

MINUTES OF THE MID-AMERICA PORT COMMISSION

Date: October 13, 2025

Culver-Stockton College

1:00 PM

Chairman Aeilts called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

Board members Present: Aeilts, Munzlinger, Norris, Roderick, Benjamin, Lindeen, Brownback and Voss.

Guest present: Mike McLaughlin (MAIAPD), Sean Freeman (Tri-State Development Culver-Stockton College), Ralph Martin (Lewis Co Port Authority), Chris Feeney (NEMO Regional Planning Commission), Mike Klingner (Klingner & Assoc.), Chris Smith (Corn Belt Ports), Deborah Husar (Herald Whig), David Adam (Muddy River News)

Approval of July, meeting minutes: Motion by Norris to approve, second by Brownback. Motion Carried.

Financial Report - No change from last report.

Illinois: Illinois has a new infrastructure plan that has been announced including \$200 Million for Marine projects. The Illinois Clean Ports Grant has been received by MAIAPD. MAIAPD Mussel survey is finally done but the final report has not yet been received. No mitigation is required. Additional environmental testing has been finalized with no issues. There is Port Management Training available at America's Central Port in late November which Mike McLaughlin is considering attending, he will discuss further with MAIAPD.

There is some interest in representation on the Illinois Freight Advisory Council.

Illinois River Florence bridge plans have been removed from the next IDOT 5 year transportation plan. It's a lift bridge and it gets closed periodically.

Iowa: Iowa State Freight Advisory Committee – Norris was previously on this committee, and they are looking for new members and would like a representative from MAPC. Norris thought representation would be good for MAPC.

Norris brought to the group the concept of doing an annual survey with all ports and major freight generators in the area that MAPC cover, Norris provided a memo regarding his thoughts on this and a list of area parties that would be connected to this process. This would support MAPC's strategic plans and data support for future endeavors. There was a suggestion regarding moving the meeting around to visit various ports. Mike McLaughlin has a database of all the ports in our territory. Next steps is to develop a survey format and apply for a grant from Iowa DOT to do this. Norris will proceed.

Missouri: Ralph Martin is working through the application for the PAIP grant. He is still investigating what they can do. He discussed the impact of the government shutdown and who is working vs who is furloughed. Chris Feeney stated the multi modal Tach program is in early stages, it's been through a full cycle, the state has created a separate piece for the multi model and using that to prioritize projects and it is moving forward full steam now.

Munzlinger stated that the governor's office has said NO more additional funding, and several cuts are expected for the next fiscal year.

Illinois Waterways Port Commission. Discussion was held regarding whether MAIAPD/MAPC should have a representative on the board

Chris Smith (Corn Belt ports) stated the Iowa Transportation Commission is convening in Iowa, ASCE recently published their report cards and noticed that no Iowa ports were included. Corn Belt Ports has offered to pay the annual membership for MAPC to join the National Waterways Conference. Blake has been on this before in a previous capacity and would encourage MAPC to join. Roderick motioned to approve, and Norris seconded, motion carried. Discussion was held regarding whether MAIAPD/MAPC should have a representative on the board of the NWC, an organization must be a member for a year before representative can be on board. Annual Meeting in 2026 will be late August and location TBD. Smith encourages MAPC to move forward with the survey.

Mike Klingner echoed the importance of the National Waterways Commission. The Mid-West Flood Control Association is a critical part of this, and this has a major impact on the South Quincy projects. Mid-West Flood Control Association (previously UMIMRA) will continue to hold the annual meeting events. Chris suggested holding an annual meeting with MAPC. Blake said this would be a MAPC Annual Seminar as our annual meeting is in July. Brian Munzlinger felt this was a very good opportunity for education. It was agreed that MAPC representation is important. Chris is to work with Chairman Aeilts on future plans.

Illinois Waterways presentation is Nov 7; it would be great to focus on MAPC region and shed some light on what is going on there. Corn Belt ports would encourage an annual MAPC event.

Acceptance of Reports: Norris motioned to accept reports, seconded by Munzlinger. Motion carried.

New business: Survey initiative discussed above. Suggestions were made to include representatives and congressmen in sessions to present to the MAPC endeavors in the

area. This could include entire board or the executive team travelling to meet with groups by state.

Date of next meeting: January 5, 2026, 1:00 pm, CSC IDEA Center. Location will be determined, and notice will be sent out regarding the date change. Motion made by Munzlinger and seconded by Voss. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Roderick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2 pm. Seconded by Norris, Motion carried.

Approved January 5, 2026

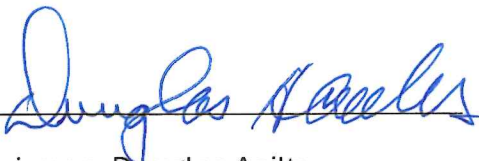
Ayes 7

Nays 0

Attest:



Secretary: Karen Voss



Chairman: Douglas Aeilts