

**Upper Mississippi River International Port District
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 14th, 2014 1:00 PM
Upper Campus Building 21
Savanna Depot Park
Savanna IL 61074**

Approved June 11th 2014 UMRIPD

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:11 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call:** Present; Skip Schwerdtfeger, Bill Jahnke, Jim Francis. Absent with notice; Kurt Brunner, Kevin Stier. Also present Jack Kostner, Dave Albee, Amy Martelle, Bruce Radke, Lisa McCarthy, Bill Hooten, Marty Mulcahey and Theresa Wittenauer.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jim and second by Bill to Approve, All aye
- 5. Approval of April 9th 2014 Minutes:** Motion by Bill, second by Jim to approve as presented. All aye
- 6. Treasurers Report:** Tabled. Bill reported a printing invoice will be submitted to Kevin prior to next meeting.
- 7. Public Comment:** Bill Hooten introduced Jack Kostner and shared his bio along with Amy Martelle, who is President, CEO and CFO of Riverport Railroad LLC. Bill also reported on solar and thermal energy potential interest and mentioned that Eagle Point Solar from Dubuque IA built panels for the Galena Sewage Treatment plant. They would like to attend the next meeting for a presentation.
- 8. Old Business:**
 - a) Sunflower Update; Marcus Murphy not present, Francis reported on a conversation with Carter Newt at St. Louis IRPT Conference and Carter said project was ready to go and he looked forward to utilizing our bonding capability. Lisa McCarthy reported that applications for new Enterprise Zones have come out.
 - b) SDP Update; Skip reported on a meeting last week regarding the extension of the bike trail through SDP with Brad Petersburg and several others. He also reported on inaccurate information printed in the Galena Gazette newspaper which reported the UMRIPD would accept liability for a portion of the trail in Jo Daviess County. This was not true and the paper was notified of such mis-information. Amy Martelle reported that Riverport Railroad is operating almost at capacity serving 6 different customers bringing multiple increments of rail cars for consolidation into unit trains. They are also looking for another switching engine and would consider a lease, possibly from the Port District. She also noted capacity of the rail on base consists of 67,90 and 105 lb. Rail in various locations. Bruce Radke from Eastland Feed & Grain reported everything is going OK and they are beginning to move grain to open river terminals.
 - c) Grant Research; Theresa Wittenauer said she is completeing the application and will submit it to EDA by end of month for review prior to final deadline of May 13th filing. Hoping to keep final project costs between \$95,000 and \$110,000. She for-sees scope of work as 3 phases. First, UMRIPD Board Planning, Second, Clarify Ideal River Sites and finally to identify the linkage of land sites and the connection with potential river sites. d) Bill Jahnke presented 250 copies of the Districts brochures plus business cards for the Commissioners and said an invoice for printing costs will arrive prior to next meeting.

9. New Business: None at this time

10. Report of Counsel; Dave Albee reported on a conference call with Chuck Jarik regarding the process of bonding. Skip wanted to note that Dave did a very good job of spotting the in-correct media coverage regarding the bike trail liability issue.

11. Report of Chair; Skip read a letter of a support that will be presented to Brad Petersburg regarding the Port Districts support for the extension of the bike trail.

12. Committee Reports: Jim reported on attending the IRPT Conference in St. Louis in April.

13. Adjournment: Motion by Bill, second by Jim to adjourn at 3:05 PM. All Aye

Minute prepared by Jim Francis, subject to corrections and approval.