

PORT AUTHORITY OF WINONA MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2015

PRESENT: President Cichanowski, Commissioners Hansen, Borzyskowski, Thurley, Glubka and Executive Secretary Bodway

ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Kiekbusch

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Economic Development McMartin, Development Coordinator White, and City Finance Director Burrichter

1. CALL TO ORDER-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by President Cichanowski. A motion was made by Commissioner Borzyskowski and seconded by Commissioner Thurley to approve the February 12, 2015 and February 17, 2015 minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

2. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

President Cichanowski had no remarks.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 1257 W. Lake Boulevard – Winston Property Exchange

President Cichanowski opened the public hearing on the Winston Property Exchange.

Director of Economic Development McMartin provided an outline of the proposed land swap explaining the Winston property is held in trust and they would like to sell the property. One issue uncovered is the Winston property drive is located on City property and the City occupies a portion of the Winston property for parks and trail use. What is proposed is an exchange of property with the Winston trust receiving the driveway property and the Port receiving property currently being utilized as City Park/Trail?

President Cichanowski asked for comments repeating three times asking if there was anyone who wished to speak on the matter. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hansen and seconded by Commissioner Thurley to approve the resolution authorizing the property exchange. The motion carried with all members voting aye.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dock Facility – Levee Park

Director of Economic Development McMartin outlined a proposal for the Port to contribute \$25,000 (roughly half the cost) towards the construction of a 120'

dock on existing pilings in the river channel in front of Levee Wall. The dock would be utilized for a tour boat and for transient boaters visiting Winona.

Aaron Repinski owner of the 64 passenger tour boat provided an overview explaining that the boat would be used for multiple tours daily and would also provide tours for schools, elderly care facilities, events.

Commissioner Thurley asked for a general description of the boat. Mr. Repinski replied that it was designed as a "water pontoon" equipped with heat, air conditioning, restrooms. The boat is considered handicapped accessible. There would likely be 2-3 boat captains and 3-6 deckhands required to operate the boat.

Commissioner Borzyskowski asked where the boat would be "dry docked" Mr. Repinski replied that the boat would be at Dick's Marine.

A motion was made by Commissioner Borzyskowski to allocate up to \$25,000 for the construction of the proposed dock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thurley and all members present voted aye.

B. Greater MN Partnership

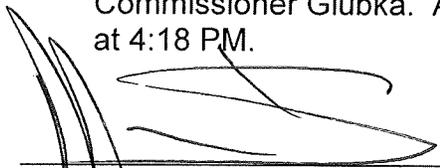
Director of Economic Development McMartin explained that staff had recently met with Greater MN Partnership Representative Tim Flaherty on activities of the Partnership. She mentioned they have been working on funding for the Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant program (a program the City of Winona has used multiple times) to help defray the infrastructure costs. Commissioner Thurley commented that he recalled using the project for important projects in the community.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

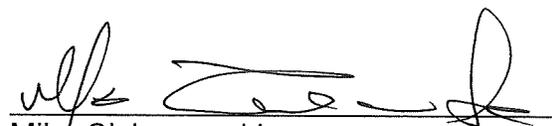
Finance Director Burrichter explained that the books were not closed yet for 2014. She expected auditors to be on site in late March with an audit report completed by June.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hansen and seconded by Commissioner Glubka. All those present voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM.



Myron White
Development Coordinator



Mike Cichanowski
President