

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

**Thursday, February 26, 2009
Board Room of the Heartland Partnership
100 SW Water St, Peoria, IL 61602**

Open Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Silverthorn at 2:35 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Dan Silverthorn, Al Covington, Randy Belsley, Neil Pobanz, Terry Svob

The following Board members were absent: Sandy Moldovan, Beth Jensen, Kent Kowal, Bill Christ

5 present; 4 absent.

Staff Present: Steve Jaeger, Maureen McNamara

Others: Rick Joseph of Miller, Hall and Triggs.

III. MINUTES

Randy Belsley made a motion to receive and file the minutes of January 22, 2009 as presented. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 5 ayes.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- January financial report: Al Covington made a motion to receive and file the January financial report. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 5 ayes.
- Authorization of Accounts payable: Al Covington made a motion to release funds for payment to creditors to bring the District current in payments. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 5 ayes.

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Introduction of new volunteer: Mr. Jaeger introduced Mr. Dave Sager, recently retired from G&D Trucking, who will volunteer with the Port District until June as a consultant. His years of expertise in various areas of logistics and transportation are extremely valuable, and the Port District extends gratitude for his generosity.
- Meeting with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT): Staff has met twice with the Railroad Division of IDOT regarding design for developing projects.
- UMIMRA Conference update:
- Corps of Engineers NESP group:
- Eastern Bypass meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Showcase:

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee:

- **Recommendation:** The committee recommends an affirmation of the motion to extend the deadline for the RFP from February 10, 2009, to March 10, 2009.
- **Recommendation:** The committee recommends the release of funds necessary to make current all accounts payable.

Marketing Committee: none

III. OLD BUSINESS :

- Extension of RFP deadline: Al Covington made a motion to extend the deadline of the Mapleton RFP from February 10, 2009 to March 10, 2009. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 5 ayes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- Havana: Terry Svob reported that there are two new businesses establishing themselves in Havana, and utilizing the river access there. One is a fish processing company. This business was recently highlighted in the Peoria Journal Star. The other business is a boat building company.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS: none

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Randy Belsley made a motion that the Board go 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 and considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline,

performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 5 ayes. The closed session began at 3:15 P.M.

VII. RESUME OPEN SESSION

- Open session resumed at 3:35 P.M.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Neil Pobanz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Covington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 5 ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.