

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
HEART OF ILLINOIS REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
(TransPORT)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 26, 2010
1:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Silverthorn at 1:30 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

The following board members were present: Chairman Dan Silverthorn, Vice Chairman Sandy Moldovan, Terry Svob, Neil Probanz, Al Covington, Kent Kowal, Rich Kriegsman, and Beth Jensen.

Absent: Bill Christ

Staff Present – Director Steve Jaeger and Jolene Cole

Others present: Rick Joseph, Counsel with Miller, Hall & Triggs; Sharon Mull, League of Women Voters

IV. MINUTES

Beth Jensen made motion to receive and file the minutes of the TransPORT board meeting of July 22, 2010. Neil Probanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

V. FINANCE REPORT

- Al Covington made motion to receive and file the January – July 2010 financial report. Beth Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.
- Mr. Jaeger gave the update of voluntary contributions from the counties. To date, TransPORT has received Woodford County's \$3,000 payment and \$13,750 from Tazewell County. Beth Jensen and Mr. Jaeger are meeting with Peoria County in regards to their contribution. A date has not been set.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Mr. Jaeger explained the designation of Port District as an Initiative of the Maritime Administration's Marine Highway program, i.e., to develop a plan of service design to commercialize container-on-barge capacity between central Illinois and Gulf ports via the Illinois/Mississippi waterways. It was learned that the Initiative is not a direct grant nor is it funded from the \$7 million allotted for the projects that were awarded. A conference call was placed with the Maritime Administration who did confirm there is no direct funding. Alternatives for finding funding were discussed – the most promising being the TIGER II grant. The TIGER II grant application was mailed. Another option is to find a partner for the project such as another port authority. Director Jaeger has placed calls to locations on Gulf Coast. The final option presented was the Great Rivers Initiative for environmental programs.
- Application has been made for TIGER II planning grant funding on behalf of the Port's four rural counties for study of commercialization of container-on-barge capacity.

- Joint Port District/EDC submittal to Vectora Transportation LLC, regarding their site search for a wind energy components distribution center requiring water/rail access. Tier I sites proposed include the agricultural tract available on Terminal Road owned by Caterpillar, coupled with the CF Industries barge terminal. The second sight is just north of Havana, on current agricultural property paired with the existing SCH Terminals barge dock adjacent. The third property is north of Henry which is city owned property, but it also lacks a dock. A fourth parcel is the old BP tank farm in Creve Ceour, coupled with ADM-owned Central Illinois Docks. A few TIER II sights were also proposed. Vectora Transportation will come look at the properties within the next few weeks. TransPORT is looking to obtain revenue from this project.
- Update on passenger rail project, status of TCRPC grant application to Federal Transit Administration for alternatives for linking Peoria with Bloomington/Normal. The grant should be awarded in September.

VII. PRESENTATION

Board Member Terry Svob presented on the World Trade Illinois seminar held on August 18, 2010.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Counsel Rick Joseph gave the status of the in-progress bond refinance for AVCO fixed base operator at Peoria International Airport. The required appraisal was received and is sufficient. A special board meeting will need to be called in order to close by the end of September.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Moldovan made a motion to approve an ordinance ascertaining the prevailing wage rate. Kent Kowal seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

X. PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Beth Jensen made motion to adjourn at 2:25 pm. Neil Probanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.