

Special Meeting Minutes

Monroe Port Commission

Thursday, February 27, 2014
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: 7: 05 p.m.

Members Present:

Thomas A. Krzyston, Chairman
Dale H. Brose, Vice Chairman
Ken Calender, Secretary
Lisa Leachman, Commissioner
Tom Myers, Commissioner

Others Present:

Paul C. LaMarre, Port Director
John J. Emig, Port Engineer
Dan Swallow, City of Monroe
Richard Micka

2. Public Comment: Mr. Micka stated he had attended the meeting for the construction of the Monroe Exits from I-75, specifically Exit 14. Mr. Micka asked the Port Commission if they knew of future plans for the FORD plant. Chairman Krzyston answered, he was asking the wrong committee, maybe the City of Monroe could answer his questions.
3. Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda was amended to add 3.3 under New Business to award the Notice to Proceed for the construction of the Ventower Rail Spur.

On a motion by Vice Chairman Brose and seconded by Myers to approve the amended special meeting agenda to add under New Business Item 3.3 to award the Notice to Proceed for the construction of the Ventower Rail Spur. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed

4. New Business:
 - 3.1 Motioned by Vice Chairman Brose and seconded by Leachman to approve the 2014-15 Fiscal Year Operating Budget to be presented to the City of Monroe's City Council. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed.
 - 3.2 Motioned by Myers and seconded by Secretary Calender to authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Understanding between The Port of Monroe and Great Lakes Tower, LLC d/b/a Ventower Industries regarding Rail Service. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed.
 - 3.3 Motioned made by the Vice Chairman Brose and seconded by Leachman to authorize the Chairman to sign the Notice to Proceed to Armond Cassisi Railroad Construction for the Port of Monroe Ventower Rail Spur. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion passed.

5. Port Director - Staff Report

Met with Mayor Clark and Dan Sallow to discuss funding opportunities for the dredging at the turning basin. On the recommendation of the Mayor and Mr. Swallow I submitted a proposal on how to facilitate \$80,000 of the \$120,000 budget to move new cargo across the Port. DRM would still provide revenue assistance to the Port. Since the Port Director has not heard from the City on the proposal submitted, he referred to Dan Swallow.

Dan Swallow:

Met with George Brown, City Manager. There are various funding opportunities, an option would be the Economic Development Fund that has limited funds and could be used for opportunities like this. The City would issue an \$80,000 loan to the Port, with no interest, to complete payment in ten years. More details to follow.

John Emig:

In regards to the letter that notified Gerdau about the Ventower siding construction and the fact that the siding would cross over a Michigan Gas Utilities (MGU) gas line and through the corner of the Gerdau rail easement, a meeting with Michigan Gas and Gerdau representatives, along with Gerdau attorneys, was scheduled to address concerns on the gas line. The meeting was successful and addressed all their gas line worries and hopefully can move forward with this project.

6. Port Commissioner Comments:

Vice Chairman Brose thanked Mr. Tom Myers for his expertise, time and effort for his input on the FY 2014-15 Operating Budget. He also thanked the consultants and Port Director for the great work they have been doing and feels we're in a good place.

Secretary Calender stated, "Good work, great progress".

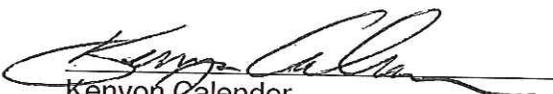
Chairman Krzyston also thanked Tom Myers and Dale Brose for their sacrifice of time and their dedication to oversee the 2014-15 Operating Budget for the Port of Monroe. It's a huge relief and I cannot thank them enough.

Commissioner Leachman stated she appreciates the Financial Reports will be included with the Agenda. It would give everyone more time to review.

7. Any other business that may come before the Port Commission: None

8. Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

These special meeting minutes are not consider official until approved by the Monroe Port Commission at their next regular scheduled meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2014.


Kenyon Calender
Secretary

March 19, 2014
Date