

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting, 7-27-2022
Meeting minutes

July 27, 2022 Port District Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Dave Silverman called the regular meeting to order at 12:00.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Jason Cox
Tony Deliberto
John Gerl
Dave Hill
Dave Silverman
Jim Klick
John Noak
Todd Randich

ABSENT:

Joe Strong
Derek Egan
Ray Soliman

GUESTS:

John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel
Steve Bixenmann, Board Secretary
Kevin Bixenmann, Port District Business Manager
Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation
Ron Hudson, Primera Engineering

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**MOTION by Dave Hill to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022.
Seconded by Jim Klick. Resolution # 2022-0022 passed. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3
Absent**

TREASURERS REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS & BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT:

**MOTION by John Noak to approve the unaudited Financial Statements and
the Treasurer's Reports of the Joliet Regional Port District dated June 30,
2022 as presented by staff. Seconded by Todd Randich.
Resolution # 2022-0023 passed. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.**

Bills against the District:

1. Tai Ginsberg, July 2022 \$ 3,000.00

**MOTION by John Noak to approve as presented. Seconded by
Tony Deliberto. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent**

2. Tracy Johnson & Wilson \$ 6,223.80

**MOTION by John Noak to approve the invoice as presented.
Seconded by Tony Deliberto. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent**

Public Comment: Chairman Silverman advised the board regarding the loss of past board member James O'Connell. Jim was very much involved in the community and a long time board member of the Port District and airport supporter. The Port District might not have purchased the airport without Jim's support and involvement.

Committee Reports: None

Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation Report:

- Explained to the board that that efforts are being made to help airports like KLOT obtain a replacement system (Radar type system) to replace the FAA's STARS system. The FAA stopped producing the STARS system and never replaced it in the NEX GEN development. We are working with legislatures to place wording in the upcoming FAA re authorization to tell the FAA to make the replacement system a priority. The AAAE has been contacted and drumming up support from other airports that are on the request list. This important equipment is warranted in the Chicago airspace for ease and efficient aircraft processing.

Engineering Report:

- The Quarry strike has come to an end. Austin Tyler will be starting work on buildings 200 and 300 pavements as soon as rock is available.
- Ron gave an update on the status of the control tower occupancy permit. The contractor has been working on the fire pump and had difficulties completing the work.

Legal/Legislative Report: None

Old Business: Discussion regarding the Ducere project. Legal has been working with Patrick Kelly and their legal team from Ducere. Ducere's offer is approximately \$300,000 for bond issuance fees to JRPD. The board felt that the property ownership and liability details weren't worth the risk to accept the offer. No action was taken. Legal will report back if there are any changes or updates to the deal.

New Business:

1) Request for the board to adopt a Capital Asset Policy Ordinance as presented:

**MOTION by Jim Klick to approve the ordinance. Seconded by
John Noak. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent**

2) Authorize R Berti Inc (Construction Management) to advertise and accept Bids for North side Hangars G & O (3 buildings) Painting/coating and improvements for a not to exceed figure of 727,397. Resolution # 2022-0024.

**MOTION by Dave Hill to approve the authorization of R Berti to seek
bids. Seconded by Todd Randich. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent**

3. Authorize staff to proceed with the Strategic Marine and Port Master Plan Study as presented using the consulting firm of Quetica of Bloomington Minnesota at a fee of \$399,851.70.

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MOTION by John Noak to the firm of Quetica to prepare a Strategic Marine and Port Master Plan Study. Seconded by Jim Klick. 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent

Executive Session: None

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jim Klick to adjourn. Seconded by John Noak. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bixenmann
Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

DATE: August 24, 2022
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: Lewis University Airport
which is owned and operated by the
Joliet Regional Port District
Airport conference room