

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

**Thursday, March 26, 2009
Peoria Public Library
107 NE Monroe, Peoria, IL 61602
2nd Floor meeting room**

Open Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

The following Board members were absent: Randy Belsley, Bill Christ

7 present; 2 absent.

Staff Present: Jim McConoughey, 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 February 26, 2009 as presented. Al Covington seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- February financial report: Al Covington made a motion to receive and file the February financial report. Neil Pobanz seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Governors Illinois River Coordinating Council (IrCC): TransPORT Executive Director, Steve Jaeger, and the Executive Director of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Terry Kohlbus, gave presentations to the Council on March 2, 2009. Mr. Kohlbus noted the vacancy on the Mississippi River Commission, and recommended that the new appointee be from Illinois. TransPORT Board directed Mr. Jaeger to write a letter to the regional State Senators, requesting that a vacancy on the Mississippi River Commission be someone from Illinois.
- Steering Committee for the transportation, Land Use and Ecosystem Comprehensive Plan: Mr Jaeger is presenting transportation background information for this project.
- Missouri Port funding: The Board discussed the vast discrepancy between Missouri and Illinois in the budget allotment toward developing river commerce.
- Permits: Ozinga Brothers has formally requested permits from the Port District for construction in Henry, IL.
- Air Cargo Study: TransPORT staff is in the process of fulfilling its commission, under an Illinois Tomorrow Grant, to prepare an economic impact assessment of air cargo through this region. It will be completed mid-May.
- Sea Point support letter: Mr. Jaeger has written a letter supporting the Louisiana Sea point project to secretary of transportation, Ray La Hood.
- Stimulus update: Jim McConoughey gave a status report based on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of tracking the routing of federal money allocated for economic recovery.
- County Board meetings: Mr. Jaeger requested that representatives on the Board facilitate meetings between Mr. Jaeger and their respective County Boards.
- Stakeholder Luncheon: Mr. Jaeger noted that the usual time for the next event would be May 28, 2009. He will bring recommendations to the Board at the April meeting for a vote.
- Governor's appointments: The gubernatorial appointees on the TransPORT Board, Mr. Silverhorn, Mr. Moldovan and Mr. Covington, will come to the term's end of their appointments as of June 1st. The Board directed Mr. Jaeger to initiate reappointment and to develop a procedure for such action when it will be necessary in the future. Rick Joseph, Counsel for TransPORT, will assist in this effort.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee:

- The Committee recommends extending the Mapleton RFP deadline.

Marketing Committee:

- The new web page will be launched within two weeks.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Kent Kowal placed a motion to extend the deadline for the Mapleton RFP from March 10, 2009 to April 10, 2009. Sandy Moldovan seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS: none

X. PUBLIC COMMENT/QUESTIONS

XI. 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. Sandy Moldovan made the motion to move to closed session at 3:55. Beth Jensen seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.

XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: the Board returned to open session at 4:12 P.M.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: Beth Jensen moved to adjourn at 4:12 P.M. Sandy Moldovan seconded the motion which passed unanimously with 7 ayes.