

SPENCER COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE
April 28, 2022
MEETING

Call To Order

The April 28, 2022 Port Authority Meeting held in the Spencer County Courthouse Commissioners Room, was called to order at approximately 4:04 p.m. by President John Bowen. Also present and in attendance were Board members John Obermeier, and Don Foertsch, Attorney Jefferson Lindsey and members of the public. George Lynam and Mike Cochenour were absent.

Old Business

John Bowen said he hoped that Logan Day could be there

Logan Day called in.

- He had met with Ryan Gehlhausen, Steve Leiberling, Dan and Robin Knepper and John Bowen to discuss development centered on rail, looking at rehab of rail on the Knepper property.
- Perry County Port Authority requires him to have a siding for the tourist train. That siding could suit their needs to provide a parking area and increase Spencer County tourism.
- Also looking at concept of loading of plastic pellets at that site. Don Foertsch suggested looking at rail spur at Lamar.
- Costs at Evanston for rehab: \$80,000-142,000 depending on the switches that would be required on the Perry County Port Authority property.
- Logan Day has submitted request for siding funds to Spencer County ARPA funds.
- Need a place to park a train in Spencer County if the tourist train is run in Spencer County.
- John Bowen asked about Community Foundation funds. Logan Day observed that Community Foundation could contribute.
- Logan Day stated that Tell City has a Depot that is a community building.
- Challenges to develop a depot, could utilize Port Auth and Redevelopment Commission.
- There are also some freight opportunities which could include the unutilized Rockport line South of Cleveland Cliffs. He believes that Norfolk Southern may be convinced to divest itself of the Rockport line with the Federal push on rail companies.
 - Arqlite Industries - uses plastic recycling.
 - Boxabl - houses that can be hauled to site and unfold.

Logan Day signed off

John Bowen: If we could come up with an industrial site and obtain control, we could sell sites. That would not necessarily include the Knepper property.

John Bowen moved to have the Port Authority write a letter of support for the ARPA request for the \$142,000 for the tourism train siding in Evanston John Obermeier seconded. Motion unanimous carried.

Minutes

John Bowen called for consideration of the February 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Don Foertsch made the Motion to approve the Minutes, John Obermeier seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

New Business

Jeff Lindsey presented his bill dated January 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020. John Obermeier made a motion to approve the bill, Don Foertsch seconded the motion, the bill was approved.

Discussed having an executive session for discussion of a non-disclosure agreement.

John Obermeier: Blue World Crete; they lease technology to create the product; He is trying to get more information about how we might benefit. To have a product that takes the place of Portland Cement which is all from outside of the U.S. This would be most likely used as a batch plant.

What is the status of the meeting with Tim Kern?

What about meeting with Norfolk Southern?

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 9, 2022 at 4:00 pm, in the Commissioners room at the Spencer County Courthouse.


Adjournment

There being no further business, John Obermeier made a motion to adjourn, Don Foertsch seconded, meeting adjourned

ATTEST:



John Obermeier, Secretary



John Bowen, President