

AMERICA'S CENTRAL PORT DISTRICT – MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2017

A special meeting of the America's Central Port District Board was held at the Port District offices on February 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

Roll call:

Tyrone Echols	Present
Ed Hagnauer	Present
John Hamm III	Absent
Robert Shipley	Absent
Steve Signall	Present
Tom Thompson	Present
Brant Walker	Present
Charles King, Jr.	Present

Those present in addition to the above Members were Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Robbie Williams, Frank Papa, Mark Spizzo, Megan Dittman, Ben McCall and Bill Stahlman, as Port Engineer, of Port Staff; John Papa of Callis Law Firm as legal counsel; Madison County Board Chairman, Kurt Prenzler; and Ronda Sauget of Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

Chairman asked for public comment. Mr. Hagnauer stated that he had attended the Rotary Breakfast in which Dennis Wilmsmeyer gave a presentation and wanted to congratulate him and Megan Dittman on a job well done.

There being no further public comment, Chairman King welcomed Chairman Prenzler to the Port. Chairman King stated that the Port has had a good working relationship with the County over the past several years and looks forward to continuing that relationship. He informed Chairman Prenzler that the Port has an economic impact of \$300 million and approximately 1,000 direct jobs. Chairman King then invited Chairman Prenzler to speak about his goals for Madison County.

Chairman Prenzler thanked Chairman King and the Members for inviting him to the Port. He stated that he has been in the Southwest Illinois region for approximately the past 16 years. His focus will be working to better the ethics within the County and attract businesses and families to our region.

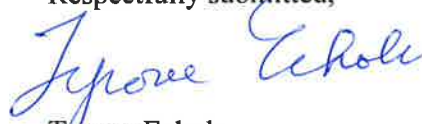
Dennis Wilmsmeyer, Executive Director, introduced and showed the Port's new marketing video.

Mr. Wilmsmeyer then welcomed and introduced Ronda Sauget of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. Ronda has been traveling across the United States in efforts to educate and attract global business and economic development to the Southwest Illinois region. Ms. Sauget has been using the Port's marketing video in her presentations to aid in educating

economic developers and real estate developers on the region's central location, transportation opportunities and the benefits of locating in Southwest Illinois.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Echols moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Walker seconded and with all Members present and voting Aye, Chairman declared meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyrone Echols
Secretary