

HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2023
4:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Peter Allie
Lee Kummer
Rich Larsen
Doug Borys

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Scott McMeans
Ald. Bill Schlei
Fred Radandt

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Braun, Harbor Master

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Luckow
Ted Jennejohn
Christopher Born
Craig Briess (Via Phone)

Approval of the Minutes from the October 18th, 2022 Meeting

Motion made by L. Kummer and seconded by R. Larson to approve the meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

New Business

Harbor Commission Resignations, Appointments and Terms.

P. Braun explained that the terms for L. Kummer and F. Radandt are expiring June 2023. L. Kummer stated he would be willing to serve another term. P. Braun stated he would try to reach out to F. Radandt to see if he is interested in serving another term.

P. Braun stated that there are two vacancies on the Commission. D. Luckow and T. Jennejohn moved out of the City and are no longer eligible to serve on the Commission. P. Braun stated that there are four candidates interested in serving on the Commission. The Commission discussed the vacancies and recommended that the Mayor and Council fill the vacant positions with individuals that have a business or close personal interest in port and harbor interests and operations.

WisDOT Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Three Statement of Intentions.

P. Braun explained to the Commission that last years Statement of Intentions was provided in the Commissioners meeting packet. P. Braun stated that he will update the 2022 Statement of Intentions, removing the two projects that were funded for 2023 work. Commissioners will provide details to P. Braun for any potential project they are aware of.

Harbor Assistance Program Award – Briess Malt & Ingredients Company

P. Braun updated the Commission on the HAP grant that Briess received from WisDOT. Briess was awarded a HAP grant for up to \$1,000,000 for dredging work and inspection work for the sheet wall along their property.

Update on Water Levels for Lake Michigan

P. Braun reviewed the Army Corps of Engineering's Lake Michigan water level data. In general Lake Michigan is a couple inches above its long-term average water level. As of February 17, 2023, the water level is 33 inches below the recorded all-time high and 32 inches below the all-time recorded low water level.

Update Revetment Work along Lake Michigan; Army Corps of Engineers Section 14 Program

P. Braun mentioned that the Central Brown County Water Authority and City of Manitowoc notified the Army Corps of Engineering that they did not want to pursue the Section 14 funding for the revetment work along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The Water Authority's Board was concerned with the costs and felt that they may be able to perform the work themselves in a more cost-effective way.

Update on the Revetment Work along Lake Michigan and the Army Corps of Engineering's Section 14 Program.

P. Braun explained that the City, Central Brown County Water Authority (CBCWA) and Army Corps continue to work on the Section 14 grant program which would be used for improving the revetment along the Lake Michigan shoreline from the Yacht Club property to an area just north of the Waldo Blvd roundabout. The Corps has estimated engineering construction costs which are substantially more expensive than what CBCWA had paid in 2020, so the Corps will revisit their budget numbers and try to determine actual numbers by reaching out to a contractor for their insights.

Bridge Lifts and Tonnage Report.

The Commission reviewed the bridge lifts and tonnage and report; the Commission didn't state any concerns or issues with the report.

River Point / Former CN Property 2023 Work

P. Braun explained that the next phase of River Point redevelopment project is currently in the bidding stage. Bids are due on March 8th and a contract award is expected at the March 20th Council Meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be selected at a later time.

Adjournment

L. Kummer made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. R. Larsen seconded the Motion.

Paul Braun

Harbor Master