

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting
MINUTES

February 26, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dave Silverman called the regular meeting to order at 12:02.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT Dave Silverman
Todd Randich
Ray Soliman
Jason Cox
Jim Klick
Herb Lande
Dave Hill
Joe Strong

ABSENT: John Noak
Tony Deliberto

GUESTS: John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel
Ron Hudson, Primera Engineering
Kevin Fuhr, Hanson Engineers

QUORUM: Dave Silverman declared a quorum and the Board was in session to officially conduct business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Jim Klick to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2019 of the Joliet Regional Port District. Seconded by Todd Randich. Resolution # 2020-0003 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent

Joe Strong enters meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT , FINANCIAL REPORTS & BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT:

MOTION by Ray Soliman to approve the unaudited Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Report presented by the Joliet Regional Port District and Lewis University Airport dated January 31, 2020. Seconded by Jason Cox. Resolution # 2019-0004 passed. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

Bills Against the District:

- 1.) Tai Ginsberg, January 20th Billing \$ 3,061.12
MOTION by Jason Cox to pay the fees as submitted. Seconded by Herb Lande. Approved: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

- 2.) Michael Baker Payout # 6 Tower \$ 62,733.21
MOTION by Ray Soliman to pay the fees as submitted. Seconded by Joe Strong. Approved: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

- 3.) Michael Baker Payout # 7 Tower \$ 37,867.66
MOTION by Todd Randich to pay the fees as submitted. Seconded by Jim Klick. Approved: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports: None

Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation Report:

Chris sought permission to purchase a new 2020 Chevrolet Pickup to replace an aging piece of equipment for airport use, via State Fleet contract purchase totaling \$30,376.

MOTION by Joe Strong to purchase truck as submitted. Seconded by Jason Cox. Approved: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

Engineering Report:

Kevin Fuhr of Hanson Engineering offered a recap of open projects.

Legal/Legislative Report: None

New Business: None

Dave Hill joins the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris made a power point presentation to the board showing the options for the board to accept his recommendation concerning consultant selection by the qualifications submitted or electing to interview the 3 firms that submitted to the RFQ. (power point on file with digital copy of discussion) Chris listed the various projects that were time sensitive with important issues within them. The Control Tower timeline schedule was shown with a planned date of operation in September of 2021. The site work broken out by a second grant offering was time sensitive with the State IDA. Merging the two schedules required combined engineering efforts.

It was Chris's recommendation for the board to choose Primera Engineering based on engineering qualifications and Ron Hudson as project manager. It was his additional comment that if Primera didn't perform to our expectations that JRPD can make a change at any time. Chris said that in his opinion that the two other consulting firms that submitted to the RFQ, Crawford Murphy & Tilly and Hutchinson Engineering were well qualified and very good firms that are willing to work for the District. Chris has worked with both firms in his past airport experience. Chairman Silverman asked if anyone on the board felt it necessary to interview all the firms. Herb Lande expressed that he was fine with the hiring of Primera and felt that he wanted to keep things rolling as they are. Jim Klick agreed he didn't want to see any additional delays in projects. The Board also discussed issues related to the termination of the Retainer Agreement and specific Project Agreements with Hanson Engineering.

Jason Cox asked about the difference in charges from Hanson to Primera. John Gallo explained that the guidance document direct that the charges are addressed in the next step. The document specifies that the airport sponsor make its' choice based on back ground and experience.

MOTION by Herbe Lande for staff/counsel to create an Retainer Agreement with Primera Engineering and a separation agreement with Hanson Engineering, if necessary. Seconded by Jim Klick: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Absent.

