

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

**Thursday, April 23, 2009
Board Room of The Heartland Partnership
100 SW Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602**

Open Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dan Silverthorn at 3:00P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dan Silverthorn, Al Covington, Randy Belsley, Beth Jensen, Neil Pobanz, Kent Kowal, Bill Christ. Sandy Moldovan participated via teleconference.

The following Board members were absent: Terry Svob

8 present;1 absent.

Staff Present: Jim McConoughey, Steve Jaeger, Maureen McNamara
Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs.
Ken Springer, Economic Development Council Bloomington-Normal

III. MINUTES

Al Covington made a motion to receive and file the minutes of March 26, 2009 as presented. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- March financial report: Kent Kowal made a motion to receive and file the March financial report. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Governors Illinois River Coordinating Council (IrCC): Mr. Jaeger reported that the Council discussed asking the Governor to request an Illinois ppointee for the Mississippi River Commission, but the action was deferred .

(EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – CONTINUED)

- Permits: TransPORT issued a construction permit to Ozinga Brothers, Inc. for their project in Henry, IL
- Air Cargo Study: Mr. Jaeger has been assisting RETAC who is undertaking the Economic Impact Assessment of air cargo in the region.
- County Board meetings: Mr. Jaeger requested that representatives on the Board facilitate meetings between Mr. Jaeger and their respective County Boards. There are many newly elected officials with whom Mr. Jaeger would like to establish a good working relationship.
- Governor's appointments: Letters have been written to Illinois Senators serving within the jurisdiction of the Port District, requesting their support for the re-nomination of TransPORT gubernatorial appointees.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee recommends extending the RFP deadline to May 10, 2009.

Marketing Committee: Randy Belsley reported that despite some challenges, the Board should be able to preview the new TransPORT website at the next Board meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

IX. **CLOSED SESSION:** At 3:20 P.M., Al Covington moved that the Board move to 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 and considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. The motion was seconded by Neil Pobanz.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- Change of venue for May 28, 2009 Board meeting: Neil Pobanz made a motion to change the venue and time of the May 28, 2009 Board meeting to the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, 5102 N. Galena Road, Peoria Heights, IL 61616 at 1:30 P.M. Al Covington seconded the motion, which passed with 8 ayes
- Extension of the RFP: Neil Pobanz moved to extend the RFP deadline to May 10, 2009. Randy Belsley seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 8 ayes.

- Engagement of AECOM for testing fly ash: Kent Kowal made a motion to engage AECOM to test fly ash for suitability of use in filling pits on the Mapleton property. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed with 7 ayes, and one abstention.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** Al Covington moved to adjourn at 4:00 P.M. Kent Kowal seconded the motion which passed with 8 ayes.