

**Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District**  
**300 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 256, Quincy, Illinois**  
**June 5, 2012 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

Mike McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: H.O. Brownback (via conference call), Max Edlen, Don Griffiths, David Hood, Mike McLaughlin and Blake Roderick

Guests Present: Megan Backs, Charles Bell, Richard Klusmeyer and Tim and Tina Schmitt

Mike McLaughlin declared a quorum present.

**Approval of May 1, 2012 Minutes**

H.O. Brownback motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Blake Roderick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

Charles Bell said there was no additional income or new bills since the last meeting, so the financial report is the same as the May meeting. He and Dick Klusmeyer are still finalizing the paperwork so the Port will receive the \$100,000 DCEO grant.

**Presentation of Reports from Great River Economic Development Foundation**

Megan Backs shared with the board that Adams Telephone Coop has transferred the phone number so it rings to the GREDF office. GREDF also received a \$1,200 bid for updating the Port website. While updating, it is also planned to change the web address to [www.midamericaport.com](http://www.midamericaport.com) instead of [www.maia-port.com](http://www.maia-port.com). The new email address will be [info@midamericaport.com](mailto:info@midamericaport.com).

**Mid-America Port Commission Update**

Mike McLaughlin recapped the June 4, 2012 Commission meeting for the board. It was the first meeting in a long time where all the Commissioners were present. The organization of the Commission and District were reviewed along with a funding explanation.

**Business Items**

**Adoption of FY 2012-13 Budget**

Charles explained the budget. The primary differences between the current FY and the upcoming FY are that the staff compensation has been shifted into contractual services and some office supplies and cleaning have been moved because those needs will be covered by GREDF. Don Griffiths motioned to approve the budget as written. Dave Hood seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of Administrative Agreement with MAPC**

A copy of the proposed agreement was distributed to the board. After review, Blake Roderick motioned to approve the agreement as presented. H.O. Brownback seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Approval of website redesign**

A copy of the proposed resolution was distributed to the board. After review, Don Griffiths motioned to approve the agreement as presented. Blake Roderick seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

## **Discussion Items**

1. Charles Bell has received a quote for a \$50,000 treasurers bond. It would have a \$100 premium. He received the quote too late to put it on this agenda, so it will be up for approval at the next meeting.
2. Charles Bell also reported he attended a Foreign Trade Zone conference. He felt it was a good, productive meeting and he made good contacts should we need help getting started. It was discussed what had kept the tri-state area from getting a FTZ already, and the primary answer was a lack of funding. Charles recommended the board look into a FTZ Association membership.

## **Notices and Communications**

None

## **Public Input**

Tina Schmitt wanted the board to know she felt that only a few people in Quincy know what the Port is. She feels we need to communicate the idea of the Port to the public so we can get new investments, jobs, restaurants and so on. To her, this requires the education of the average person. She and her husband Tim have educated themselves on other port projects.

Dave Hood responded that indeed the board does, as it gets reorganized, need to help promote the Port, and both the board and the public need to keep their political leaders informed as well.

In addition, Dick Klusmeyer had a meeting with Tom Oakley and the Illinois DOT Secretary and some staff. He said Secretary Ann Schneider is in support of the Port's TIGER IV application, and he is going to try and work with her to garner the support of the Illinois Governor.

## **Closed Session**

None

## **Adjournment**

Blake Roderick moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Griffiths seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.