

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

**Thursday, August 27, 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 3:05 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dan Silverthorn, Sandy Moldovan, Al Covington, Beth Jensen, Bill Christ, and Terry Svob, Neil Pobanz

The following Board members were absent: Randy Belsley, Kent Kowal

7 present; 2 absent

Staff Present: Steve Jaeger, Maureen McNamara

Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs.

III. MINUTES

Sandy Moldovan made a motion to receive and file the minutes of July 23, 2009 as presented. Beth Jensen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

V. FINANCE REPORT

- July financial report: Bill Christ made a motion to receive and file the July financial report. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.
- Annual Financial Report 2008: McGladrey & Pullen, LLP submitted the 2008 Annual Financial Report required by the State of Illinois. Fee for filing: \$750.
- Status of voluntary contributions:
 - Fulton County: paid in full
 - Marshall County: paid
 - Tazewell County: paid in full

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – CONTINUED)

- Peoria County: staff will pursue a meeting with Peoria Finance Committee as soon as possible
- Woodford County: A meeting is set with Finance Committee on September 14, 2009
- Mason County: A meeting is set with Finance Committee

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Economic Impact Assessment: The Economic Development Council (EDC) has received a grant to perform the economic impact assessment, and TransPORT is collaborating on the transportation aspects.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers events:
 - TransPORT staff attended a meeting of the Navigation Interest Committee, and hosted light refreshments.
 - Public event on the Corps towboat M/V Mississippi: staff presented a public display at the open house from 4-7 p.m. on August 6, 2009. TransPORT collaborated with H-P Public Relations Director, Renee Charles to publicize the event which attracted a record setting 2200 visitors.
 - Mississippi River Commission inspection: Mr. Jaeger accompanied the Commission on their tour of August 11. Staff and Jim McConoughey, CEO of the Heartland Partnership, attended the social and dinner on board the MV Mississippi, with an opportunity to communicate with members of the Commission about the importance of the Illinois River.
- Long Range Transportation Plan: TransPORT, the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee and the EDC Transportation and Logistics Strategy Group, met to assist the Tri-County Regional Planning Committee in formulating an update to their long range plan.
- Meeting with Senator Risinger: a meeting with Senator Risinger on August 10, 2009 included a discussion pertaining to TransPORT.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee: the Executive Committee recommends an affirmative on the proposal that will be introduced under New Business: to engage Watson Facilitating to manage the technical elements of the Mapleton project. Discussion will occur in closed session due to confidential details related to acquisition of property, according to the provisions of section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Marketing Committee: the new web design includes documentation of web use to help continuous improvement based on client use information. The first such analysis was presented to the Board.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS: none

X. CLOSED SESSION: at 3:30 P.M., Al Covington 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.** Bill Christ seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting returned to open session at 4:30 P.M.

XII. NEW BUSINESS: Sandy Moldovan proposed an ordinance authorizing the Chairman to enter into an independent contractor agreement with Rex Watson, D/B/A Watson Facilitating for professional services as Special Project Manager related to the adaptive re-use and development of industrial property located in Mapleton, Illinois. Al Covington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with seven ayes.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: **Al Covington** made a motion to adjourn at 4:35 P.M. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.