

**LORAIN PORT AUTHORITY
Board of Directors
Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 2014**

Board of Directors: Ms. Carr, Mrs. Cook; Messrs. Bansek, Brown, Mullins, Nielsen, Sommers and Williamson, Jr.

Staff: Richard M. Novak, Executive Director

Guests: Rick Payerchin, Morning Journal
Kelly Driscol

- I. **Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. by Chairman Carl Nielsen with roll call indicating a quorum present.
- II. **Disposition of Meeting Minutes:** Disposition of August 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Motion to accept the minutes by Mr. Sommers. Support by Mr. Mullins. Motion carried.
- III. **Report of Officers.**

A. Chairman

1. Correspondence received. Mr. Novak stated we received a letter from Cascade Horizon School children. We scheduled boat tours with them this year. The children wanted to thank the Agency for taking them on the Black River Tour and showing them the Lighthouse and going out onto Lake Erie. This was one of their favorite field trips this year. Approximately 200 children took the tour.

Also, Mr. Novak continued, an invitation was received from We Care, We Share. They were one of the recipients of monies from our Brownfield Grant, stating they are having a Grand Opening for their new facility at the Old EICentro Building on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The entire Board is invited to attend.

B. Executive Director

1. ODNR Agreement – Black River Landing Pavilion Project. Mr. Novak stated an Agreement for the allocation received from the State Capital Budget through State Senator Gayle Manning, a Pass Through Agreement was received and the Agency needs to enter into the Agreement to provide the necessary funds for the Agency.

Mr. Nielsen presented:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER IN TO A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT – PASS THROUGH GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE BLACK RIVER LANDING PAVILION PROJECT.

Ms. Carr made a Motion to accept Resolution No. 2014-32. Seconded by Mr. Bansek. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Resolution passed

2. Kenny King Lease Renewal. Mr. Nielsen explained Mr. King leases a portion of the riverbank.

Mr. Nielsen presented:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH KING FISHERY TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE GROVE SITE FOR TEMPORARY STORAGE COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSELS.

Mr. Bansek made a Motion to accept Resolution No. 2014-33. Seconded by Mr. Mullins. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 8 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Resolution passed

3. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2002-18 for the Lease Agreement for the Small Boat Marina and Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club. Mr. Novak explained this is for the Small Boat Basin area that is adjacent to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Agency previously entered into a revised Agreement with the Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club. The Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club, within the last year, received a higher tax bill on the property. The County determined that the whole Marina area was to be considered for tax purposes. Subsequently, the tax bill for the Sailing Club increased significantly. City Council approved a revised legal description that would carve out the public water area from the Marina to help reduce the tax bill. The City leases the site to the Lorain Port Authority. The Lorain Port Authority in turn leases the property to the Lorain Sailing and Yacht Club.

Mr. Nielsen presented:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-18 FOR THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SMALL BOAT MARINA COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE 'LORAIN SMALL BOAT BASIN' WITH THE LORAIN SAILING AND YACHT CLUB.

Mr. Sommers made a Motion to accept Resolution No. 2014-34. Seconded by Ms. Carr. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 3 Abstain: 0 Resolution passed

4. USEPA Regional Director – Lorain County Brownfield Site Visit. Mr. Novak informed the Board that last week we had the Regional Administrator for the USEPA here along with Marcy Kaptur. She was here to announce the Brownfield Grant that the County received. They received an allocation of \$600,000.00 from the Federal Government. Our Grant was \$400,000.00 in 2012 for the same Grant. We received considerable accolades for what has been accomplished here. The Black River Landing site is an excellent example of a Brownfield site. It is a form of Economic Development.

5. Marine Patrol. Mr. Novak stated that old flares are being spent by igniting them in an orderly, well supervised fashion. This plan is now being utilized around the State.

IV. Report of Committees.

A. Contract Management Committee – Mr. Mullins stated bids came through for some relatively small items and Mr. Novak has been doing an excellent job keeping him abreast of these matters.

B. Strategic Development Plan Committee – Mr. Sommers stated a meeting was had to discuss the Black River Pavilion Project with Mr. Gary Fischer. Also an update was given by Mr. Novak for the Port and the City's joint venture for marketing issues.

C. Marketing & Public Affairs Committee – Mr. Novak spoke concerning the Maintenance Update. This is going very well.

An October 8, 2014 date was set for the next Marketing & Public Affairs Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

D. Financial Planning and Audit Committee.

1. Then and Now Certificate. None.

2. Establishment of a Maintenance Reserve Fund. Motion to accept by Ms. Carr. Seconded by Mr. Mullins. Motion carried.

E. By-Laws and Personnel Committee – No Report

V. Other Business.

A. Joe Gruschecky will now be performing at the Lorain Palace due to weather conditions that may occur at Black River Landing. Tickets will be sold at \$10.00.

VI. Public Comments – Kelly Driscoll stated she was happy to hear about trash receptacles being placed at the end of the pier.

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Williamson, Jr. made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Mullins. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Carl Nielsen, Chairman

Richard M. Novak, Executive Director