

## **PORT OF OSWEGO AUTHORITY**

**Regular Board Meeting September 29, 2015 at 6:00 pm**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Terrence Hammill – Chairman, , Jerry Brown, Kirk Coates, John Smith, Kenneth Stevens, Zelko Kirincich - Executive Director, Mike Shanley, Linda Dehm – Counsel  
Excused - Michael Carroll – Vice Chairman, Thomas Gillen – Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Schermerhorn

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Stevens made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Mr. Smith seconded it. Motion passed.  
Motion 09-29-1501

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Executive Director & Administrative Services Manager**

You may have seen many contactors on site who are working on the rail and the rock projects. The rock project is finishing up and we are negotiating a paving schedule for the repairs to the north end where it was taking place. We are looking to recapture that space for use. There is also a six foot of rail in that area that will need to be fixed. Rail work on the intermodal area, where we applied for a grant, will also be worked on. In the end, all the rail should be more or less touched. We were successful in getting a Hazardous Abatement Port Grant for \$46,000.00. Next month we will be starting a new Port Security Program where we will be taking a photo of each person entering the port. It will record each person's time in, where they have been and the time they leave. This new program is in cooperation with Border Patrol. We will also be able to automate our scales and invoice process using this new program and should have it in place by the beginning of next year. We just bid on an army surplus 25 ton crane for use at one of our facilities. As far as project management, we are working with \$200,000.00 for improving the USCG Station. We are building a pole barn and making some building improvements. The work should be completed in December and will be partially reimbursed thru their lease. In October had a barge that had a record discharge rate of ~700 pieces an hour. We also had a last minute barge diverted to us and we will always make room for cargo. Perdue became a big investor in the port and our other ventures. They have paid for over half of the new grain conveyor that will also be able to load ships. We are also going after a records management grant to help computerize our records. There is a lot of activity going on with development of inland ports, not only in New York State but in other areas of the country. The Lieutenant Governor recently visited the port and was impressed with all the activities going on at the port; in particular the work we do with the SUNY Oswego & Citi (BOCES) student interns. The Lieutenant Governor is also excited that we are working towards a USDA Certification. We are currently in discussions and negotiations for the selling of the former Price Chopper and the former Hammermill properties. The port is also one of the sponsors for the upcoming Oswego Community Night Syracuse Crunch Hockey game.

## **CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman presented the results of the Board of Directors Annual Self Evaluation Survey that is required by the Authorities Budget Office (ABO). The evaluations were anonymous and once received back were reviewed by the Governance Committee. Seven of the eight evaluations were received back the responses consolidated with most responses being favorable. The committee has made notes on items that will be used to make improvements on. The chairman will be sending out the results to the Authorities Budget Office tomorrow.

## **ATTORNEY**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Coates made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to renegotiate and sign a Lease Agreement with Perdue AgriBusiness; and include in the agreement an annual negotiation of CPI and Mr. Brown seconded it. Motion Passed. Motion 09-29-1502

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Action on Motion 09-29-1503 moved to after Executive Session.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Coates made a motion to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussion of real estate & personnel matters and Mr. Smith seconded it. Motion passed. Motion 09-29-1504

Mr. Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Stevens seconded it. Motion passed. Motion 09-29-1505

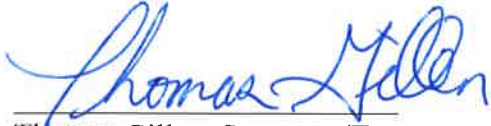
## **ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Stevens made a motion to authorize the Port of Oswego Authority to act as the lead agency for the CenterState NY Inland Port, under the State Environmental Quality Review Act; determining the classification of a Type I Action; adopting a Positive Declaration; accepting a draft Scoping Document for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); establishing public scoping for the DEIS; and authorizing the publication, circulation, service and filing of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, the Positive Declaration, and Draft Scoping Documents and Mr. Smith seconded it. Motion Passed. Motion 09-29-1503

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to renegotiate the sale of the former Hammill Property since the contract has expired. Authorization is given to negotiate new terms and/or conditions for the sale of said property with Jeff Holbrook, Managing Partner of PCL Properties, or any other third party of interest for the parcel or components of said property and Mr. Coates seconded it. Motion Passed. Motion 09-29-1506

**ADJOURN**

Mr. Coates made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed. Motion  
09-29-1507

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Thomas Gillen, Secretary/Treasurer