Jackson/Union Regional Port District Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024 6:00 PM
Alto Pass Community Center

Call to Order

(6:10pm)
Present: Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Colombo, Pitts, Smithey
Also Present: Brian Chapman, Darryl Bryant, Steve Mitchell

Pitts asked Chapman to do a roll call for attendance.

Approval of Minutes

I. 2024-899 Approval of September 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Smithey, seconded by Basden, to approve the September 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Chapman commented on the Corn Belt Port model event he attended. He noted that they were asking if the Port was interested in partnering with other ports in southern Illinois to make those ports more competitive when applying for grants. Chapman commented that he would continue to explore the model and gather more information. He also noted that he would set up a meeting with Chris Smith and ask him to attend a future Port meeting to help answer questions.

Cissell commented that she had contacted Greater Egypt about working on a planning grant and that nothing had changed since she reported at the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

No update this month.

Old Business

II. 2024-900 Insurance

Basden commented that the quote he found was in the meeting packet and needed a signature. Chapman commented that the Jackson County Administrator recommended that the contact address be changed to either the Jackson County Courthouse or the Union County Courthouse, not the main point of contact's personal address. Chapman also commented that the Jackson County Administrator recommended that the point of contact be changed from her name to the Port treasurer (Mr. Beckman). The Port agreed and asked to have the quote re-submitted with the changed information. Cissel commented that the insurance agent she reached out to had *requested updated financial information which she had provided to them. She noted that she had not seen a new updated quote and suggested that the Port get another insurance quote for comparison. The Port discussed the item and agreed with Cissell. The Port discussed the difference in various insurance quotes.*

III. 2024-901 Attorney

No update on this agenda item. The Port agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss the item in detail.

IV. 2024-902 By-Laws

Chapman commented that he had made the changes requested by the Port. He reminded the members that at the last meeting, they decided not to move forward on the by-laws until they had an attorney on-board.

V. 2024-903 SI Airport Expansion Update

Chapman commented that the airport was currently working on a proposal to work with the Port district to help fund a hangar. He noted the proposal was not ready for presentation, but will be in the near future.

New Business

VI. 2024-913 Board Re-appointments

Chapman commented that there were a few Union County appointments for the Port district that needed updating. Pitts commented that he would get those taken care of. Cissell commented on a communication from the governor's office on her appointment and what information she needed to provide.

VII. 2024-904 Industrial Park Presentation

Darryl Bryant and Steve Mitchell gave a presentation regarding creating an Industrial Park in Southern Illinois and commented that they were asking to partner with the Jackson/Union Regional Port district. They commented that there was a potential piece of property they were interested in and that they were working on applying for grants to help with the purchasing costs. Chapman commented on the potential economic development an industrial park could bring to Southern Illinois. Pitts commented that he had available property in Union County and would provide the information to Chapman for a state survey on industrial property. The Port asked that they continue to be updated on the Industrial Park.

Executive Session

(7:00pm)
A motion was made by Pitts, seconded by Cissell, to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: ***YES*** *(6): Pitts, Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Smithey*

Once out of Executive Session, a motion was made by Basden, seconded by Cissell, to empower Basden to negotiate the Attorney's offer under the terms set forth during the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: ***YES*** *(6): Pitts, Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Smithey*

Pitts commented that he would like an agenda item titled "Other Business" so the members *could discuss various items. Chapman commented that this would occur once the by-laws were approved. The Port members did discuss various things, including working with Greater Egypt on a planning grant.*

Adjourn

(7:21pm)
A motion was made by Smithey, seconded by Basden, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.