# **MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners Meeting** 

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 7:30am.

Arthur P. Grimshaw Board Room

# **PRESENT:**

# BOARD:

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

# **ABSENT:**

Doug Mertens

# STAFF:

Missy Bonnot, Duane Schriemann

#### **GUESTS**:

Jeff Haldiman, News Tribune; Tim Sperfslage, Barr Engineering, Jeff Naught, Naught-Naught Insurance, Rudy Viet, Mo House of Representatives

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 1. Roll Call: Missy Bonnot
- 2. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Mihalevich
- **3. Approve Minutes:** Chairman Mihalevich

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

# 4. Public Comments: Chairman Mihalevich

No public comments

#### 5. Old Business: Chairman Mihalevich

5.1 MASBDA Grant - Missy reported the subcommittee has met with Decision Innovation Solutions who will be providing a Comprehensive Market Study and Detailed Business Model. DIS has identified over 2,000 companies in an approximately 30 county area around and including Cole County that could potentially utilize the Port. Surveys are coming in slowly and the group thought we would get a better response rate if we reached out to the Top 20 companies. The Board decided to have a subcommittee that would review the 3,200 company listing to identify the companies. The subcommittee will be Roger Schwartze, Kris Scheperle, Calvin Broughton and Roger Fischer. They will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am at the Cole County Commission office.

DIS also is requesting an extension by 2 weeks to complete the project. Roger Fischer made the motion to extend the deadline by two weeks and hank Stratman seconded. Motion passed.

- 5.2 Missouri River Port Tours Rick reported a group toured 2 ports on November 5. The two ports were New Brunswick and Boonville. Rick presented visuals of both ports and briefed the group.
- 5.3. Sunshine Policy Rick reported we need to have a sunshine policy in place and a draft policy was presented. Jim Jordan made a motion to adopt the Sunshine Policy and Roger Schwartze seconded. Motion passed.
- 5.4. Pre-filed Legislation for Land Conveyance Rick reported we will once again work towards the State of Missouri to convey the proposed 116-acre site through legislation. Representative Veit reported he doesn't anticipate any road blocks and is optimistic it will pass this session. Roger Fischer made a motion to support the land conveyance legislation. Jim Jordan seconded. Motion passed.

# **6. New Business:** Chairman Mihalevich

6.1 Rick Mihalevich mentioned he and Roger Fischer were invited to attend two meetings in Jefferson City. One was a presentation that American Patriot Holdings presented on containerization. The other meeting was on the levy-L142. We also have three Board members that have completed their 1-year term – Mertens (Callaway), Wheeler (Cole), Schwartze (City). The 3 entities will need to identify new Board members.

# 7. Staff Report:

7.1 MPAA Meeting-Missy reported she attended the MPAA meeting in St. Louis on September 30. MPAA discussed hiring a lobbying firm, Stateline Strategies based in Kansas City, and will be contracting with them for \$15,000. Some of the ports provided funding of approximately \$20,700. The Board discussed the possibility of making a contribution, as well. Jim Jordan made the motion for Callaway County, Cole County and the City of Jefferson to contribute \$500 a piece for a total of \$1,500 to show good faith effort in the lobbying efforts. Kris Scheperle seconded. Motion passed.

# 8. Commissioners Reports and Invited Guests:

Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce

8.1 Commissioner Reports-Roger Fischer reported two meetings with American Patriot Holdings in Jefferson City-the first meeting took place at MoDOT and the seconded meeting at Mo Corn Growers. The presentation included an update on containerized vessels.

# **9.** <u>Adjournment:</u> Chairman Mihalevich Mihalevich adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting Tuesday, December 17th.	
Minutes submitted by:	-
Missy Bonnot, Director of Economic Development	