

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT



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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, December 13th, 2021**
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 10:31 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Tom Klimek
 Vice President Bryan Hyska
 Commissioner Barb LaMue
 Commissioner Hank Wallace
 Commissioner Mike Vizer
 Commissioner Wes Kornowske
 Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
 Commissioner Pete Diemer

Excused: Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Also Present: Dean Haen, 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 Wes Kornowske and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of October 11, 2021 Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Barb LaMue. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Director Dean Haen discussed the end of the shipping season and spoke on the bridge closures. Bridges are on call until the end of the shipping season. Ice outreach will occur if any ships are announced for January. There is currently little ice in the Port and on the Fox River. The Main Street Bridge will be secured for

scheduled bridge maintenance from January 4th until January 31st, 2022, Monday thru Friday, from 7:00AM until 4:00PM.

6) Quit Claim Deed for 1996 Flint Hills Resources Dock Wall Lease

Mr. Haen explained that the expiring dock wall lease agreement that was created to build the Fox River dock slip, utilized by Fox River Terminal, GLC Minerals and Flint Hills Resources. The lease will term out next December. Flint Hills Resources is requesting if they could pre-pay and have their quit claim deed back to them.

7) Pulliam Plant Site Redevelopment

Mr. Haen discussed the Pulliam Plant property transaction date which is January 3rd, 2022. Additionally, the Pulliam Site Engineering RFP is currently out for bid. Discussions with EPA, FEMA, DNR, and GEI have been progressing. County budget approved in November allowed \$1.3 million for stormwater retention at the site.

A) Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Application

Mark Walter explained that the Harbor Assistance Program grant was submitted but no information on awards has been released by WisDOT. The Neighborhood Investment Fund grant application was submitted as well, requesting \$20 million. Mr. Walter discussed details on what the grant funding would be used for. Mr. Haen asked if the funding would be considered State money or Federal that is given to the state for distribution. Mr. Walter answered that from what he has seen and read; the money is defederalized. Barb LaMue further explained the source of the funding is defederalized money. Mr. Walter explained the one potential issue that the project could run into which is that the grant requires the project to be substantially complete by year-end of 2024.

The next avenue of grant funding that is being pursued is the Federal Maritime Administration. MARAD Project Designation to be eligible for grant application is in the works. An federal infrastructure grant is also going to be available for application in 2022 that doesn't require project designation. A conversation about the designation of the marine highway and if it beneficially impacts the grants or project that the Port is pursuing occurred.

Bryan Hyska asked if there was an opportunity to use clean fill in the places that will require filling. Mr. Haen explained that there will be surveys done to determine the quality of the lakebed and the materials there (rock, gravel, and virgin clay). The materials at Bayport are topsoil and not structurally proper for building upon. Potentially, the South Landfill property could be a source of clay, with further discussion and approval by the Solid Waste Board.

B) Other Items

There was a discussion regarding upcoming meetings with the County Board and RFPs that are out for bid.

8) Director's Report

Mr. Haen discussed the Port related items in the Director's report that continue to be worked on including an outstanding plan modification for Bayport that was sent to the County Board. The plan modification was halted because of PCB discussions in the past on beneficial reuse of dredge materials. The Port has been consulting with GEI for the Pulliam Plant and for beneficial reuse of dredge materials. First meeting with EPA will be in the beginning of January.

Mr. Haen, Mr. Walter, and Chad Doverspike presented the construction progress on the South Landfill that the Resource Recovery area of the department has made in 2021.

Mr. Haen finished his Director's Report discussing Renard Island as a potential site for a NOAA National Estuarine Research Reserve research center. Mr. Walter clarified that the site selection process is quite far in the future, where the designation of what and where the NERR will be is in the works now.

9) Tonnage Report

Tonnage reports for October and November were distributed for Commission review.

10) Acknowledgement of Bills

A listing of the bills paid in October was reviewed by the Commission.

11) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:34 am was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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