

# HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2010  
6:30 P.M.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ald. Jason Sladky  
Jack Resch  
Jack Culley  
James Anderson  
Lee Kummer  
Peter Allie

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Huck, Harbor Master  
Jodi Scott, Secretary

## **Approval of the Minutes from September 10, 2009 Meeting**

J. Sladky made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting. L. Kummer seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

## **HAP (Harbor Assistance) Grant**

The Harbor Assistance Grant was awarded to the City and requires the project to be completed by 2012. The grant is given on a reimbursement basis. The city will submit invoices to the Department of Transportation for payment less than twenty percent of the local match. The State granted the City \$3.8 million for a \$4.2 million project for the refurbishment of the dock wall by the 16<sup>th</sup> St. stone loading area and the enhancement of a cargo loading and off loading area. The local share of approximately \$800 thousand is coming from City Center. This improvement will benefit their ability to attract and retain and service industrial clients which will attract and retain local jobs which will build our tax base. The City will gain administrative fees for our construction, supervision and inspection of the project. The City Attorney and City Center are currently reviewing the contract from the state which requires a purchase and lease back of the bulkhead to allow us to work on it and apply public funds. Once the agreement is reached, the contract will be signed and we will start the clock running on the project. We have the ability to ask for extensions on the project if problems should occur. The other Harbor Assistance Grants were awarded to Green Bay and US Oil.

J. Culley learned of an alternate product made of fiberglass used for sheet piling. The cost of the material is significantly less and has an added advantage of ice not attaching itself. He suggested we consider using it and will forward the contact information for the engineer to M. Huck.

## **Solar power at Marina**

This project is still tied up between Manitowoc Public Utilities and the installer. The issue at hand is how much are the renewable energy credits worth to Manitowoc Public Utilities to justify the installation. The project is currently on hold.

**Wisconsin Commercial Ports Meeting**

M. Huck attended the annual lobbying day at the State Capital in March. He met with legislators who have interest in the commercial ports. The Assistant Secretary from the DNR was there to talk about the ballast water issue. The DNR promulgated a permit for the regulation of ballast water discharge by international shipping. The Coast Guard issued a federal permit which is similar to the DNR’s permit. The DNR was asked, in light of this federal action, if they were going to disband their efforts to administer this permit. The DNR is going to add three staff members to administer this project that will duplicate federal efforts; they are going to issue the permits which will be good for five years and will not renew them when they expire. The Wisconsin Commercial Ports Association drafted a letter to the governor and legislators informing them of this stating that it is a waste of resources.

**Asian Carp Status**

M. Huck informed commission he will email sources of information on the Asian carp status as he receives it. The Supreme Court ruled to not hear the proposal to stop the threat of Asian Carp by closing the locks at the Chicago shipping canal because there are three other routes to Lake Michigan. DNA of Asian carp was found in Lake Michigan but actual carp were never found.

**Updates of inquiries received from Shippers**

P. Allie informed the Commission that there have been a lot of inquires about shipping wind towers out and bringing products in.

**Discussion of ongoing concerns**

J. Sladky had questions about the railroad property. M. Huck contacts the attorneys for the railroad periodically and will inform the Commission of any updates he receives.

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J. Sladky made a Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. J. Culley seconded the Motion.  
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MIKE HUCK  
Harbor Master