

MINUTES OF THE MID-AMERICA PORT COMMISSION

September 9, 2024

Culver-Stockton College

12:00pm

1. Chairman Roderick called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Leslie Sieck discussed the upcoming Tri-State Summit in Burlington, IA on October 2-3.
2. Roll Call of Board Members Present: Roderick, Norris, Aeilts, Hinton, Benjamin. Guests present: Chris Feeney, Chris Smith, Anshu Singh, Debbie Husar (Media), Mike Klingner, Travis Black (MARAD), Leslie Sieck.
3. May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Norris 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: 10/23/24 port meeting, writing a support letter for NESP funding.
 - 4.4 Committee Reports: (none)
 - 4.5 State Updates, Iowa: Commissioner Mike Norris is in contact with Iowa DOT about MAPC happenings and plans including presenting to the Freight Advisory Committee and coordinating multi-state public input for freight planning purposes.
State Updates, Illinois: Clean ports apps are open, and reference to SB0693.
State Updates, Missouri: Chris Feeney reported on the development progress of various ports, including environmental review for Lewis Co. Port, and applying for technical assistance to Clark Co. Port.
 - 4.6 Federal Update: Travis Black updated the group about grant reviews to be completed by year's end with announcements to follow, and a multi-state workshop in Chicago for MARAD grants to provide guidance on application and award.
5. Acceptance of Reports: Aeilts motioned to accept reports, second by Norris. Motion carried.
6. OLD BUSINESS (none)
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - 7.1 Accept approval by Iowa counties for Emily Benjamin as a board member. Motion by Aeilts to formally accept, second by Norris. Motion carried.
 - 7.2 Accept approval by Iowa counties for Rachel Lindeen as a board member. Motion by Norris to accept, second by Aeilts. Motion carried.
 - 7.3 Cooperative Endeavor agreement with Ports of Louisiana and Corn Belt Ports, motion to approve by Norris, second by Hinton. Motion carried.

7.4 Working relationship with Culver Stockton College – Chairman Roderick intends to develop a working agreement with the college to define relationship with meeting facilities, as it is appreciated and effective to conduct the business of MAPC.

8. Resolutions and Ordinances – none.
9. Date of next meeting: November 18, 2024, 1:00pm, CSU IDEA Center. Motion by Norris to approve, second by McLaughlin. Motion carried.
10. Public input: Multiple commissioners lauded Chairman Roderick for his effort, time spent, and results as MAPC chair. His organization and activity are noted and highly beneficial to the MAPC and its development.
11. Executive Session: None.
12. Adjourn: Norris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm, second by Benjamin. Motion carried.