

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

**Thursday, September 24, 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 3:05 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present: Al Covington, Bill Christ, and Terry Svob, Neil Pobanz , Randy Belsley

The following Board members were absent: Dan Silverthorn, Sandy Moldovan, Kent Kowal

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 August 27, 2009 as presented. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.

**V. FINANCE REPORT**

- In memoriam: A contribution was made to Middle River Hospice, in memory of Georgia Silverthorn, in condolence to Chairman Silverthorn upon the death of his mother.
- Finance report: Neil Pobanz made the motion to record and file the August, 2009 financial report. Randy Belsley seconded the motion that 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: update on meeting with County officials.
- Mowing agreement with Eagle Lawn Care: payment was made for mowing at the Mapleton site.
- Service Agreement between TransPORT and Heartland Partnership: The Agreement expires September 30, 2009, and the Executive Committee is meeting regarding the 2010 Agreement.

### VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Introduction: Mr. Jaeger introduced Rex Watson to the Board. Mr. Watson has been contracted as a technical consultant to advise during the due diligence period of acquiring property.
- Status of TIGER grant: Mr. Jaeger gave an update to the Board regarding the TransPORT grant application, as well as information about the competitive environment for the grant.
- Long Range Transportation Plan: TransPORT staff is assisting Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in developing a long range plan for transportation infrastructure plans.
- Status of DCEO 2007 grants: Staff is inquiring about potential revival of certain DCEO grants that were approved but not awarded due to project schedule changes.
- Cruise: Staff supported the recent Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance River Awareness cruise, held 9/9/09
- Rail Transportation Strategies: Staff attended a BNSF public forum in Galesburg on 9/22/09.
- Economic Development: Staff attended a City of Peoria Economic Development Stakeholder meeting on 9/23/09.
- Stakeholder Luncheon: Staff recommended that the TransPORT fall Stakeholder Luncheon, as well as the November Board meeting, be postponed to December 3, 2009. The proposal will go before the Board for a vote in October.

- Senator Risinger: Jim McConoughey explained certain plans of Senator Risinger regarding economic development, especially related to the river and logistics, in which TransPORT and other local officials would play an important role.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee: none**

**Marketing Committee: none**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

Neil Pobanz made a **motion to expand the number of Executive Committee members to five**: Terry Svob seconded the motion that 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., Randy Belsley made the motion to enter into closed session; Terry Svob seconded the motion that was unanimously approved with 6 ayes.

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Bill Christ made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 P.M. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 6 ayes.