Red Wing Port Authority Board
Regular Meeting
City Council Chambers
June 9, 2026

Members Present: Port Authority Board President Paul Reding; Commissioners Kim Beise, Jim Ross, Thomas Drazkowski, and Donald Kliewer.

Members Absent: Commissioners Flattum (excused absence) and Commissioner Wilson (excused absence).

Others Present: Kyle Klatt, Community Development Director / Port Authority Executive Director, Shari Chorney, Business Development Manager / Staff Liaison, and Chris Heineman, Council Administrator.

1. **Call to Order**
   Port Authority Board President Paul Reding called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   President Reding led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Excusal of Members**
   President Reding stated that Commissioners Flattum and Wilson were unable to attend the meeting.

   A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Drazkowski, to excuse Commissioner Flattum and Commissioner Wilson. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 4:0.

4. **Approval of Agenda**
   A Motion was made by Commissioner Beise, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve the agenda as presented. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

5. **Approval of Minutes**
   A. **Motion to Approve March 2, 2026, Port Authority Workshop Minutes.**
   A Motion was made by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Beise, to approve the March 2, 2026, Port Authority Workshop Minutes as corrected. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

   B. **Motion to Approve May 5, 2026, Port Authority Minutes.**
   A Motion was made by Commissioner Ross, seconded by Commissioner Beise, to approve the May 5, 2026, Port Authority Minutes as presented. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

6. **Public Comment**

No one wished to address the Board.

7. **Public Hearing**
   There were no public hearings.

8. **Motions & General Business**
   A. **Motion to Approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant for Engberg Properties in the amount of $5,000.**
      Manager Chorney stated that the grant location is 127 Danforth Avenue. A meeting was held with the Finance Committee on May 20, 2026, to review the details of the request. The work has been verified by the building inspector, and the required match to qualify for the grant is 50% paid by the property owner.

      A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Beise, to approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant for Engberg Properties in the amount of $5,000. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

   B. **Motion to Approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant for Red Wing Framing in the amount of $922.**
      Manager Chorney stated that the grant location is 327 West 3rd Street in downtown. The location is used as a customer pickup and drop-off area.

      A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Beise, to approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant in the amount of $922 for Red Wing Framing. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

   C. **Motion to Approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant for Man on the Water in the amount of $1,335.**
      Manager Chorney stated that the grant would reimburse up to 50% of the cost of the sign purchase, and Commissioner Kliewer requested vertical photos in the future.

      A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant in the amount of $1,335 for Man on the Water. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

   D. **Motion to Approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant for Essential Chiropractic in the amount of $4,959.36.**
      Manager Chorney stated that the grant location is 1112 Main Street in downtown. The remaining balance of the fund, if this grant is approved, would be $2,697.43.

      A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve a Sign, Awning, and Facade Grant in the amount of $4,959.36

for Essential Chiropractic. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

E. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 350 Authorizing Funding Portion of the MN Department of Transportation Port Development Assistance Program for the Mooring Cluster Replacement.

Manager Chorney confirmed that the Resolution was approved originally on September 3, 2024. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) requested an updated environmental review for the project. The purpose of the Resolution is to authorize the City of Red Wing to pay the local match.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Beise, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to approve Resolution No. 350 Authorizing Funding Portion of the MN Department of Transportation Port Development Assistance Program for the Mooring Cluster Replacement. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

9. Communication Items

A. Executive Director's Report.

Director Klatt highlighted several items from the report:

- Director Klatt stated that a financial report was not provided due to turnover this month, and the last two months will be provided at the next meeting for approval.
- Director Klatt provided an update regarding the Fleischmann Maltery Redevelopment Project, and updated financials were included.
- Director Klatt provided an update on the Central Research Property, noting that demolition work is currently in progress. A demolition permit request should also be approved by next week. Council Administrator Heineman added that the size and scope of the project have changed since the preliminary design. Director Klatt stated that additional asbestos-containing materials were found.
- Director Klatt provided an update regarding the Jefferson School Site. City Council requested additional items with the approval of an open space. A special meeting would be requested to receive public comments and feedback to keep the process moving forward.
- Director Klatt provided an update regarding the Office of Energy Transition Grant Project. A Long-Range Financial Planning and Land Feasibility Analysis is moving forward.
- Director Klatt confirmed that the mapping and districts will be updated as part of the Opportunity Zones Project for the City of Red Wing. Council Administrator Heineman added that the opportunity zones would offer tax credits and eliminate capital gain costs for the project. Director Klatt confirmed that the next regular meeting of the Port Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Manager Chorney highlighted the following items:

- Manager Chorney provided an update on the Red Wing Grain PIDP Grant.
- Manager Chorney provided an update regarding the Port Development Assistance Program and confirmed that no funding allocation was received for the Port Authority from the 2026 Legislative session.

B. Committee Reports.
President Reding confirmed that the items from the Committees were addressed.

C. Discussion Items.
There were no additional discussion items.

10. Adjournment
A Motion was made by Commissioner Kliewer, seconded by Commissioner Beise, to adjourn the meeting. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously by a vote of 4:0.

President Reding adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Shari Chorney

Shari Chorney, Secretary