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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, May 8th, 2017**
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1) The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 10:30 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present:	Vice President Bryan Hyska Commissioner Tim Feldhausen Commissioner Bernie Erickson Commissioner Hank Wallace Commissioner Mike Vizer Commissioner Ron Antonneau 10:33 a.m. Commissioner Ngosong Fonkem 10:40 a.m.
Excused:	President Tom Klimek Commissioner Peter Zaehringer
Also Present:	Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR Randy Siewert, RGL Holdings, Inc. Troy Gawronski, Foth Jim & Sylvia Graefe, Residents Jim Mertes, Construction Resource Management Inc. Bob Carlson, Construction Resource Management Inc. Tim Lusk, GLC Minerals Chad Doverspike, Brown County

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda – *Request for Approval*

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

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of March 20th, 2017 – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the minutes of March 20th, 2017 as amended was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

Vice President Hyska stated that students at UW – Green Bay will present their research on the future end-use of Renard Island in the afternoon on May 8th. Renard Island end-use committee members who can attend will be there.

Commissioner Vizer stated that there was an incident on the Fox River late last week. There was a dredging line that came loose from the shore. JF Brenan was called right away; their response time was immediate.

Mr. Haen stated that the City of Green Bay will need to idle the Nitschke Bridge for two 8-hour periods of time to change the hydraulic oil. Mr. Haen has been coordinating with Terminal Operators south of Main Street.

6) Fox River Environmental Clean-Up Project – *Public Comments/Update on Standing Item*

Mr. Haen stated that the project contacted the port regarding Georgia-Pacific's slip. The County owns the slip and leases it back to Georgia Pacific. The project/Georgia-Pacific is interested in over dredging and back filling it with sand. Georgia-Pacific explained that they dredge deeper when they clean out the slip. Tetra Tech responded that Georgia-Pacific is dredging beyond the integrity of the dockwall. The Department inquired with the designer of the structure, Krech Ojard & Associates, who felt it is safe to go one foot below the structural limit, but not two feet. Based on Krech Ojard, Mr. Haen gave the official okay to Tetra Tech to dredge one foot deeper than design. Commissioner Wallace asked whose liability would this fall on. Mr. Haen stated that liability would fall on the Department. Commissioner Feldhausen stated that it could also fall on Georgia-Pacific.

Commissioner Antonneau asked if capping the river will limit the Port to the size vessel the river can hold. He is concerned that if a large event, such as the NFL Draft, were to be chosen for Green Bay, there may not be the hotel capacity available to allow events like this to take place in Green Bay. Commissioner Antonneau does not want to see the Port in this situation and the Port be the reason for events not being able to take place here. Mr. Haen stated that the port has gone on the record as opposing capping. Commissioner Antonneau asked who is accountable and who is responsible? Commissioner Antonneau expressed interest in asking Corporation Counsel could address this issue.

Commissioner Erickson asked about who owns the Ship Yard property. Mr. Haen stated that the City does. Commissioner Erickson asked if they plan to dredge the area for future use.

A motion to direct staff to research the number, size, draft and room capacity of cruise ships with the capability to travel through the Great Lakes and to the Port of Green Bay was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Vizer added that width of the vessels would need to be looked at as well as depth. Mr. Haen stated that there are two cruise ships planned for 2018. They will only be able to dock at Leitch's Dock. Commissioner Feldhausen added that before the Tall Ships festival last year a letter was sent on behalf of the Harbor Commissions regarding the state of the dockwalls that the City owns. It is unsure if the City made any efforts on this request.

Mr. Carlson with Construction Resource Management stated that CRM is scheduled to have two repairs made to their riprap shore in the middle of June. This will require a barge to come through

the Port. He wondered if this would be an issue with the Fox River Clean-Up. Mr. Haen suggested that Mr. Carlson call Richard Feeney with Tetra Tech.

7) Bay Port Property Sale to Peters Concrete – *Request for Approval*

Mr. Haen stated that 1.7 acres of land will be sold to Peter's Concrete. This is land that will never be used for disposal. A 15 foot wide easement to Brown County is included to maintain the pond. Peter's Concrete approached the Department to purchase the land. The sale is consistent with other land rates at $10,000/acre. Commissioner Wallace questioned whether or not disposal space will run out. Mr. Haen stated no, he is not concerned that space will run out regarding this acreage as it cannot be used for disposal space.

Commissioner Antonneau stated that because WEC Energy Group plans to downsize should there be a follow-up discussion with them about future plan for their property. Mr. Haen agreed. Commissioner Antonneau will follow-up with Pat Schillinger at WEC Energy Group.

A motion to approve the Bay Port Property sale to Peters Concrete was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

8) Bay Port Annual DNR and USACE Reports – *Update*

Mr. Haen stated these reports are completed each year. The first report is sent to the DNR, reporting how much material is managed and environmental monitoring activities for Bay Port Dredged Material Rehandling Facility. The second report is required as part of the memorandum of understanding for the 217 agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers that is used for setting tipping fees. Every five years we review the cost with Schenk and revise tipping fees.

Commissioner Fonkem asked if there are any changes from the previous annual report. Mr. Haen explained that the only change is in the annual activity and amount of dredged material.

9) Renard Island End-Use Committee Formation – *Update*

Mr. Haen provided a list of Renard Island End-Use Committee members. The list includes; Aaron Schuette, Chester McDonald, Bryan Hyska, Tim Feldhausen, Bernie Erickson, Tom Sieber, Dean Haen, Mark Walter, Chip McDonald, Matt Kriese and Allan Jamir.

Mr. Haen reiterated that students at UW – Green Bay will present their research on the future end-use of Renard Island in the afternoon on May 8th. Renard Island end-use committee members who can attend will be there.

Commissioner Antonneau asked if there are regulations that might preclude what can be done on the Island. Commissioner Erickson stated that the surface cannot be broke. Mr. Haen added that floating slabs can be built or additional foundation can be added. He also indicated that the Lakebed Grant to Brown County stipulates that a percentage of the Island must be for public use.

Commissioner Vizer asked what is the depth of water off the shore of the Island. Mr. Haen stated that it is 2-9 feet deep.

Commissioner Erickson suggested to invite a student who has been involved with the end-use plan to join Brown County's Renard Island End-Use Plan committee.

10) Bay Port Hurlbut Property – *Update*

Mr. Haen stated that there is no update.

A motion to send an email/letter notifying the City that the gate to the Hurlbut Property will be locked if no resolution is made in 30 days was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Hank Wallace. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Wallace suggested to contact the Friends of Bay Beach to make them aware of this situation.

11) AAPA Communication Award Submittals – *Update*

Mr. Haen explained that Leonard & Finco and Ms. Schraufnagel submitted two applications to the American Association of Port Authorities for their Communications Award using the Port's Whiteboard Video and the 2017 Port Symposium, respectively.

12) Director's Report – *Update*

The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association Annual Meeting will be held in Sturgeon Bay on August 10th – 11th in 2017.

The budget adjustment for Jones Signs was approved. Jones Signs will begin putting together a firm cost for the Landmark project to present to the Terminal Operators.

13) Audit of Bills – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the Audit of Bills was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

$10,000 to the American Great Lakes Ports Association is for the for economic impact study.

14) Tonnage Report – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Bernie and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Haen stated that he foresees coal and limestone decreasing from 2016 tonnage numbers. Commissioner Vizer indicated that cement will be remaining stable.

15) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law

No other matters.

16) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:23 am was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

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