

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

**Meeting Held on July 23, 2025
Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Perryville, Missouri**

Time 3:00 p.m.

Ronnie Inman	Chairman
Dave Fleig	Member
Gary Nelson	Member
Kerry Kennon	Member
Mark Gremaud	Member
Jeremy Tanz	Executive Director, SEMO RPC
Kara Johnston	Grant Administrator, SEMO RPC
Sandra Cabot	Missouri Department of Economic Development

The meeting of the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority was called to order by Chairman Inman at 3:02 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Introductions followed.

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the **agenda**. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Nelson seconded the motion; Motion carried. (5,0)

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the June 25, 2025, meeting **minutes**. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Kennon seconded the motion; Motion carried. (5,0)

Chairman Inman asked for approval of the **financial** statements for June 2025. Mr. Tanz reported as of the end of June the Ferry Loan Account balance is \$24,705.60. The checking account balance as of June 30, 2025, is \$241,061.54. Mr. Fleig moved to approve the financial statements for June 2025; Ms. Kennon seconded the motion; Motion carried. (5,0)

Chairman Inman gave the update on the Ferry Boat Report. Raising rates really helped but we received a high bill from Nobbe that set us back a little. We had a good weekend at Rondeveux. There were a few people that quit using the ferry – Goose Creek people with trailers. We paid \$2,800.00 paid to the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard guy thinks that this fee should be excused because the port authority owns the barge. Usually on Saturday and Sunday we make close to \$1,000.00. The current pilot licensed for another 5 years.

Mr. Tanz went over the Ferry Funding. The 5311 contract was amended and resent. The original 5311 contract had some insurance language that we had some questions about. It has been executed. We do have the \$100,000.00 federal grant, it is 50/50, it is back-date, and we can claim back to April. The city of Ste Genevieve does have \$15,000.00 set aside for the ferry and we will be looking at requesting slightly under \$9,600 for loss of operators' expenses for April,

May, and June. Starting July 1, the \$88,000.00 for MODOT 50% and 5311 50% once we receive those contracts from MODOT.

Chairman Inman discussed that Terry Bryant was going to speak to Prairie De Rocher. They might be willing to give us some money from a "hotel" tax (Bed and Breakfast), and possibly trying to divert unused IDOT funds from Cave in Rock.

BUSINESS

Chairman Inman asked for discussion and approval of Ferry Boat Rent. Mr. Tanz discussed the ferry boat rent. The ferry boat is 2 months outstanding on rent. A few months ago we did forgive 3 months. Ronnie did make double payments for a couple of months. Ms. Kennon made a motion to approve the ferry boat rent for the 2 months that are outstanding; Mr. Fleig seconded the motion; Mr. Inman abstained from the motion; Motion carried. (4,0)

Chairman Inman requested the MPAA recap. Mr. Tanz went over the MPAA recap. There is supposed to be a follow-up meeting next week. There was an extra 3 million for capital improvements that was put into the budget, and it stayed. This put our FY26 warehouse project above the funding line. Jeremy explained that the project is falling through, this allows us to change the project to the dolphins in order to use the ARPA \$922,000. They want to follow up to notify and get agreements with the Port Authorities that were not at the MPAA. We have the 1 million from CIP, \$922,000 ARPA funds which are a 50/50 match, the rest of the funds would be from the port checking account.

Mr. Tanz stated there was not an update on the permit status. He had not heard back from Chris and Allen was not giving any answers.

Other Business

Chairman Inman discussed that He and Mr. Tanz met with the potential 11-acre customer. He needs natural gas to make the project work. They would need 60% more gas than New Bonne Terre MLC Facility. Jeremy reached out to Spire. He does have financial backers out of St. Louis and customers in place. It would be about a \$70 million dollar project investment in the plant (capital investment) and it would create possibly 20-30 jobs for the area. The next step will also be water and sewer. It could possibly be SEDAP or CIF, we can check with Rural Water also.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 27, 2025, at 3:00 pm in Ste Genevieve, Missouri.

Mr. Flieg moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Nelson seconded this motion, motion carried. meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Brad Moll, Secretary/Treasurer