

JOLIET REGIONAL PORT DISTRICT
General Board Meeting
MINUTES
December 16, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman James O'Connell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Don Walden
Ron Kevish
Dan Vera
James O'Connell
Robert Schwartz
Frank Turk 4:15 p.m.

ABSENT: Dave Silverman
George Michas
Steve Bixenmann

GUESTS: John Gallo, Legal Counsel
Ken Carlson, Legal Counsel
Ron Hudson, Engineer
Chris Lawson, Director of Aviation
Patricia Neale, Secretary/Treasurer

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Dan Vera to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2009, meeting of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution R2009-0048 passed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent

FINANCIAL REPORT:

MOTION by Ron Kevish to approve the unaudited Financial Statements of the Joliet Regional Port District and Lewis University Airport dated November 30, 2009. Seconded by Robert Schwartz. Resolution R2009-0049 passed. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.

BILLS AGAINST THE DISTRICT: 2010 Insurance Premium Renewals \$88,286.

MOTION by Ron Kevish to accept the insurance renewal proposals presented by William Fielder for the 2010 year and authorize the Treasurer to pay the invoice from Wm. Fielder in the amount of \$86,688 and the invoice for the Underground Storage Tank coverage in the amount Of \$1,598 when received from the carrier. Second by Don Walden. Resolution R2009-0050 Passed. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 4 absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

GUESTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

CHRIS LAWSON, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION: Chris reported that clearing the first snowfall went pretty well. He advised the Board that metering devices will be needed for the deicing truck. There are two types of deicing fluid. Also, some bills will be coming in to reengineer one of the old fueling trucks for deicing purposes. Deicing is quite costly. Customers will be charged for the service.

RON HUDSON, ENGINEERING REPORT: See written report (Exhibit "A") as submitted. Ron Hudson reviewed the items as listed.

Ron gave the Board a handout that gave recognition to Hanson Engineering for their work in using the fly ash on the airport and saving the Port District \$15 million. (See Exhibit "B")

LEGISLATIVE/LEGAL:

MOTION by Ron Kevish to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition. Second by Dan Vera. Resolution 2009-0051 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

MOTION by Don Walden to adjourn Executive Session. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution 2009-0052 passed. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Absent.

MOTION by Dan Vera to authorize negotiations and the making of an offer to purchase Parcel 23 at the amount of \$475,000. Second by Ron Kevish. Resolution R2009-0053 passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION by Don Walden to adopt Ordinance 2009-02 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 To Pay Principal and Interest on \$995,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002, of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution R2009-0054 Passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION by Ron Kevish to adopt Ordinance 2009-03 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 To Pay Principal and Interest on \$805,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2003, of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution R2009-0055 Passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION by Robert Schwartz to adopt Ordinance 2009-04 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 To Pay Principal and Interest on \$3,970,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2004, of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Dan Vera. Resolution R2009-0056 Passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

MOTION by Don Walden to adopt Ordinance 2009-05 Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2009 To Pay Principal and Interest on \$7,500,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2005, of the Joliet Regional Port District. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution R2009-0057 Passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

John Gallo reported information to the Board concerning the new law taking effect in January 2010 regarding the Freedom of Information Act. The State this past year devised new requirements. Every unit of local government must appoint an FOIA Officer who must attend mandatory training during the 1st months of the act taking effect. This item will need to be placed on the next meeting agenda for the Board to appoint an FOIA Officer.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Neale reported the cost of publishing the JRPD Meeting Notice in the Legal Ads will be \$49.01.

NEW BUSINESS: 1) **Nominating Committee:** Don Walden, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following slate of officers, legal counsel and auditor.

Chairman - George J. Michas
Vice-Chairman - James J. O'Connell
Secretary/Treasurer - Patricia A. Neale
Assistant Secretary - Don Walden
Assistant Treasurer - Steve Bixenmann
Legal Counsel with no increase in fees - Tracy, Johnson & Wilson
Auditor for the 2009 audit at a cost of \$10,600 - Donald Blaesing

MOTION by Ron Kevish to elect the slate as presented. Second by Robert Schwartz. Resolution \$2009-0058 Passed. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent.

James O'Connell brought up the passing of George Reiter who was very involved in the establishment of the airport. His firm did the survey work and didn't get paid for three years. Mr. Reiter also flew Board Members to the National Waterway Conference in his own plane at no cost and went back to pick them up. Mr. O'Connell proceeded to advise that there are a lot of people that are and have been vital to the airport i.e. Jim Oberwortman, Andy Barber etc. Also Gordy Davis at Chicago Title. He would like to see some way of honoring these people. Chris Lawson had suggested planting a tree and placing a plaque on airport property. Mr. O'Connell asked the members to think about some noteworthy way to remember these people.

Question arose concerning the closing of the can as a result of the Asian carp and whether or not the Port District had any authority and had received any

notifications. It was determined that the Port did not control the canal but issued permits to individuals wanting to construct within 50 feet of either side.

Question arose concerning if any information had been received from the Governor's office concerning Board appointments. Pat Neale responded nothing had been received except an email asking for her title with the District.

AJOURNMENT: **Motion by Ron Kevish to adjourn. Second by
Robert Schwartz. Motion unanimously carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Neale
Secretary

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: **DATE: January 27, 2010
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Lewis University Airport
Executive Terminal**