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# MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, February 11th, 2019**
at the Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54304

1) Call to Order:
The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 10:34 am.

2) Roll Call:

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| Present: | President Tom Klimek<br>Vice President Bryan Hyska<br>Commissioner Ron Antonneau<br>Commissioner Pete Diemer<br>Commissioner Tim Feldhausen<br>Commissioner Hank Wallace |
| Excused: | Commissioner Wes Kornowske<br>Commissioner Bernie Erickson<br>Commissioner Mike Vizer |
| Also Present: | Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR<br>Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR<br>Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR<br>Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR<br>Holly Bellmund, GLC Minerals<br>Mike Lefebvre, Interested Party |

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda
**A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bryan Hyska.** Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of January 14 Meeting
**A motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tim Feldhausen.** Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications
Dean Haen stated that he had no announcements.

6) 2018 Port Annual Report

Mr. Haen stated that the 2018 shipping season resulted in the Port being open the longest than it has been in over 30 years and maybe in its history and that tonnage exceeded 2 million tons. Ship totals went up. The percentage of petroleum products moving in and out of the Port continues to grow significantly; coal and limestone have also seen growth. Salt has not grown from the past year due to the Canadian salt mine strike even though the region has the need for more salt.

Harbor dredging fund increased due to the project in Sturgeon Bay resulting in dredge material being brought in. Harbor fees also showed a minor increase. In terms of expenses, personnel costs were a little higher due to a pension adjustment. Operating expenses were a little under budget.

The Port's 2018 season goals that were completed include:

- Conducting a new Economic Impact Study
- Establishing oversize and overweight corridors in and out of the Port on the north and south ends
- Leasing all of the Bylsby property for Port-related purposes

2018 Goals still in progress include:

- Beneficial reuse of Bay Port Topsoil
- Advancement of Renard Island End-Use plans
- Pursue acquisition or involvement in the future of WE Energies Pulliam Plant
- Research potential barge containers to and from Cleveland's Northern Europe Liner Service and Muskegon's Proposed Container Service
- Work towards making the Port of Green Bay a regular destination for cruise ships

All of these items continue to be goals for the Port for the year of 2019, including participating and assisting with the 2019 Tall Ships Festival.

Tim Feldhausen mentioned that it would be beneficial for the Port to take the new mayor on a tour to show them the dock walls that need to be fixed in order to dock cruise ships and tall ships to gain exposure, tourism, income and a point of pride for both the Port and the City of Green Bay.

Bryan Hyska asked if water levels are tied to the total tonnage and amount of ships that are brought in. Mr. Haen answered that higher water levels allow for more tonnage to come in to the Port; roughly 100 more tons can be brought in for every extra inch of water available.

**A motion to approve the 2018 Port Annual Report with modifications was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Ron Antonneau.** Unanimously approved.

7) <u>WisDOT Harbor Assistance Program Resolution and Statement of Intentions</u>

Mr. Haen stated that every year the Port's terminal operators are asked if there are any projects which they wish to have funded using Harbor Assistance Program grants. Projects are to be 80 percent funded by the state and 20 percent locally funded. Federal projects are split 50/50.

There are three new project additions from U.S. Venture. They wish to purchase an ice class vessel and have the Coast Guard approve operating year-round. They also want to upgrade their east-side facility and make it operational as well as add a railroad terminal to their west-side facility. The final draft of the resolution will need Corporation Counsel approval.

**A motion to approve the WisDOT Harbor Assistance Program Resolution and Statement of Intentions with modifications was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Ron Antonneau.** Unanimously approved.

8) FTZ Subzone E Resolution and Operating Agreement

Mr. Haen explained that ProAmpac's intentions are to apply for an FTZ Subzone which would become Subzone E. Their plan is to bring in foreign aluminum, store it without paying duty up front and then send to production where the tariffs can be reduced or deferred.

The Foreign Trade Zone Board will take 180 days to complete the resolution.

Mr. Haen also explained that an operating agreement between ProAmpac and Brown County will be needed. The final draft of the resolution and operating agreement will need Corporation Counsel approval.

**A motion to approve the FTZ Subzone E Resolution and Operating Agreement was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Tim Feldhausen.** Unanimously approved.

9) Port Opportunity Study Project Scope

Mr. Haen reviewed a scope of work prepared by the Brown County Planning Department to examine the WE Energies' property and determine the highest and best use of the Pulliam Power Plant land.

Mark Walter noted that this project is done within the MPO budget of the planning department so there is no cost to the Port of Green Bay.

10) Tallship Sponsorship Agreement

Mr. Haen stated that the 2019 Tall Ships Sponsorship Agreement was signed and ended up being negotiated at $3,500 paid as well as $1,500 for in-kind services. The sponsorship includes a booth along the boardwalk. The Port is looking for suggestions of things to do at the booth and on the boardwalk to promote the Port.

11) Director's Report

Mr. Haen explained that the Cellcom Marathon has grown to the point that it is now recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard. Commercial traffic will have to avoid the Main Street Bridge at that time.

The Port has also gotten notice that Victory Cruise Lines has been purchased by American Steamship and they have taken the western Great Lakes, including the Port of Green Bay's cruises (about eight or nine total) off of their itinerary. Mr. Haen mentioned that the Port is working with the Greater Green Bay Chamber and Visitor's Bureau to do some additional advertising in hopes to interest other cruise lines to make the Port a destination for cruise ships.

Two Port-related meetings will take place in Green Bay in August including the Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association meeting as well as the American Great Lakes Ports Association meeting. Dates for the meetings are not yet set.

Speakers for this year's Port Symposium are set and include Congressman Mike Gallagher, Harbor Commission President Tom Klimek, County Executive Troy Streckenbach, WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson, and James Weakley of the Lake Carrier's Association as well as presentations on the 2017 Economic Impact Study, Remote Bridge Operations, and the 2019 Tall Ships Festival.

12) Acknowledgement of Bills
**A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Bryan Hyska.** Unanimously approved.

13) Tonnage Report
**A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Ron Antonneau.** Unanimously approved.

14) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – *Update*
The next meeting is **scheduled for March 19 prior to the Port Symposium.**

15) Adjourn
**A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:47 am was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Hank Wallace.** Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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