

Jackson/Union Regional Port District Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 6:00 PM
Alto Pass Community Center

Call to Order

(6:00pm)

Present: Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Colombo

Absent: Basden, Orrill

Also Present: Brian Chapman, Deb Barnette, Chris Smith, Nick Holdinghausen

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-26 Approval of November 04, 2024, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Smithey, seconded by Colombo, to approve the November 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

Treasurer's Report

No update this month.

Old Business

II. 2025-27 Insurance

No update this month.

III. 2025-28 Attorney

Smithey and Pitts commented that Mr. Turk had accepted the terms counter-offered by the Port board. Nothing further was discussed.

IV. 2025-29 By-Laws

No update this month.

New Business

V. 2025-30 SI Now Corn Belt Ports/Southern Illinois Port Commission

Barnette commented on the benefits of creating the proposed commission noting that it was purely a concept at this point, but wanted to get the information out there and see what kind of support exists from current Port districts. Barnette reviewed the presentation in the meeting packet commenting that Ports would keep the same identity and that the formation of a

commission would only serve to advance regional interests and elevate the regions profile. She and Holdinghausen answered various questions from the Port and reiterated the benefits of the Port supporting the formation of a Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission.

VI. 2025-31 Resolution to Support Formation of a Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission

*A motion was made by Colombo, seconded by Beckman, to approve and adopt a resolution to support the formation of a Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (5): Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Colombo **ABSENT** (2): Basden, Orrill*

Chapman reminded the board that the only thing this resolution committed the Port for right now was to assign a Port member to the proposed commission project.

The Port discussed and agreed on keeping their meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6pm. The group also talked about items not on the agenda including a staging area for barges and the need for more space.

Executive Session

VII. 2025-32 Executive Session under 2 (c) 1 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act to discuss Personnel

The Port did not go into Executive Session.

Adjourn

(6:50pm)

A motion was made by Beckman, seconded by Smithey, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.