

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2010
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Ruffolo
Peter Allie
Jack Culley
James Anderson
Lee Kummer

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Huck, Harbor Master
Jodi Scott, Secretary
Valerie Mellon, City Engineer

Approval of the Minutes from March 31, 2010 Meeting

L. Kummer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting. J. Ruffolo seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Update on HAP (Harbor Assistance) Grant

M. Huck brought a map of the preliminary plans of the HAP Project to show the Commission. As a summary, the areas involved in the seawall replacement are the southwest corner of the river to the stone dock which is owned by City Centre. The grant was awarded May 1st with an estimated start time of November 1st, 2010. Twenty percent of the project is being paid by City Centre and eighty percent is being paid by the Department of Transportation. The project is being administered through the City with the engineering and DNR permitting being done by STS. The US Army Corps of Engineers is involved because a portion of the project is to dredge the water depth in the federal channel down to twenty-one feet with the waste material to be taken to the confined disposal facility.

J. Culley requested that when the specifications are written in the bid for dredging, it should state that the dredgers are required to go outside the containment vessel to dump opposed to going through the marina.

Bid notices will be arising in the next few weeks. DNR is taking public comments allowing thirty days for responses.

Summary of August Meeting of Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association

M. Huck attended the meeting which was held in Superior. The main topic discussed was the invasion of the Asia Carp and its effect. The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association has written letters to legislators taking position against closing the locks in Chicago as a remedy in this immediate situation. The other focus of the meeting was discussing joining together with other like minded groups to be able to strengthen the

Associations voice and carry more weight in Madison and with other federal representatives. J. Ruffolo suggested making a simple video in an effort to increase the reach of our communications. Another topic discussed was the EPA's regulation of diesel emissions from ocean going ships in the Great Lakes.

WI Commercial Ports Association Meeting, August 18, 2011

The 2011 WI Commercial Ports Association Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Manitowoc on August 18th. It will be in conjunction with the WI Harbortowns Association. J. Culley suggested the WI Marina Association be involved as well. The agenda for the meeting has not been put together yet.

Small Harbors Coalition and possible Commission Support

J. Culley gave the following summary: The Michigan Small Harbor Coalition was founded in 2007 with the concern of getting funds for dredging small recreational harbors. With their success they went regional and are now the Great Lakes Small Harbor Coalition. They are looking for support from all communities that have small harbors to obtain federal dredging money from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Manitowoc would not benefit from this because we are a commercial port and are required to have dredging done but the funds could extend into the Marina.

J. Ruffolo made a motion to allow M. Huck to adopt an existing resolution for Manitowoc and present it to the City Counsel. P. Allie seconded.

L. Kummer asked if there would be any cost to the city to do this. M. Huck confirmed there would not be.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Bridge Removal Activity

P. Allie gave an updated summary of the bridge removal. An engineer from Canadian National along with several contractors met with P. Allie at the bridge. The engineer stated that bids need to be turned in within two weeks and thought the project may be completed this year. Any structures will be brought down to mud level.

Roundtable Discussion

J. Ruffolo is concerned about the property at the end of the abandoned railroad. This property is now for sale and needs to be restored. M. Huck stated that restoring the seawall by the railroad property is in the three year plan.

M. Huck plans to have the next meeting in November and invite Dave Less from the City of Manitowoc Planning Department to discuss this issue and get an update of the status.

J. Culley made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. L. Kummer seconded the Motion.

MIKE HUCK
Harbor Master

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