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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, February 16th, 2015**
Brown County Resource Recovery Facility, 2561 S Broadway, Green Bay, WI

1) The meeting was officially called to order by Commissioner Craig Dickman at 10:34 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present:	President Craig Dickman Commissioner Bernie Erickson Commissioner Bryan Hyska Commissioner John Hanitz Commissioner Tim Feldhausen Commissioner Ron Antonneau
Also Present:	Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR

3) Approval/Modification – *Meeting Agenda*

President Craig Dickman requested that item 5 be added to the agenda, "Such Other Matters As Allowed by Law."

A motion to approve the modified agenda was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

4) Resolution Rescinding May 21, 2014 Renard Island Causeway Ownership Transfer Resolution - *Request for Approval*

Mr. Haen met with representatives of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) while in Cleveland, OH and verbally informed them the unlikelihood of securing a permanent easement with the city of Green Bay and as a result has drafted the Resolution Rescinding the May 21, 2014 Ownership Transfer of the Renard Island Causeway. The USACE and Brown County have invested time and money into the causeway. The USACE indicated in Fall 2014 the requirement to secure a permanent easement and a bottomland lease for the ownership transfer to occur. City of Green Bay has in writing previously supported the causeway as a permanent structure. At this time, the City is unwilling to grant a mutually agreed upon easement resulting in the Resolution that is before the Commission.

President Dickman then stated that the County agreed with the city of Green Bay that the Renard Island facility would be used for recreational purposes compatible with the Bay Beach Amusement Park Area. President Dickman attended a city committee meeting at which the permanent easement was acted upon favorable by a 3-1 vote, however the City did not inform the County in advance that the easement included an additional paragraph #4 even though the County objects to this provision which states that the County agrees that the City of Green Bay Director of Parks and Recreation shall consent to and approve the end use of Renard Island. President Dickman then stated that Brown County owned Renard Island and with the causeway the City would benefit from its use. The city committee action will go before the full city council tonight. Commissioner Feldhausen noted that the city easement paragraph 4 should read "....shall not be unreasonably withheld."

President Dickman then suggested that a statement be added to the resolution that the resolution will go away if the County and the City agree upon a permanent easement. Conversation with the City also included their desire that the County maintain Sauk Road. It was then discussed about how the resolution should be worded and how Renard Island's fiscal impact would be measured. Currently this resolution states no fiscal impact and must stay this way.

A motion by substitution to add language to the resolution: 1) modify the 2nd to last WHEREAS to read the same as draft easement, and 2) add "be it further resolved that this resolution be rescinded upon execution of a mutually agreed upon easement between Brown County and the city of Green Bay" made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

5) Any Other Matters as Authorized by Law

The Commission discussed having a new meeting time and date for the Harbor Commission meeting. Many different dates and times were discussed, and everyone was asked to analyze their schedules. A survey will be used to determine everyone's best days and times for future meetings.

6) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously Approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Craig Dickman, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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