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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, April 8th, 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 10:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present:
President Tom Klimek
Vice President Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Pete Diemer
Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Wes Kornowske
Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Commissioner Mike Vizer

Excused:
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Also Present:
Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR
Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR
Chris Anderson, Foth

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

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of February 11 Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications
Dean Haen stated that in May there are three Harbor Commissioners whose current three-year term expires: Bernie Erickson, Wes Kornowske, and Bryan Hyska. All three have agreed to another three-year term.

Mr. Haen also mentioned that the Port is now open after a couple days of icebreaking. The Port could have been opened earlier, if the Coast Guard had more ice breaking assets.

6) Beneficial Reuse RFP

Mr. Haen explained that the Beneficial Reuse RFP was updated by Harbor Commissioner, Pete Diemer and Solid Waste Board member, Mike Lefebvre.

Mark Walter stated that the Beneficial Reuse RFP aims to work together with the WDNR to get dredge material characterized in a way that would make it easier for it to be reused. This has been a long-term effort of the Port with moderate success in the past, but an effort the Port can not afford to stop pursuing.

Bernie Erickson asked if all major harbors are working together on this endeavor. Mr. Haen answered "no" that Green Bay is the only Port that has dredge material that could be categorized as topsoil.

A motion to approve the Beneficial Reuse RFP was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

7) Federal Policy Positions

Mr. Haen stated that as a port, we are being adequately dredged, but full utilization of the Harbor Maintenance Tax for dredging is and will be critical to ensure the Port stays adequately dredged. Additionally, the Soo Locks construction has been authorized and beginning to be funded. Both Canadians and Americans have reduced the number of ice breakers they have in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes as a whole has been advocating for a new ice breaker. The idea behind a possible new ice breaker is that during the winter months it could be used in the Great Lakes and during the summer months could be utilized in the Arctic Passage above Canada.

A motion to approve the Federal Policy Positions was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.

8) Renard Island End-use Plan

Mr. Haen stated that there is now a draft Renard Island Master Plan. A boat and dog beach, zip line, marina, parking, boardwalk, shopping, concessions, fishing piers, and walking trails are some of the amenities being considered for Renard Island. Dean Haen and Mark Walter will be meeting with various stakeholders to assess support for projects on the island, then re-engage the End-Use Committee and eventually seek approval by the County Board

9) 2019 Shipping Season

Mr. Haen announced that there is a dredging project in the East River Turning Basin in order to dig out PAHs. This will impede navigation but the project has

agreed to pay for tug service provided by Great Lakes towing for all vessels turning in the basin

10) Director's Report
Mr. Haen shared the public relations report put together by Leonard and Finco which came to 279 printed mentions of the Port of Green Bay and 82 media clips.

11) Acknowledgement of Bills
A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Wes Kornowske. Unanimously approved.

12) Tonnage Report
No tonnage to report.

13) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
No other matters

14) Adjourn
A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:06 am was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Wes Kornowske. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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