

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Members of the Board of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Port District office, 336 North Main Street, Red Bud, Illinois. Chairman George Obernagel called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM, and upon the call of roll, the following Members were present: Charles Bauer, Mike Conrad, Clem Esker, Brian Funk, Bernard Heck, Jr., Terry Liefer, Rodney Linker, Joe Luechtefeld, Robert Myerscough, George Obernagel, Donna Reifschneider, Dennis Rodenberg, Roger Rubemeyer, and Nancy Schilling. Member Richard Guebert, Jr. was absent. Also in attendance at the meeting were the following people: General Manager, Ed Weilbacher; Port District Engineer, Mark Rujawitz of Rhutasel & Associates; Keith Brinkmann of Scheffel Boyle; and Secretary, Donna Gariglietti.

The Minutes of the October 10, 2016 Board Meeting were presented, and upon the motion of Member Charles Bauer, and the second of Member Brian Funk, Resolution No. 16-11-14-1 was adopted by the Members of the Board. Thereupon, the Minutes as prepared in written form were ordered to be filed.

The Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2016 was considered, and upon the motion of Member Nancy Schilling, and the second of Member Joe Luechtefeld., Resolution No. 16-11-14-2 was adopted, which provided that the Treasurer's Report be approved and filed, a copy of which is attached to the official copy of these Minutes.

At this time, there was a general discussion by the Members of the Board regarding the bills that were received. Upon the motion of Member Dennis Rodenberg, and the second of Member Roger Rubemeyer, Resolution No. 16-11-14-3 was adopted:

That bills in the amount of \$20,039.74 are approved for payment.

Next, General Manager, Ed Weilbacher, was called upon for his report. Depositions for the Blankenship case are scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>.

We were successful in the sealed bid auction for back real estate taxes on a property located in Evansville. We should receive the deed in about 90 days. Title insurance will be obtained for the property.

A final Memorandum of Agreement with Prairie State was presented. Upon the motion of Member Donna Reifschneider, and the second of Member Clem Esker, Resolution No. 16-11-14-4 was adopted:

That the Memorandum of Agreement with Prairie State is approved.

Member Rodney Linker abstained from voting.

The local IDNR representative is not in favor of the request to expand a dock at RM 21.5 on the Kaskaskia. No further action will be taken.

Arthur J. Gallagher has prepared a proposal for the Port District's insurance for the upcoming year. Upon the motion of Member Bernard Heck, Jr., and the second of Member Joe Luechtefeld, Resolution No. 16-11-14-5 was adopted:

That the insurance proposal from Arthur J. Gallagher for 2017 is approved in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Keith Brinkmann, of Scheffel Boyle, gave a brief report on the audit report. The possibility of combining the bond issues into one loan from a bank was mentioned. The Finance Committee will meet to discuss. The final audit report will be ready next month.

Officers need to be elected for the Kaskaskia Port District Railroad. Upon the motion of Member Joe Luechtefeld, the second of Member Clem Esker, Resolution No. 16-11-14-6 was adopted:

That the Port District create the Kaskaskia Port District Railroad and that the officers be George Obernagel, President; Terry Liefer, Vice-President; and Robert Myerscough, Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Weilbacher has contacted several firms for proposals to serve as an environmental consultant for the railroad project. He will then present the options to Prairie State. The environmental assessment could take a year to complete. Monthly progress reports will be sent to Prairie State.

Mark Rujawitz, of Rhutasel & Associates, reported on the Fayetteville entrance road. A meeting was held with the contractor to discuss what repairs need to be made. The contractor will come up with a repair plan and time frame to complete the repairs.

Recently there was an article in The Waterways Journal on Kurt Johnson's towboat building operation at KRPD #2.

Rock was installed near the ramp at Waterstreet Bar & Grill. They closed on November 1<sup>st</sup> and will reopen in May. A meeting was also held at Gateway FS with the Corps to look at the riverbank erosion at their facility.

The EDA grant for the waterline and entrance road at KRPD #2 will be closed out within the next month. The loop road repairs have also been completed.

Expansion Magazine has named the Kaskaskia Regional Port District the "Port of the Year".

Mr. Weilbacher also reported on the port executive training he recently completed in St. Louis. This was the first time it was offered and was very informative.

There being no other business to come before the Members of the Board, upon the motion of Member Rodney Linker, and the second of Member Brian Funk, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Donna Gariglietti, Secretary