

**Red Wing Port Authority Board
Annual Meeting
City Council Chambers
February 3, 2026**

Members Present: Port Authority Board President Paul Reding; Commissioners Bethanie Flattum, Kim Beise, Wylie Wilson, and Thomas Drazkowski

Members Absent: Commissioner Kliewer (excused absence)

Others Present: Kyle Klatt, Community Development Director / Port Authority Executive Director; Shari Chorney, Business Development Manager / Staff Liaison

1. Call to Order

Port Authority Board President Paul Reding called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Reding led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Excusal of Members

A motion was made by Commissioner Beise, seconded by Commissioner Flattum, to excuse Commissioner Kliewer. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

President Reding offered a moment of silence for the Kliewer family because Commissioner Kliewer lost his wife of fifty years, and her funeral was held earlier today.

4. Swearing in the Oath of Office

A. Wylie Wilson (Second Term Expires January 31, 2029).

Emily Mallon conducted the Oath of Office for Wylie Wilson.

B. Paul Reding (Second Term Expires January 31, 2029).

Emily Mallon conducted the Oath of Office for Paul Reding.

5. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the agenda as drafted. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

6. Election of Officers

A. Call for 2026 Nominations

- 1. President – Paul Reding (2025)**
- 2. Vice President – Wylie Wilson (2025)**
- 3. Treasurer – Jay Wardle (2025)**

President Reding turned the Meeting over to Community Development Director, Kyle Klatt for the Election of Officers.

Director Klatt gave the Board the instructions for the Election of Officers.

Commissioner Drazkowski nominated President Reding for a second term as President.

President Reding thanked the Commission Members for the opportunity to serve in the past and affirmed his willingness to continue in the role.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Flattum, for a unanimous ballot to approve President Reding's nomination for a second term as President of the Port Authority Board. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Director Klatt opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice President for the Port Authority Board.

President Reding nominated Commissioner Wilson for Vice President.

Commissioner Wilson thanked President Reding for the nomination.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Beise, for a unanimous ballot to approve Commissioner Wilson's nomination for a second term as Vice President of the Port Authority Board. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Director Klatt opened the floor for nominations for the office of Treasurer.

Commissioner Flattum nominated Tom Drazkowski to be the Treasurer for the Port Authority Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, for a unanimous ballot to approve Commissioner Drazkowski's nomination for Treasurer of the Port Authority Board. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

Director Klatt returned control of the Port Authority Board Meeting to President Reding.

7. Motions & General Business

A. Review of Port Authority 2025 Annual Report

Director Klatt stated that each year, a draft of the Annual Report is presented to the Port Authority Board. Director Klatt offered some comments before the adoption of the Annual Report.

Director Klatt stated that the Annual Report is in a bullet format.

Director Klatt noted that the major accomplishments from 2025 included the work done to further the Port development projects forward.

Director Klatt stated that two major projects are currently in the works. The first one is the Rehabilitation of the Mooring Clusters adjacent to Red Wing Grain, and the second one is the Little River Bulkhead. Even though the projects are not out for bid, under construction, or complete, substantial progress has been made towards their completion.

Director Klatt stated that another major project from 2025 was entering into a formal agreement with the Red Wing School District to purchase the Jefferson School Project. There is still a lot of work to be completed in 2026 that will assist in determining whether to move forward with the project.

Director Klatt stated that the Port Authority Board did some internal planning in 2025 with an Annual Workshop Meeting and a Training Session late in the year.

Director Klatt stated that a new downtown tax district was created in 2025, and the Port created a Riverboat Survey to gauge the type of impact that the riverboats have within the community.

Director Klatt stated that the Port Authority Board approved the reallocation of funds for the downtown area to spur and incentivize more development in the downtown area, and the Port Authority Board participated in a housing study.

Director Klatt stated that Staff drafted a proposal for selecting consultants.

Director Klatt drew attention to the fact that the Harbor Committee had inaccurate names. The correct names are Ron Trussel and Mike Grove.

Director Klatt stated that under item 24, the reporting of the amount of product that is coming over the Little River Bulkhead for 2025, there were 87,959 tons of product that moved across it. In 2024, there were 92,486 tons of product that moved across the Little River Bulkhead. Both years were down, due in part to flooding.

Based on his discussion with President Reding, Director Klatt stated that there is a desire to provide more information in the Annual Report that ties back into the Port Authority's mission, particularly the Port Authority's main missions of increasing the tax base in the community, increasing jobs, and promoting economic development.

Director Klatt asked for additional comments and additional changes from the Board.

President Reding stated that Director Klatt summarized his comments well. President Reding did add that over the years, the Port Authority has been used as a punching bag in the community for its perceived lack of activity or progress. President Reding applauded the potential increase to the tax base resulting from the hard work of the Port Authority Board. President Reding stated that the statistics are important numbers to be shared with the stakeholders.

President Reding stated that it is also very important to share the number of jobs created by the Port Authority, even if partial positions are created.

A motion was made by Commissioner Flattum, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to approve the 2025 Annual Report. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

B. Motion to Adopt the 2026 Rules of Order & Procedure (No Action Requested – Document to be Reviewed at a Later Date)

Director Klatt explained that, typically, the Motion to Adopt the 2026 Rules of Order & Procedure is adopted after the City Council approves it. Because the City Council has not yet approved the Rules of Order & Procedure, this item will be revisited later.

President Reding took a moment to thank former Commissioner Wardle for his service on the Port Authority Board. Former Commissioner Warder's term ended in January of 2025.

8. Adjournment

President Reding adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Shari Chorney, Secretary