

**NEW BOURBON REGIONAL PORT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Meeting Held on December 11, 2024
Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Perryville, Missouri**

Time 3:00 p.m.

Ronnie Inman	Chairman
Dave Flieg	Vice-Chairman
Mark Gremaud	Member
Kerry Kennon	Member
Gary Nelson	Member
Jeremy Tanz	Executive Director, SEMO RPC
Margaret Yates	Grant Administrator, SEMO RPC
Kara Johnston	Grant Administrator, SEMO RPC
Mark Marberry	Ste Genevieve County Commission
Mike Sauer	Perry County Commissioner
Chris Koehler	Koehler Engineering

The meeting of the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority was called to order by Chairman Inman at 3:01 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Gremaud seconded the motion; Motion carried (5-yays 0-nays)

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the September 25, 2024, meeting minutes. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Kennon seconded the motion; Motion carried (5-yays 0-nays)

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the **financial** statements for September and October 2024. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the financial statements for September and October 2024; Mr. Nelson seconded the motion; Motion carried (5-yays 0-nays)

Business

Mr. Inman gave the ferry boat report. The Ferry ran the last two weeks in October. Due to sand being washed in the ferry could not get to the Illinois ramp. An engine went down on a Test run. Mr. Inman called CK power to fix the engine. It took 5 trips back and forth for CK to be able to fix the following: injector, wiring harness, and the brain box. CK gave us a reduced price of \$130/hr and they only charged for 4 trips instead of 5. There is also a Pilot from Southern Illinois that can run Wednesday thru Friday. Mr. Inman is going to hold off until spring to hire due to lack of business.

Discussion of back ferry boat rent. The ferry currently owes 5 months back rent for September 2023, March, May, June 2024, and one month prior to 2022. 5311 funds do not reimburse funds. Mr. Fleig moved to forgive the back rent and then withdrew his motion. Mr. Nelson also made a motion for the Ferry not to pay rent on the months it is down and then Mr. Nelson withdrew his motion. Mr. Flieg made a motion to table the discussion of back ferry boat rent until the next meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried (4-yays 1-nay)

Mrs. Kennon moved to continue suspension of mileage reimbursements. Mr. Fleig second the motion.

Audit status: all field work is complete. The auditor is working on the Audit now. Jeff Eftink is the auditor. He came from recommendations and does multiple port audits.

Status of corps of Engineers permit: REACT comments are back and have been addressed.

Other Business

ARPA funds: \$900,000 that needs to be spent by 2026. MODOT allocated to ports. If ports can't spend the money, it will go back to other ports. There is a 50/50 match.

Railroad Crossing: \$400,000 on crossings, BNSF may pay all of part. There also needs to be a build-up on approaches. We also need to have the right of way from landowners.

Roads: Mr. Nelson requested that Joe Killian needs to be at a meeting. Mr. Tanz will make contact and ask Mr. Killian to attend. If they take over the port road Ste. Genevieve County will have to take part of the MODOT roads. Ste. Genevieve County may abandon the road to the port.

MPAA winter meeting is tentatively February 4th or 5th in Jefferson City.

Mr. Inman will also call the attorney to write a letter to Illinois requesting funds, as they currently match funds for other Ferrys.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2025, at 3:00 pm in Sainte Genevieve, Missouri.

Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Flieg seconded this motion, motion carried. Regular meeting was adjourned @ 4:47 p.m.

Brad Moll, Secretary/Treasurer