Jackson/Union Regional Port District Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2025 6:00 PM
Alto Pass Community Center

Call to Order

(6:00pm)
Present: Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Colombo, Orrill
Absent: Basden, Smithey
Also present: Brian Chapman, representatives from Ameren and Greater Egypt

Chairman Pitts asked for a roll call before calling the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-314 Approval of January 08, 2025, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Beckman, seconded by Cissell, to approve the January 08, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: ***YES*** *(5): Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Colombo, Orrill* ***ABSENT*** *(2): Basden, Smithey*

Communication

Treasurer's Report

Beckman reported that the Port district had $6,002.25 in their checking account and $5,000.00 in a CD which had just been renewed at 3.8% interest.

Old Business

II. 2025-315 Insurance

Beckman commented that he would be following up with a quote that was presented by Basden. No further update was given.

III. 2025-316 Attorney

No update was given.

IV. 2025-317 By-Laws

No update was given.

V. 2025-318 Southern Illinois Airport Update

Chapman reported that the Airport was under a new management search and that there was no update.

VI. 2025-319 Southern Illinois Regional Port Commission Update

Chapman reported that all the southern Illinois port districts had approved the regional port *commission and now counties were being asked to approve. As of this meeting, Jackson, Union, and Johnson counties have all approved the regional port commission.*

New Business

VII. 2025-320 Ameren Grand Tower Crossing Project

Representatives from the Ameren project reviewed the document in the meeting packet with the Port members and answered questions from the group. They did make note that a new line was being added and there would be no changes to the existing line. Refer to the document in the meeting packet for further information.

VIII. 2025-321 Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Chapman gave Beckman information on the AFR to update the website. He commented that it was mandatory reporting and that currently the group was being shown as non-compliant.

IX. 2025-322 Board Training

Pitts and Chapman asked the Port members to please ensure they complete the Open Meetings Act training and to send the completed certificates to the Jackson County Board office to keep on file.

X. 2025-323 Greater Egypt Feasibility Study Update

Representatives from Greater Egypt had a long discussion with the Port members regarding working on a feasibility study on behalf of the Port District and answered various questions from the group. They commented that they wanted to work with the Port and asked the members to review and make suggestions regarding Scope of Work for the study. This included items such as reviewing potential sites, infrastructure development requirements, market demand analysis, potential Port activity, economic and environmental assessments, and recommendations for next steps. The representatives commented that once the Port approved the Request for Proposal document they would be able to get started.

Other Business

Pitts updated the Port members on the Cairo Port project and that it was moving forward.

Executive Session

Adjourn

(7:18pm)
A motion was made by Colombo, seconded by Beckman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: ***YES*** *(5): Beckman, Cissell, Pitts, Colombo, Orrill*
ABSENT *(2): Basden, Smithey*

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