

Rising Sun Ohio County Port Authority *SPECIAL DISCUSSION*

Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2015

City Hall, Conference Room 6:30 pm

Members Present

Members in attendance were Brent Bascom, Steve Melchers, Corey Potts, Abbey Berkley, Recording Secretary & Board Member, as well as Attorney Frank Kramer. Other guests in attendance were Steve Slack, Rae Gipson, April Hautman, Todd Walton, Paul Bovard, Mike Northcutt, Jim McDaniel and Brian Gregory.

Call to Order

Brent Bascom called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone with the pledge of allegiance following.

Planning for the Docks

Docks

Jim McDaniel and Brian Gregory were in attendance to present a concept of Port Authority to be able to put in, rise, lower, and take out their own docks. They presented the same idea to the City and County officials that they made to the Port Authority on January 20th. Currently the City pays for the docks to be put in and removed by a barge company with the assistance of the Street Department. This costs \$18,000 for the year. Once the docks are put in they are in place for the season. If the river rises we have no way of raising the spud poles or releasing the docks. With the plan that Brian and Jim are presenting, the Port Authority or the City will have more power over these things. Brian Gregory submitted a bid to make the spud poles. See exhibit A. The cost to construct these spud poles would be in the price range of \$20,000-\$25,000, once the poles were created though they would be property of the Port Authority. This expense would be one time. Where the money would be saved would be that in the future the Port Authority with the assistance of the City and perhaps the County would be able to hire a private party or have the street department set the docks. This would potentially cost \$5,000- \$10,000 instead of the potential \$20,000. Jim went and observed several docks that were able to use the same 5 inch spuds that had been proposed to the PA.

Jim McDaniel added in that there would be other costs the PA would incur. For example they would need the docks to be engineered by someone like Land Consultants. This would cost in the range of \$8,000- \$11,000. See Exhibit B.

Frank Kramer had spoken with Norma Condra who also brought up that before going forward with this plan the PA would have to invite 3 bids for this project.

After further discussions of all the costs and rules of what would need to be followed when dealing with the docks it was an understanding amongst all PA, City, and County officials that

best case scenario would be to write a grant to cover some of these costs, and to research what needs to be done so these docks can be engineered properly and legally.

Paul Bovard mentioned that the Street Department has no problem with the assisting in assembling the dock; they just want a better solution then what we have now.

It was mentioned that the new dock solution with lowering cost could enable the Port Authority to fund the installation and the removal of the docks themselves. Berkley stated that it was still felt joint funding from the City and County would be very much appreciated due to the PA's limited budget and income, along with the use that both city and county entities receive from the docks.

For the 2015 season it appears the PA will use the past system of putting in the docks but for the 2016 season they will be looking for grants to help fund the new solutions.

Adjournment

At 7:30 Brent Bascom thanked everyone for their attendance, and now the PA knows the direction they would like to be heading in.

Submitted for review 3-16-15

Abbey Berkley, Recording Secretary

Brent Bascom, President

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