

Warren County Port Authority

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2007

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Warren County Port Authority was called to order at 5:08 pm on June 18, 2007 in the Warren County Administration Building, Room 128 B by Kimm Coyner.

Present:

Warren County Port Authority Board Members: Dave Gully, Ken Weiss, Geoff Hearsum, Greg Ficke, Greg Sample and Steve Wilson

Warren County Economic Development Staff: Kimm Coyner and Martin Russell

Other Attendees: Terry Banker

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda and additional resources were distributed to the board for review and consideration without disapproval.

B. Approval of Minutes

A motion was offered by Steve Wilson and seconded by Ken Weiss to accept the minutes of the Warren County Port Authority's Board Meeting on June 4th, 2007 as written and introduced. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Old Business

There was no old business brought for discussion

D. New Business

- Kimm Coyner and Martin Russell presented the Board with a draft "Launch" budget highlighting anticipated expenses for legal, insurance, financial and other services required for the operation of the Warren County Port Authority. A discussion was held as to whether to take the draft budget of approximately \$25,000 and request that amount for the remainder of the year or ask the Warren County Commissioners for a two-year, with potential modifications, commitment of \$50,000.
- A motion was offered by Steve Wilson and seconded by Geoff Hearsum to request that the Warren County Commissioners make a two-year financial commitment to the Warren County Port Authority in the amount of \$50,000. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- Terry Banker discussed with the Board Members her concerns over the Warren County Port Authority's ability to use eminent domain. She discussed legislation

passed by the Ohio Senate and pending in the Ohio House of Representatives that would dictate how ports and other appointed boards could use eminent domain. She requested that the Board Members amend the enabling Warren County Port Authority resolution and ask the Commissioners to insert language that would only allow eminent domain after a majority vote of the Warren County Commissioners. Board Members discussed that it was premature for the Warren County Port Authority to make such a request at this time because a budget and other organizational items have not been completed. Additionally, it was discussed that it was important to see what potential laws/regulations would come down from the State of Ohio regarding eminent domain and how that would potentially dictate any procedural actions taken by the Board. Dave Gully suggested that the Port staff write an article in the Warren County Magazine to assist in what Ms. Banker categorized as a negative image that the Port Authority has in certain areas of the county.

E. Agenda for Next Meeting

The Warren County Port Authority Board requested the port's staff to take action and/or complete the following prior to their next meeting.

- Present the draft budget of the Warren County Port Authority to the Warren County Commissioners and report any/all action taken.
- Continue to research the feasibility and potential willingness of Nick Nelson, Warren County's Auditor, in keeping the financial records of the Warren County Port Authority.
- Write an article pertaining to the Warren County Port Authority and submit such article to the Warren County Magazine for publication.
- Reaffirm the next Board meeting for Monday, July 18, 2007 for 5:00 pm at the Warren County Administration Building, Room 128 B and established the subsequent meeting to be held on August 6, 2007 at the same time and location.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Wilson, seconded by Greg Sample and passed by a unanimous voice vote. The Warren County Port Authority Board Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm. The next general meeting will be at 5:00 pm on July 18, 2007 in room 128 B, Warren County Administration Building.

Minutes submitted by: Martin Russell

Approved by: Kimm Coyner