

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting, 9-28-2022
Meeting minutes

September 28, 2022 Port District Conference Room

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT:

Tony Deliberto
Dave Silverman
Jim Klick
John Noak (Arrived at 12:25 PM)
Derek Egan
John Gerl
Dave Hill

ABSENT:

Jason Cox
Joe Strong
Ray Soliman
Todd Randich

GUESTS:

John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Steve Bixenmann, Board Secretary
Kevin Bixenmann, Port District Business Manager
Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation
Ron Hudson, Primera Engineers
Mark Berndt, Quetica, LLC

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Derek Egan to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2022. Seconded by Jim Klick. Resolution # 2022-0029 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent

TREASURERS REPORT, FINANCIAL REPORTS & BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT:

MOTION by Jim Klick to approve the unaudited Financial Statements and the Treasurer's Reports of the Joliet Regional Port District dated August 31, 2022 as presented by staff. Seconded by David Hill. Resolution # 2022-0030 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent.

Bills against the District:

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

MOTION by Tony Deliberto to approve as presented. Seconded by Derek Egan. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 5 Absent

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Public Comment:

A presentation was offered by Mr. Mark Berndt, of Quetica, LLC-Lead consultant for the Strategic Marine and Port Master Plan. Mr. Berndt introduced his team's overview on preparing the Master Plan to the full board. The presentation included the discussion of the team members and their project approach. The study will rely on local data, and Quetica will need the JRPD's assistance in soliciting this information from local shippers. Quetica can enter into nondisclosure agreements with companies to review their shipping records and determine shipping demands based on investigating records.

In discussion after the presentation, Quetica also indicated that a Technical Working Group (TWG) of around six people is the backbone of the study. This will direct and maintain effective momentum in providing reliable data. The Board agreed to review and select TWG members. Chairman Silverman instructed staff to include Josh Potter, Village of Romeoville, and Doug Pryor, Will County Center for Economic Development, in all correspondence. John Noak suggested the City of Lockport would also be interested.

John Noak indicated that he wants a more broad-based plan going beyond the waterway and including parks and recreation, power grid demand analysis, and pipeline traffic.

Committee Reports: None

Chairman of the Board Report: None

Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation Report:

- The full time Air Traffic Control Manager has reported for duty starting Monday September 26th.
- The board will start to realize expenses for window cleaning and janitorial service required by the contract tower program.

Engineering Report:

- Austin Tyler work has completed the first staging phase and all work is expected to be completed in early October.
- Ron gave an update on the status of the closing out of some older projects and completing the left over punch list items.

Legal/Legislative Report: None

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the Ducere project. Legal has been working with Patrick Kelly and the legal from Ducere. A finance fee is still an issue in order to proceed. Legal was instructed to ask Ducere for their best and final Finance Fee offer. No action was taken. Legal will report back if there are any changes or updates.

New Business:

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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: October 26, 2022
TIME: 12:00 pm
PLACE: Lewis University Airport
which is owned and operated by the
Joliet Regional Port District
Airport conference room