

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE HEART OF ILLINOIS REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
(TransPORT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Thursday, July 23, 2009
The Heartland Partnership Board Room
100 SW Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602**

Open Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dan Silverthorn at 3:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dan Silverthorn, Sandy Moldovan, Al Covington, Randy Belsley, Bill Christ, and Terry Svob

The following Board members were absent: Neil Pobanz, Kent Kowal

7 present; 2 absent

Staff Present: Steve Jaeger, Maureen McNamara

Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs; Robin Hanna from Western Illinois University's Rural Technical Assistance Center (RETAC); Gene Olson, Director of Airports; John Chambers from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

III. SPECIAL REPORT

Mr. Robin Hanna from Western Illinois University's Rural Economic Technical Assistance Center (RETAC) reported on an economic impact assessment of air cargo moving through the General Wayne A. Downing International Airport.

IV. MINUTES

Sandy Moldovan made a motion to receive and file the minutes of June 25, 2009 as presented. Beth Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – CONTINUED)

V. FINANCE REPORT

- June financial report: Sandy Moldovan made a motion to receive and file the June financial report. Al Covington seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Report on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers change of command: Dan Silverthorn and Steve Jaeger presented Colonel Sinkler with a plaque expressing the appreciation of TransPORT for the Colonel's service during his command from 2006-2009.
- Invitation to Colonel McGinley: Inquiries into Colonel McGinley's schedule indicate November as a good time to invite the new Rock Island District Commander to the Port District.
- Public event on August 6: The Motor Vessel Mississippi, flagship for the Mississippi River commission, will stop in Peoria on August 6th for an open house, during which the public is invited to tour the vessel, and to view exhibits by ten river related organizations. The purpose of the open house is to educate the public about the importance of the Illinois River Waterway as a natural and economic resource.
- Visit from the Mississippi River Commission: The presidentially appointed Commissioners will stop in Peoria on August 11th as part of their annual Low Water tour. The Commission will examine navigation, environment and flood damage reduction projects on the Illinois River Basin. While this part of the tour is not open to the public, the Commission will hear input from local organizations and agencies. Mr. Jaeger will speak to them about the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District.
- Aerial photos of the Mapleton site: Contact has been made with a local pilot to procure updated aerial photos of the Mapleton property now that the building has been demolished. The photos will be used in marketing the site.

VII. COMMITTEE RPORTS

Executive Committee: none

Marketing Committee: none

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- ### X. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS:
- Mr. Silverthorne recognized the presence of Gene Olson, Director of Airports, Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria, and thanked him for attending the TransPORT Board meeting.

- XI. CLOSED SESSION:** at 3:55 P.M., Beth Jensen made a motion to move the meeting into **closed session pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Port District.** Randy Belsley seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.
- XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** The meeting returned to open session at 4:20 P.M.
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Beth Jensen made a motion to adjourn at 4:20 P.M. and Randy Belsley seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.