

MINUTES OF THE MID-AMERICA PORT COMMISSION

Date: January 5, 2026

Culver-Stockton College

1:00PM

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

Board members Present: Aeilts, Munzlinger, Norris, Hinton, 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), Deborah Husar (Herald Whig), Rob Frese (MO DOT), Brian McCoy (IDOT); David Lomax (Marion County Commission/Marion Ralls Port Authority)

Approval of October 13, 2025, meeting minutes: Motion by Brownback to approve, second by Munzlinger. Motion Carried.

Financial Report - Voss stated the checking account has \$4,462.47 and the board approved the issuance of a check for \$337 for the website.

Illinois: MAIAPD – Roderick and Brownback reported that the District will operate as the Mid-America Port and the current port development site will be named the Mid America Port Mike McLaughlin Facility in recognition of the years and hours of unpaid service that was provided. MAIAPD also retained Prosody Consulting Ed ,LLC to assist in finding a port operator to manage the port site. Klingner's are finalizing the dock design for the site, targeting completing the construction by the end of 2026. MAIAPD is also working on some energy grants that are available.

Brian McCoy (IDOT) stated that one of the main parts of the energy grant is port electrification and he would be further researching those details and would include us as applicable.

Iowa: Norris stated the Freight Advisory Committee met in December and had a lot of updates about what's going on with international trade tariffs. Committee members engaged in a prioritization exercise for the State Freight Plan update. DOT planning staff provided input on the MAPC survey and would like to see results from the Tri-State area. The Keokuk Lock is closed for extensive maintenance this winter.

Missouri: Ralph Martin stated that Stacy Fowler is stepping down to take a different position within MODOT. They haven't replaced her yet. Chris Feeney said they were finishing up a site feasibility study for the Clark County Port Authority.

Federal Update: Norris advised that Tom Heinold from the Rock Island District Corps of Engineers is in charge of maintenance and might provide us with some guidance regarding navigation maintenance funding backlogs and how they are appropriated. We should then schedule some meetings to talk to the Federal Representatives.

Additional Reports: Mike McLaughlin passed out the audit report for the MAIAPD and MAPC for June 2025. Auditor is closing the doors so we will be looking for a new auditor.

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

Old Business: MAPC/Corn Belt Ports/Midwest Rural Regional Economic Development Meeting was briefly discussed and Aeilts will follow up with them.

New business: The bylaws reference that the treasurer should be bonded allowing the board to set the bond values. Brownback made a motion to set the threshold at \$100,000 in annual revenue before requiring a bond. Norris seconded. Motion carried.

Roderick made motion to do resolution #001-2026 to add Aeilts to the checking account as a third signatory, retaining the requirement for two signatures on a check. Motion was seconded by Norris. Motion carried. Resolution is attached to these minutes

Norris compiled a port survey for presentation to the Commission. Lots of discussion was had regarding the questions and similar surveys that have been or are being done. Efforts to get this to port operators will be done by utilizing resources of the states and/or Rock Island District. McCoy (IDOT) stated that Illinois is working on a port directory. They are doing a survey as well and suggested that he would connect us with them so we can coordinate efforts. Voss made a motion to accept the survey and move forward with distributing and Munzlinger seconded. Motion Carried.

Date of next meeting: April 13, 2026, 1:00 pm, CSC IDEA Center. Motion made by Norris and seconded by Munzlinger. Motion carried.

Adjourn: Munzlinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 pm. Seconded by Norris. Motion carried.

Approved July 13, 2026

Ayes ____

Nays ____

Attest:

Secretary: Karen Voss



Chairman: Douglas Aeilts

Mid-America Port Commission

Resolution No. 001-2026

A Resolution of the Mid America Port Commission Authorizing the Addition of Douglas Aeilts to the Commission's Bank Account at Mercantile Trust and Saving Bank

WHEREAS, the Mid America Port Commission maintains a bank account at Mercantile Trust and Saving Bank for the purpose of conducting its official financial business;

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to update its authorized signatories to ensure efficient and secure management of its funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Mid America Port Commission that:

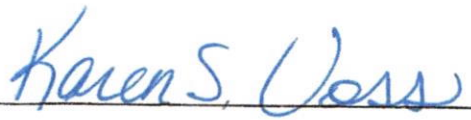
1. Douglas Aeilts is hereby authorized to be added as a signatory to the Commission's bank account at Mercantile Trust and Saving Bank.
2. The officers and staff of the Commission are directed to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution, including providing any required documentation to Mercantile Trust and Saving Bank.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

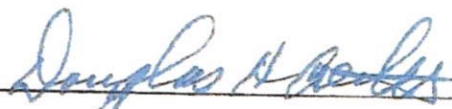
PASSED AND APPROVED this [insert date] day of [insert month], 2026.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Attest:


Secretary; Karen Voss


Chairman; Douglas Aeilts