

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

**Board Room of the Heartland Partnership  
100 SW Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602**

**Thursday, January 28, 2010**

**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, Beth Jensen, Kent Kowal, Randy Belsley, Bill Christ

The following Board members were absent: Neil Pobanz, and Terry Svob  
7 present; 2 absent

Staff Present: Steve Jaeger, Jim McConoughey, Maureen McNamara, Rex Watson, Jolene Cole

Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs and Sharon Maul, representing the League of Women Voters.

**III. MINUTES**

Bill Christ made a motion to receive and file the minutes of December 3, 2009, as presented. Al Covington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

**IV. Steve Jaeger introduced Jolene Cole who will be the Administrative Assistant for the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.**

**V. CLOSED SESSION:** Chairman Silverthorn elected to move into closed session at 3:15 P.M. pursuant to the provisions of section 2 of the Illinois Open Meeting Act for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Port District. Beth Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

**VI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** The Board returned to open session at 3:55 P.M.

**VII. FINANCE REPORT:**

- November and December reports: Kent Kowal moved to receive and file the financial report for November and December, 2009. Beth Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.
- 2010 Budget and Service Agreement: Mr. Jaeger explained two major changes affecting the budget and the Agreement with Heartland Partnership: Elimination of the Project Manager Position and changes in revenue because there is no lease income anticipate in 2010. These changes result in a small balance at end of year. Al Covington made the motion to approve the revised 2010 Operating Budget and the proposed Service Agreement between TransPORT and the Heartland Partnership. Bill Christ seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- Legislative Strategy: Staff presented a list of possible legislative initiatives that have been proposed. The Board discussed the merits of each. There is a deadline of February 7, 2010. Senator Koehler has advised that we get an outline prepared as soon as possible. First: there is a proposal to expand the scope of TransPORT bonding authority. Second: there is a proposal to
- Transportation Security Administration/ U.S. Coast Guard i010 Port Security Grantant: TransPORT hosted a meeting for entities eligible to apply for a Homeland Security grant, and has offered the Heartland Partnership grant writing services to entities that might need assistance.
- Rail Services: Illinois Department of Transportation is still delayed in finalizing a study of passenger rail services connecting Chicago and Peoria. In addition there is recent legislation promoting a High Speed Rail connection. Neither of these are expected to pass through Peoria. A shuttle service to Bloomington/Normal is more likely.
- Watson Facilitating: The Agreement with Watson Facilitating that expired at the end of December 2009 will be extended on an ad hoc and hourly basis, as projects require.

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Executive Committee:** none
- **Marketing Committee:** none

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer: Chairman Silverthorn appointed Steve Jaeger as FOIA Officer in compliance with recent changes in the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Joseph directed Mr. Jaeger toward a FOIA website for purposes of certification with the State of Illinois.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**XII PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS**

- Chairman Silverthorn acknowledged the presence of Sharon Maul from the League of women voters
- Chairman Silverthorn thanked Ms. McNamara for her service as Project Manager for TransPORT.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Christ moved to adjourn at 4:35 P.M. Randy Belsley seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.