

MINUTES OF THE MID-AMERICA PORT COMMISSION

March 11, 2024

Culver-Stockton College

1:00pm

1. Chairman Roderick called the meeting to order at 1:06pm
2. Roll Call of Board Members Present: Brownback, Roderick, Hinton, Oltmans, McLaughlin, Aeilts. Guests present: BJ Murray, Brian McCoy, Maria Kuhns, Chris Smith, and Joe Benedict (Media), and Debbie Husar (Media).
3. January 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes: Motion by McLaughlin to approve, second by Hinton. Motion carried.
4. Reports
 - 4.1. Financial Report: (none)
 - 4.2. Staff Activity Report: (none)
 - 4.3. Chairman's Report: Roderick covered his report attached in the meeting packet. Notable items include: Sending support letter for the Marion/Ralls Port Authority application to USDOT through RAISE program; sending a support letter to US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, encouraging locating a Long Term Resource Monitoring Station (LTRM) on the Mississippi River in the MAPC jurisdiction; A medium-term plan of action based on the strategic plan; and Chairman Roderick presented on MAPC at the annual Corn Belt Ports meeting on February 20, 2024 in Quincy, IL.
 - 4.4. Committee Reports: (none)
 - 4.5. State Updates
 - 4.5.1. Illinois: Brian McCoy commented on available grants for ports and related activity.
 - 4.5.2. Iowa: None.
 - 4.5.3. Missouri: Maria Kuhns commented on several grants Hannibal Economic Development group is working on and will be hosting the Missouri Ports association's next meeting.
 - 4.6. Federal Update: None
5. Acceptance of Reports: Aeilts motioned to accept reports, second by McLaughlin. Motion carried.
6. OLD BUSINESS: None
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 7.1. Discussion of agreement with Riverside Global, LLC. A proposal was made by the Corn Belt Ports (administered by Riverside Global, LLC, staff) to engage with MAPC for the purpose of implementing the MAPC strategic plan. Discussion among the MAPC members resulted in the recognition of no administrative funds available to pay for services. Something like an MOU may be more appropriate. Chairman Roderick appointed a subcommittee composed of Brownback, Oltmans, and Hinton to further

study the issue. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the subcommittee and approach to the issue, second by Aeilts. Motion carried.

8. Resolutions and Ordinances: none.
9. Date of next meeting: May 13, 2024, 1:00pm, CSC IDEA Center. Motion by Norris, second by Brownback. Motion carried.
10. Public input: None.
11. Executive Session: None.
12. Adjourn: Norris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:41pm, second by Brownback. Motion carried.

Mike Norris, Secretary