

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
ST. CHARLES COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

DATE: JUNE 9, 2022

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

LOCATION: ST. CHARLES COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ROOM 116
201 NORTH SECOND STREET
ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ken Dobbins; Don Boehmer; Roger Ellis; Monica Combest; Jeff Rothermich; and Tammy Holen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hyatt Bangert

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Sallie Hemenway, board consultant with Nexus Group; Michael Hurlbert, Director of Community Development; John Greifzu, Assistant Director of Administration; Bryan Wise, Associate County Counselor; and Sheila Weiss, Recording Secretary

➤ **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Roger Ellis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and roll call was taken.

➤ **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 12, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Roger Ellis asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Don Boehmer made such motion, and the motion was seconded by Tammy Holen. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice acclamation.

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Michael Padella, City Administrator for the City of Weldon Spring, introduced himself to the Port Authority Board. He stated that the City of Weldon Spring is interested in the AIM Zones and he is currently educating his board and the Mayor about that process.

➤ **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development Update - Scott Drachnik, President & CEO, EDC of St. Charles County

Scott Drachnik, President & CEO of the Economic Development Council of St. Charles County, did a presentation for the board members which highlighted target business sectors, recent business lead activity, recent outreach meeting and events, St. Louis Regional trade delegation to Germany, promoting sites and building, and an unemployment comparison for the St. Louis Region March 2022.

Monthly Treasurer's Report to the Board - Sallie Hemenway

Sallie Hemenway handed out a summary of expenses and revenues for 2020, 2021, and 2022 to the board members. These items will be reported to the board on a monthly basis from now on, starting with the July meeting.

Missouri Port Authority Association Activities and Membership - Sallie Hemenway

Sallie Hemenway stated that the Missouri Port Authority Association is a member based organization and each Missouri Port Authority automatically has a seat on the board. They offer associate membership positions, which can be obtained by engineers, construction contractors, accountants, or other interested parties that work with Port Authorities across the state. The current officers for the Missouri Port Authority Association are Mandy Brink from the Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, President, Ralph Martin from Lewis County-Canton Port Authority, Vice-President, and Amanda Schuster from Howard/Cooper County Regional Port Authority, Secretary. The MPAA holds four meetings each year, and their fiscal year mimics the state's fiscal year so it runs from July 1st to June 30th. The MPAA's board graciously waived the membership dues for the St. Charles County Port Authority for this fiscal year, which allowed herself and Michael Hurlbert to attend their summer meeting on June 7th and June 8th. MoDOT participates heavily in two of the four yearly MPAA meetings and tries to facilitate Port projects that meet the demands of not only the State's planned for project funding, but also the administration of the funding on an eligible basis. In addition to sharing historical port project, the MPAA serves a role as a recommending body to the MoDOT Commission for the use of funding towards eligible projects. Sallie Hemenway stated that she would recommend that a representative for the St. Charles County Port Authority Board this organization. Their membership dues are \$700 per person annually, and \$50 for each additional member. These dues are eligible for reimbursement from MoDOT's yearly administrative grant funds.

Update regarding marketing the current AIM Zones - Mike Hurlbert and Sallie Hemenway

Michael Hurlbert stated that information fliers have been created for the Crossroads and the Riverfront AIM Zones, and staff is currently working with the EDC and Municipal contacts to identify key employers within each of these AIM Zones.

Foreign Trade Zone Discussion and Next Steps - Sallie Hemenway

Sallie Hemenway asked the Port Authority board if they have been provided with enough information to decide if Foreign Trade Zones are something they would be interested in pursuing. It was decided that the board will continue researching possible opportunities for Foreign Trade Zones within St. Charles County and will discuss this topic more in the future.

Funding Opportunity Update - Mike Hurlbert, John Greifzu, Sallie Hemenway

Sallie Hemenway stated that there were two funding sources discussed at the Missouri Port Authority Association that were included in the state's budget for this fiscal year. The first funding source is MoDOT's annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for port authority capital improvement projects. This funding is typically \$12-million dollars per year which is dedicated to Missouri port authorities for capital improvement projects. The second funding source that was discussed is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriation of \$25-million dollars.

The CIP funds are Federal funds that are allocated to MoDOT on an annual basis and are then distributed to Port Authorities by MoDOT through an application process. This process is actually a year ahead, so currently they are looking for applications for 2024 project funding.

The ARPA funds are Federal funds that were allocated to MoDOT on a one time basis and will be distributed by MoDOT by using the same application guidelines as the CIP funds, but these funds will be available for fiscal year 2023.

Project Proposal presentations - Cities in Port jurisdiction

Mike Klinghammer, Director of Economic Development for the City of St. Charles, and Daniel Mann, City Engineer for the City of St. Charles, presented two projects for 2024 CIP funding consideration to the Port Authority board which included a riverfront dock project and a Historic Main Street extension project.

Chairman Roger Ellis asked for a motion to approve the drafting of a Resolution and any necessary contracts regarding funding distribution for these two projects for the City of St. Charles. Ken Dobbins made such motion, and the motion was seconded by Jeff Rothermich. The motion was approved by unanimous voice acclamation.

Ryan Graham, Director of St. Charles County Parks and Recreation, presented a project for 2024 CIP funding consideration to the Port Authority board for a courtesy dock and parking lot expansion project in Klondike Park.

Chairman Roger Ellis asked for a motion to approve the drafting of a Resolution and any necessary contracts regarding funding distribution for this project for St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department. Don Boehmer made such motion, and the motion was seconded by Tammy Holen. The motion was approved by unanimous voice acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MISCELLANEOUS

There were no announcements.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING – JULY 14, 2022

- Brian Wise will create a Resolution for the Board to vote on at the July 14, 2022 meeting regarding obtaining an MPAA Membership.
- Tammy Holen asked for a discussion regarding the Hoffman project to be conducted at the

July 14, 2022 meeting.

- Sallie Hemenway will create a calendar for the board addressing MoDOT funding opportunities.
- Ken Dobbins suggested that the Port Authority create a scoring sheet for the use of funding.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 AM.