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MINUTES OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, July 29th, 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 Hank Wallace Commissioner Wes Kornowske Commissioner Mike Vizer Commissioner Ron Antonneau Commissioner Tim Feldhausen Commissioner Pete Diemer
Excused:	Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Also Present:	Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR Samantha Jerome, Brown County P&RR Sara Beine, Foth Paul Killian, GEI Consultants, Inc Sue GreenGrass, Ho Chunk Nation Mary Lopez, Ho Chunk Nation Pamela Wilber, Ho Chunk Nation Ron Wilber, Ho Chunk Nation Jim & Sylvia Groefe, Interested Parties Chet McDonald, McDonald Companies Paul Spillers, Tetra Tech

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

4) Approval/Modification – Minutes of June 10, 2019 Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10th, 2019 meeting was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communications

Dean Haen announced that there will be an American Great Lakes Ports Association (AGLPA) in Green Bay on August 8-9 and a Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association meeting in Manitowoc on August 15-16. Commissioners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

6) 2020 Budget

Mr. Haen presented the 2020 proposed Port & Resource Recovery Department budget. The budget is flexible and there could be changes made in each step of the approval process with ultimate County Board approval in November. Mr. Haen also noted the Statement of Funds was not included as the Finance Department had not completed it in time. In the past, Mr. Haen had prepared a draft of the Statement of Funds, but decided to not include it since the numbers would change. The Statement of Funds will be presented at the September Harbor Commission Meeting.

Amounts budgeted for Port are similar to 2019. The major differences will relate to new initatives. The Land Rents will increase due to new foreign trade zone customer ProAmpac.

New 2020 initatives:

- Pursue acquisition or other involvement in the future use of the WE Energies Pulliam Plant to ensure property is used for its highest and best uses as industrial port property.
- Budget for a contribution towards an Economic Development Manager position should Brown County have an ownership role at the Pulliam site. Duties could include pursuing and applying for grants, permitting, market research and other efforts associated with developing the WPS Pulliam Plant into port facilities and an intermodal facility.
- Implement the Renard Island End-Use Plan. Begin implementing approved End-Use Plan, leasing land, forging partnerships and pursuing grants.
- Assist and facilitate in establishing Green Bay as a cruise ship destination. Several port calls are scheduled for 2020.

A motion to approve the 2020 Budget was made by Bryan Hyska and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

7) Pulliam Plant

Mr. Haen explained that he and several Commissioners had met with the Mayor of Green Bay regarding the Pulliam Plant land. There was a good, open-line of communication during the meeting. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is also taking interest in the project and possible grant and funding ideas will be discussed in the near future.

The County Planning department has been advancing a plan for the property and have considered three scenarios. They will be meeting with several interested port terminal operators regarding the property.

8) Renard Island
Ron Wilbur from the Ho Chunk Nation presented on their possible plans for their educational presence on Renard Island. Mr. Wilbur told the story of the history of the Ho Chunk Nation. He then began to discuss the kinds of educational activities that could be held on Renard Island including replicas of existing Native American effigy mounds found throughout Wisconsin, canoe races, educational workshops and seminars and the ability to hold powwows on the island.

Mr. Wilbur stated that there will be a meeting held on August 7th with the Ho Chunk legislative and executive branches regarding plans and possible funding for Renard Island.

9) Beneficial Reuse RFP
Mark Walter stated that the port received three RFPs in response to its proposal to develop a beneficial reuse plan for dredge material. The Port is optimistic that it will be able to market its dredged material to be reused beneficially. A consultant will be selected in August and the Port aims to have a plan in place within six months to a year's time.

10) Tallship Festival
Mr. Haen announced that the 2019 Tallship Festival went well. Tim Feldhausen stated that the sandwich board signs that were posted along the boardwalk were great for the Port's presence at the festival. It was a great way to bring awareness to those who did not previously know about the Port.

11) Ducks Unlimited Project
Mr. Haen explained that Ducks Unlimited is doing some work around Bay Port by taking down trees along the shoreline of the bay as well as building duck habitats in shallow waters. It appears that the scope of their work has expanded beyond what was originally agreed to with the Port. The Port has been working with Ducks Unlimited to make sure that there is agreement with their actions in and around Bay Port. Ducks Unlimited recently signed an agreement with the Port regarding the project.

12) Tonnage Report
Mr. Haen announced that water levels on the Great Lakes continue to rise and in turn, ships are able to carry more tonnage which is driving the Port's tonnage numbers up by 22% on the same number of vessels as pervious years.

13) Director's Report
No items to discuss.

14) Acknowledgement of Bills
A motion to acknowledge the payment of bills was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law
No other matters.

16) Adjourn
A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:45 am was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
Port & Resource Recovery Department