

**Upper Mississippi River International Port District's
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Wednesday February 12th, 2014 1:00 PM
Upper Campus Building 21
Savanna Depot Park**

Savanna IL 61074

**Approved 3-19-2014
UMRIPD**

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call:** Present, Co-Chair Bill Jahnke, Treasurer, Kevin Stier, Kurt Brunner, Secretary, Jim Francis. Absent with notice, Skip Schwerdtfeger. Also present, Dave Albee, Lisa McCarthy, Bill Hooten, Marcus Murphy.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Kurt to approve with the addition under Old Business of g) Office Space. Motion second by Kevin. All Aye.
- 5. Approval of Minutes:** January 8th, 2014. Motion by Kevin, second by Kurt to approve as presented. All Aye.
- 6. Treasures Report:** February Treasurers Report tabled. Motion by Bill to pay travel expenses to Jim in the amount of \$ 608.65 for Washington trip. Second by Kevin, All aye.
- 7. Public Comment:** Lisa McCarthy shared information about the Thomson Prison and the need to work with local realtors in regard to housing needs for future employees, although there will be no hiring until 2015. It is estimated to take about 25 million dollars to bring the facility up to Federal Standards. Work will begin sometime after October 1, 2014. Marty Mulcahey hopes to re-schedule a trip to Springfield that was canceled last week due to poor weather. His intentions are to educate certain State sources on the need of a public port in this area and to request Gap monies.

8. Old

Business: a) Sunflower update: Marcus Murphy was present to share information about the vessel repair facility that will encompass about 20 acres, approximately 7 on water and 13 land based. The 35,000 square foot building will be a state of the art facility that will generate several thousands of dollars in real estate taxes. They are currently working on the last step needed for the enterprise zone and with East Dubuque in regards to a TIF District. According to our Bond Counsel, a portion of this facility will qualify for our bond issuance capabilities, maybe 1.5 million or so.

b) Savanna Depot Park Update:

Bill Hooten referred to the UMRIPD as a natural ally for the Foreign Trade Zone, River Port Railroad, Eastland Feed and Grain and Rescar. He expressed the immediate need to gather letters of support from potential benefactors to river access for shipping and receiving needs in this area.

c) Grant Research:

No one present from Blackhawk Hills Regional Council

d) Marketing Analysis Plan (MAP)

Nothing to add at this time

e) Application Form

Nothing to add at this time

f) Campbell Center Updates

America's Quality Schools is still pursuing potential for a Liberal Arts School or a private boarding high school. Directors and key personnel will in the area in the future and will be in contact with Marty Mulcahey. Russ Simpson will be taking over the Business Resource Center and utilize it for training different companies etc.

g) Business Space Discussion:

The UMRIPD will accept IITC's courteous offer for available to conduct meetings in the upstairs area presently being used vs.the downstairs area previously offered. It was recommended that the Port District look into securing insurance if this was used as a permanent meeting place. Currently we could fall under IITC's insurance. There may be some discussion in the future between Mike Doty and Dan Riemer in regard to office space.

9. New Business

1) IRPT Request for Port District Info: It was discussed to provide contact information and some brief history to IRPT at this time.

2) IRPT Annual Conference: Dates are April 29th to May 1st. No plans made at this time.

10. Report of Legal Counsel:

Dave has made a request to both Counties for access to the County GIS Mapping system. Would need password.

11. Report of Chair: None

12. Committee/Member Reports:

Lisa McCarthy has been working with the Mississippi Mayors Association. Mostly Savanna at this time. Hoping to engage Galena, Fulton and Thomson and to encourage all to use the resources of theUMRIPD.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by Kurt to adjourn at 3:07 PM. Second by Kevin, All Aye.

Minutes recorded by Jim Francis. Subject to corrections and approval.