

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a special joint meeting of the Brown County Executive Committee and Brown County Administration Committee was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Neville Public Museum, 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: **Executive Committee:** Chair Lund, Vice Chair Moynihan, Supervisor Buckley, Supervisor Kaster (for Supervisor Erickson), Supervisor Hoyer, Supervisor Sieber, Supervisor Van Dyck
Administration Committee: Chair Sieber, Vice Chair Kneiszel, Supervisor Schadewald, Supervisor Vander Leest
Excused: Supervisor Becker
Others Present: Supervisors Deslauriers, Tran, Linsen, Landwehr, Brusky & Lefebvre, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, Director of Administration Chad Weininger, Technology Services Director August Neverman, Deputy Executive Jeff Flynt, Internal Auditor Dan Process, Public Works Director Paul Fontecchio, Bryan Hollenbach, John Gard, other interested parties and media

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Administration Committee Chair Tom Sieber at 5:30 pm.
The meeting was called to order by Executive Committee Chair Tom Lund at 5:30 pm

II. Approve/modify agenda.

Administration Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Executive Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Comments from the Public. None.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Resolution Supporting the Redevelopment of the Fox River Papermaking Corridor.

A Green Bay Packaging video was presented. Thereafter, Bryan Hollenbach, Executive Vice President of Green Bay Packaging (GBP) provided a historical background on the present mill. He further explained the mill's production process and noted that its technology is old and outdated. He then spoke of the company's perspective of future options for the company and how we got here today. Some options GBP undertook was they could build elsewhere out of state or stay in Green Bay and Brown County. He then spoke of logistics and lowering operational costs. He was complimentary of the teamwork displayed with this project from the city, county and WEDC. Mr. Hollenbach went on to say that in all this new facility will be a 500 million dollar investment – a state of art, environmentally friendly, cost effective mill. He further noted in addition to the 1,100 jobs at present, that number will increase with 200 more. He also noted the hundreds, upon hundreds of local suppliers GBP utilizes. He explained the closed loop water system with zero water discharge into the Fox River and that GBP was going away from coal boilers to natural gas in the new facility. Mr. Hollenbach also spoke of the timelines when ordering a new paper machine and the building of the facility. He indicated that January 2021 is the anticipated startup of the new facility. Supervisor Sieber asked a host of questions from water discharge to average salaries of the employees (just under \$60,000 to date). Supervisor Kaster asked of logistical questions, transitioning from the old to the new. Supervisor Kneiszel made comment on water exchanges and capacity. Mr. Hollenbach then spoke of the reclaim system.

Executive Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Van Dyck, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to approve the resolution. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Administration Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to approve the resolution. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Under further discussion, Executive Streckenbach indicated he was happy that Brown County was part of the initial discussions of this project and spoke of the magnitude and impact of the size of the investment to Brown County. He was heartened to know that the county was part of the solution in assisting the infrastructure piece where in the future other users may also tap into the Fox River Infrastructure Corridor system for an even more competitive paper industry. He noted the county's investment is 5.3 million dollars from Infrastructure Capital Improvements.

Supervisor Landwehr asked questions in regard to who is responsible for retention ponds and future re-dredging. Director of Administration Chad Weininger indicated that they would be county owned and operated. He also noted, through County Parks, the county could seek grant dollars to build an aesthetically pleasing area to lessen an industrial look or presence.

Supervisor Kneiszel appreciated the proposal and the environmental elements therein, but was concerned with taking a vote next week only eight days after the announcement.

Supervisor Schadewald spoke of the positive economic growth that this proposal shall bring forth, along with the technological advances

Supervisor Kaster echoed Supervisor Kneiszel's thoughts on the timing of the proposal in regard to making a decision. However, he has no negatives with the proposal, just the timing.

Supervisor Buckley indicated that there is a lot of information out there on this proposal. He said that this was a great project!

Supervisor Moynihan stated that in regard to the timing concerns, "Government is liquid, its fluid, it doesn't necessarily fall nicely on a calendar". This project is a no-brainer! He recommends full support from the county board.

Supervisor Van Dyck said in regard to timing, "This didn't just happen overnight", there were discussions for quite some time to get to this point.

Chair Sieber stated "This is a great project!" "We have enough information".

4. **Adjourn.**

Administration Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Schadewald, seconded by Supervisor Vander Leest to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Executive Committee: Motion made by Supervisor Hoyer, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to adjourn at 6:16 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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