

**Red Wing Port Authority Board  
Regular Meeting  
City Council Chambers  
October 7, 2025**

**Members Present:** Port Authority Board President Paul Reding; Commissioners Bethanie Flattum, Kim Beise, Jay Wardle, Wylie Wilson, and Donald Kliewer

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Drazkowski excused absent

**Others Present:** Shari Chorney, Business Development Manager / Staff Liaison; Gary Iocco, Mayor

**1. Call to Order**

Port Authority Board President Paul Reding called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Reding led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted. President Reding and Commissioners Kliewer, Flattum, Beise, Wardle, and Wilson were in attendance.

Member Drazkowski was absent.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

President Reding added item 9D to the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the agenda as amended. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Motion to Approve September 2, 2025, Port Authority Minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Wardle to approve the minutes as drafted/amended. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

**6. Public Comment**

No one wished to address the Board.

**7. Public Hearing**

No Public Hearings were scheduled.

## **8. Communication Items**

### **A. Executive Director's Report.**

Manager Chorney highlighted several items from the report:

- The City of Red Wing will be hosting a Housing Summit on October 29, 2025, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the St. James Hotel. It is recommended that Port Authority Board Members attend.
- Staff recently presented a Purchase Agreement for the Jefferson School Site Acquisition.
- The upcoming Port Authority Governance Training session is scheduled for October 20, 2025, at 7:30 AM.
- VAA, the engineering company for Red Wing Grain, completed its Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) application, and Port Authority staff successfully submitted the application to the Federal Maritime Administration (MARAD). The government shutdown is stalling matters.
- Next month's meeting, scheduled for November 4, 2025, is election day. We cannot change our meeting time, but we need to be done by 6:00 PM.

### **B. Committee Reports.**

#### **1. Marketing Committee Meeting of September 29, 2025.**

No report provided.

#### **2. Finance Committee Meeting of October 1, 2025.**

No report provided.

### **C. Discussion Items.**

#### **1. Office of Energy Transition Grant Update.**

Manager Chorney stated that the biggest takeaway from the write-up in the packet is that the Grant Agreement has been amended to lay out the four project areas to be included.

#### **2. Former Central Research Property Update.**

Manager Chorney stated that the Public Hearing for the Abatement Bond will be used to pay for the security and demolition of the former Central Research Building.

### **D. Red Wing Port Authority Proclamation.**

Manager Chorney stated that the Mayor presented this at the luncheon for the Red Wing Manufacturers.

President Redding offered some comments after observing a significant number of legacy businesses in Red Wing that are celebrating major milestones. A thriving business community simply doesn't happen by accident.

## **9. Motions & General Business**

### **A. Motion to Approve August 2025 Balance Sheet and Budget Reports.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wardle, seconded by Commissioner

Wilson to approve the August 2025 Balance Sheet and Budget Reports. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

Wardle pointed out a typographical error.

**B. Consider Motion to Approve a Technical Assistance Grant to Bruce Johnson to Prepare Architectural Plans for 1920 Old West Main Street.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wardle, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve a Technical Assistance Grant to Bruce Johnson to Prepare Architectural Plans for 1920 Old West Main Street. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

Manager Chorney introduced the project and provided an opportunity for other members of the Finance Committee to share.

**C. Consider Motion to Appoint Jill Fanslow to Serve as a Non-Resident Member of the Marketing Committee.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Flattum to approve Appointing Jill Fanslow to Serve as a Non-Resident Member of the Marketing Committee. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

President Reding stated that the Port Authority Board's Bylaws were recently amended to allow committee members to serve even if they do not live inside the corporate boundaries of Red Wing.

President Reding introduced Jill Fanslow to the Port Authority Board.

**D. The Appointment of Amy Kemmerer to Serve as a Non-Resident Member of the Marketing Committee.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Kliewer to approve Appointing Amy Kemmerer as a Non-Resident Member of the Marketing Committee. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

President Redding introduced Amy Kemmerer to the Port Authority Board.

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6:0.

President Reding adjourned the meeting at 4:53 PM.

ATTEST:

  
Shari Chorney, Secretary