

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

**Thursday, October 22, 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 Al Covington at 3:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dan Silverthorn, Sandy Moldovan, Al Covington, Bill Christ, Neil Pobanz , Kent Kowal

The following Board members were absent: Beth Jensen, Terry Svob, Randy Belsley

6 present; 3 absent

Staff Present: Steve Jaeger, Maureen McNamara

Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs.

III. MINUTES

Bill Christ made a motion to receive and file the minutes of September 24, 2009 as presented. Sandy Moldovan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

V. FINANCE REPORT

- Finance report: Sandy Moldovan made the motion to record and file the September 2009 financial report. Kent Kowal seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – CONTINUED)

- Status of voluntary contributions:
 - Fulton County: paid
 - Marshall County: paid
 - Tazewell County: paid
 - Peoria County: update on meeting with County officials
 - Woodford County: update on meeting with County officials.
 - Mason County: paid
- Service Agreement between TransPORT and Heartland Partnership: The Agreement expired September 30, 2009, and the Executive Committee is met regarding the 2010 Agreement.
 - **Report on the 2009 Service Agreement** with the Heartland Partnership: Al Covington gave a summary report on the status of the current Agreement.
 - **Motion for an interim agreement:** Al Covington made a motion to extend the 2009 Service Agreement with the Heartland Partnership until December 31, 2009, for the purpose of establishing the next annual Agreement based on the Port District fiscal year which begins January 1st. Kent Kowal seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Stakeholder Luncheon: Staff recommends a motion to change the date and venue of the November Board meeting from November 26th to December 3rd to coincide with the Stakeholder Luncheon. (See motion under New Business)
- Western Illinois University: On Monday, October 5, 2009, staff participated in a Supply Chain Management Career Day, with a presentation about the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District, and dinner with students.
- Congressman Schock: At the request of the Congressman, staff attended a press conference at the Peoria Lock and Dam on October 13th. The Congressman announced funding for lock and dam design. Also, Executive Director Jaeger reported about a letter to the Congressman asking for advocacy for a Port District Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant.

- Governor's Conference on the River: Staff attended the Conference that took place at the Hotel Pèrè Marquette in Peoria on October 20-22, 2009. Federal Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, spoke at Wednesday's luncheon.
- Mapleton Trustee: Mr. Jaeger continues to keep Mapleton officials informed about development plans near Mapleton.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee: Chairman Silverthorn has appointed Terry Svob, Port District Board representative from Mason County, as the fifth member of the Executive Committee, per directive from the Board at the September 24th meeting, and according to recent interpretation of the Illinois Public Meetings Act.

Marketing Committee: Committee members met on October 16th to evaluate benchmarks about the ne web site, to discuss goals for 2010 marketing.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to set the date and venue of the next Board meeting to December 3, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the Chateau on the lake Restaurant in North Peking, Illinois. Al Covington made the motion, Neil Pobanz seconded and the motion passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

X. 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. At 3:30 p.m. Kent Kowal made the motion to enter into closed session; Neil Pobanz seconded the motion that was unanimously approved with 6 ayes.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 3:55 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Bill Christ made a motion to adjourn at 4:00p.m. and Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.