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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, June 11, 2018**
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 Ron Antonneau
Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
Commissioner Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Wes Kornowske
Commissioner Mike Vizer
Commissioner Hank Wallace

Excused: Commissioner Pete Diemer
Commissioner Bernie Erickson

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Patti Cole, Brown County P&RR

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

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

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of April 4 Meeting – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018 was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

Dean Haen introduced the newest member of the Harbor Commission (HC): Wes Kornowske. The rest of the Commissioners introduced themselves.

The Port Symposium on April 4 went very well. Commissioners reported comments and suggestions that participants shared with them about the Symposium.

Preparations are underway for the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association (WCPA) annual meeting on August 16-17 in Superior, WI.

- 6) Cell Tower – 2nd Amendment to Option and Ground Lease Agreement
Mr. Haen presented the changes that were made to the terms of the 2nd amendment to the Cell Tower Agreement. Commissioner Feldhausen shared some concerns with paragraphs 6. Non-Compete, 8. Landlord Statements, 9. Confidentiality and 14. Tenant's Securitization Rights. Mr. Haen will bring his suggested changes back to Corporation Counsel for review before the signing date. **A motion to approve the 2nd Amendment, pending any revisions by Corporation Counsel, was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Hank Wallace.** Unanimously approved.
- 7) Status of Pulliam Plant Property
Mr. Haen stated that attempts to meet with WEC Energy Group (the parent organization of WPS) have been unsuccessful. Mr. Haen would like to discuss the future of the coal-fueled WPS Pulliam Power Plant in Green Bay which will be decommissioned within the next several years, to let them know that the Port of Green Bay is very interested in ensuring that part of the sizable property would be used for its highest and best use as industrial port property. The property has the deepest draft in the harbor, significant acreage, located at the mouth of the Fox River, both rail and highway interchange access. The property could be put to multiple port uses, including an intermodal terminal among others. The Commissioners support and continue to encourage Mr. Haen and Brown County to take the initiative to set up meetings to tell the owner and the community about the Port's vision for the property and to envision options for possible uses of the land. Commission directed staff to meet with C. Reiss Coal and draft a formal meeting request letter to WEC Energy Group.
- 8) Renard Island RFP
Mark Walter reported that five qualified bids were received to develop an End-Use Plan for Renard Island. Three companies have been invited for interviews at the end of June.
- 9) Leo Frigo Bridge Clearance
The US Coast Guard sent the Port a notification that the official vertical clearance of the Leo Frigo Bridge is 120' in the center.
- 10) Tonnage Report
Mr. Haen reported that the March/April tonnage was lower than in previous years due to the weather and late ice breaking. The tonnage report for May will be released soon, and it should show a rebound with better figures than last year.
- 11) Director's Report
Mr. Haen reported that the first Economic Impact Study of Great Lakes Ports since 2010 has been completed and will be released in July. The Port of Green Bay's

Economic Impact Information will be released a month or two later. Mr. Haen suggested holding a media event for the release.

The Port of Green Bay was recognized with two awards:

1. **Award of Excellence** from American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) for the 2018 Communications Competition entries by Noelle Cutler of Leonard and Finco for the Port of Green Bay about Ice Breaking Awareness Outreach.
2. **Special Accomplishment Award** from Greater Green Bay Chamber at the 2018 Business Recognition Lunch “in honor and recognition of Port of Green Bay for contributions made to Northeast Wisconsin”. The award noted that this past winter, the Port of Green Bay was instrumental in creating public awareness about ice breaking and safety in order to import much needed materials, such as 120,000 tons of petroleum and 390,000 tons of salt to the area. The actions taken and the infrastructure it provided, helped ensure the safety of the public and access to important commodities.

12) Acknowledgement of Bills

A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

13) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – Update

The next meeting is **tentatively scheduled for July 9**, but the date may change due to the annual budget process.

14) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:40 am was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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