

MINUTES

Heartland Port Authority of Central Missouri

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 7:30am.
Arthur P. Grimshaw Board Room

PRESENT:

BOARD:

Calvin Broughton	Kris Scheperle	Gary Wheeler
Roger Fischer	Roger Schwartze	
Jim Jordan	Hank Stratman	
Rick Mihalevich	Doug Mertens	

STAFF:

Missy Bonnot, Duane Schriemann

GUESTS:

Representative Rudy Veit; Bruce Dawson, Greddell Engineering; Taylor Gibbs, Congressman Luetkemeyer's Office; Emily Cole, News Tribune; Jeff Hoelscher, Cole County Commission

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Roll Call: Missy Bonnot

All Board members were present.

2. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Mihalevich

Roger Fischer made a motion to approve agenda and Roger Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.

3. Approve Minutes: Chairman Mihalevich

Gary Wheeler made a motion to approve and Roger Schwartze seconded. Motion passed.

4. Public Comments: Chairman Mihalevich

Representative Veit commented regarding the support of Governor Parson with the Heartland Port as well as U.S Senator Roy Blunt.

5. Old Business: Chairman Mihalevich

5.1. USDA Grant - Randy could not attend meeting and Missy provided update. The \$180,000 USDA-RBDG Planning Grant application was submitted in May. Due to the high number of applications and the competitiveness USDA asked us to reduce the request to \$120,000. The grant would be used for Preliminary Design and NEPA Clearances. The board discussed utilizing this grant without having the proposed site conveyed from the legislature. The group determined there was no need to spend money on the site prior to land conveyance. A motion was made by Gary Wheeler to ratify the document and signature and for Missy to work with Matt Moore on timing of when the grant needs to be expended and to inform Matt of the status of the land conveyance with the General Assembly. Jim Jordan seconded. Motion passed.

5.2 MASBDA Grant - Missy reported we submitted our grant application and were awarded \$183,700 from MASBDA with a 10% match which is \$18,370. Missouri Soybean Association has committed to providing \$5,000 so the remainder is \$13,370. The remainder grant match would come from Jefferson City, Cole County and Callaway County. Decision Innovation Solutions will be providing a Comprehensive Market Study and Detailed Business Model. Kris Scheperle made the motion to ratify the Agreement and Gary Wheeler seconded. Motion passed. The work will be completed by the end of February.

5.3 Missouri River Port Tours Reschedule – Rick reported he once again will work to schedule port tours. The ports targeted are Kansas City, New Brunswick, Boonville and St. Joseph.

6. New Business: Chairman Mihalevich

6.1 Sunshine Policy - Rick reported we need to have a sunshine policy in place to handle sunshine requests. Duane provided a template and we will review draft at next Board Meeting.

6.2 Stakeholders Meeting – Braden Criman with U.S. Department Transportation, offered at the April meeting to set up a stakeholders meeting for informational purposes. The group discussed who would be invited and we might consider this in the future.

7. Staff Report:

7.1 Bank Account-Missy reported the Port Board has a checking account with Central Bank. The Chamber fronted \$1,000 to get the account started. It was determined we need to have a 2019 budget and a 2020 budget by January 1. Wheeler, Schwartz and Mihalevich volunteered to serve on a budget committee.

8. Commissioners Reports and Invited Guests:

8.1 Commissioner Reports-Roger Fischer reported a meeting with American Patriot Holdings and the Governor took place on August 12th in Jefferson County and included representatives from the ports in Kansas City, St. Louis and Jefferson City. The Governor is very supportive of ports and the containerized vessels.

8.2 Roger Fischer discussed the MASBDA Grant and would like to contact Missouri Corn growers to ask for a monetary contribution to go towards the required match. Calvin Broughton made a motion to contact the Mo Corn Growers and ask for \$5,000 contribution. Hank Stratman seconded. Motion passed.

9. Adjournment: Chairman Mihalevich

Kris Scheperle made a motion to adjourn. Roger Schwartz seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 17th, 2019

Minutes submitted by: _____

Missy Bonnot, Director of Economic Development
Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce