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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, July 31st, 2017**
Jack Day Center, 90 Bay Beach Road, Green Bay, WI

1) Call to Order:
The meeting was officially called to order by Commissioner Hank Wallace at 9:00 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present:	Commissioner Hank Wallace Commissioner Ngosong Fonkem at 9:06 am Commissioner Ron Antonneau Commissioner Tim Feldhausen at 9:10 am Commissioner Mike Vizer Commissioner Peter Zaehringer
Excused:	President Tom Klimek Vice President Bryan Hyska Commissioner Bernie Erickson
Also Present:	Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR Mark Walter, Brown County P&RR Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR Chad Doverspike, Brown County P&RR Randy Siewert, RGL Holdings Jeff Ruechert, GLSW

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Peter Zaehringer. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of June 26th, 2017 – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the minutes of June 26th, 2017 was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association meeting will take place August 10th and 11th in Sturgeon Bay, WI.

6) 2018 Budget – *Request for Approval*

Mr. Haen explained the Port's portion of the Port & Resource Recovery budget to the Harbor Commissioners.

Mr. Haen stated that there are no significant changes to the 2018 budget when compared to 2017. The biggest change is an increase to the Bay Port tipping fees due to the 5-year audit done by Schenck & Associates. Another increase to the revenue stream is the Hurlbut property that is being leased by the city of Green Bay. One new initiative for the Port is the process of working toward an end-use plan for Renard Island. Resources for engineering studies are accounted for.

A motion to approve the 2018 Budget was made by Ngosong Fonkem and seconded by Ron Antonneau. Unanimously approved.

7) Port Incident on July 16, 2017 – *Update*

On July 16th the Kaye E. Barker made contact with the protective structures of the Main Street Bridge, pushed up a portion of the Green Bay City Deck and capsized a recreational boat. The only damage done to the Main Street Bridge was on the protective structures that are in place for that purpose. Mr. Haen sent a letter to the city of Green Bay Mayor, Coast Guard, Brown County Sheriff and city of Green Bay Police Department. The letter included comments by Mr. Haen recommending placement of throw rings near the water, adding signage regarding safety on the City Deck while vessels are coming through, and several other safety measures to prevent another incident. US Coast Guard will be preparing an incident report, which may require permanent structure, safety and/or other changes in this area.

8) Director's Report – *Update*

Mr. Haen has been informed that the State budget will not decrease the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) fund and it may even be increased. The State budget will be finalized in the near future. .

Commissioner Fonkem asked if the Port of Green Bay has a Foreign Trade Zone. Mr. Haen stated yes that the Port of Green Bay Foreign Trade Zone #167 covers the whole state of Wisconsin.

9) Acknowledgement of Bills – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve Acknowledgement of Bills was made by Ron Antonneau and seconded by Peter Zaehringer. Unanimously approved.

10) Tonnage Report – *Request for Approval*

Mr. Haen stated that tonnage is up 8% compared to what it was this time last year.

Commissioner Antonneau asked if Mr. Haen expects tonnage to increase as it did in earlier years when it was over 2 million metric tons. Mr. Haen stated that tonnage seems to trend ahead of economic conditions. He also stated that the future of coal is bleak as industry moves towards natural gas. Graymont has idled their limestone kiln which is expected to decrease shipments of limestone as well both of which will make reaching the 2 million metric ton threshold more difficult

A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Tim Feldhausen and second by Peter Zaehringer. Unanimously approved.

11) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – *Update*

Commissioner Vizer presented an idea for the Terminal Operator landmark project on Cat Island. His idea is a sign with directional arrows pointing to locations where the Port exports to and imports from. The Menomonee sign is at the top. The idea is simple and will raise awareness to the extent of shipping in the Port. Commissioner Vizer will draft a project statement including what the purpose is.

Other Commissioners indicated they liked the design and project idea.

Mr. Walter has been directed to look into grants available. The Terminal Operators are interested in spending roughly $150,000.

12) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 9:49 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