Jackson/Union Regional Port District Meeting
Monday, May 5, 2025   6:00 PM
Alto Pass Community Center

Call to Order

(6:00pm)
Present: Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Orrill
Absent: Colombo
Also Present: Brian Chapman

Chairman Pitts asked for a roll call before the meeting began.

Approval of Minutes

I.	2025-496	Approval of March 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made by Orrill, seconded by Smithey, to approve the March 10, 2025, Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Orrill   **ABSENT** (1): Colombo*

Communication

Chapman commented that the Port's bank statements were now coming to the Jackson County Board office. He had them available for the members to look at.

Treasurer's Report

Chapman reviewed the dollar amounts available to the Port in their CD's and bank account. The group had a quick discussion regarding interest for the CD's.

Old Business

II.	2025-497	Insurance

Cissell reported that she had reached out to Dedrick Insurance and received one quote, but was still waiting for a second. Beckman commented that he would be reaching out for a third quote this coming week. The Port decided to review all insurance quotes at the next meeting.

III.	2025-498	Annual Financial Report (AFR) Update

Beckman commented that he would have this ready for the next meeting.

IV.	2025-499	Board Training Update

Pitts asked everyone to please complete their board training if they have not already. The members had a brief discussion regarding economic interest statements and their filing with their respective County Clerks.

V.	2025-500	Greater Egypt Feasibility Study Update

*Chapman reported that the requested changes had been made to the study and a vote was needed to approve and move the document forward to Greater Egypt. A motion was made by Smithey, seconded by Beckman, to approve the Notice of Request for Qualifications to be released by the Greater Egypt Planning Commission. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Orrill   **ABSENT** (1): Colombo*

VI. 2025-507 Southern Illinois Port Commission Update

Chapman reported that the item was briefly on hold due to the governor's office taking a broader look at how to help port districts. Chapman commented that he would keep the members updated.

New Business

VII. 2025-508 Meeting Schedule

The Port members discussed having a meeting every other month. After looking at the by-laws and having a brief discussion, the members decided to continue scheduling meetings once a month, and if there is no business, the chair can cancel the meeting at his discretion. There was also a brief discussion regarding using technology to attend meetings. Pitts commented that he would get an opinion from his county's State's Attorney.

Other Business

The Port members discussed whether a lawyer was needed at this time and brought up more questions regarding the Greater Egypt Feasibility Study.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(6:43pm)
*A motion was made by Basden, seconded by Beckman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: **YES** (6): Basden, Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Smithey, Orrill **ABSENT** (1): Colombo*

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