of Bills

**A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Wes Kornowske and seconded by Tim Feldhausen.** Unanimously approved.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

**A motion to suspend the rules was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Pete Diemer.** Unanimously approved.

Will Agen, a current bridge tender in the Port of Green Bay, read a letter in which he stated his concerns regarding the future remote bridge operations. His concerns included the fact that the successful remote bridge operations in Sturgeon Bay, WI are not necessarily a standard that can be set for the Port of Green Bay. This is because Green Bay's bridges are much closer together and there are more commercial vessels in Green Bay compared to Sturgeon Bay.

Mr. Agen also expressed concern regarding where the cameras have been placed and encourages the Harbor Commission members to come take a look at the current remote bridge operations setup.

**A motion to return to regular session was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

16) Adjourn

**A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:38 am was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Wes Kornowske.** Unanimously approved.

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Tom Klimek, President  
Harbor Commission

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