

VERMILION PORT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Dave Miklos, Larry Drouhard, Jonathan Hauck, Heidi Riddle.
Absent: Peter Corogin
Present: B. Collingwood, Port Operations

Heidi Riddle called the meeting of May 12, 2022 to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Miklos MOVED; L. Drouhard seconded to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022.
Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Correspondence:

L. Drouhard stated that a concerned citizen mentioned the no wake sign on the break wall is mangled, and he did confirm that it is quite mangled. J. Hauck said that he had a conversation with a few people about it and there used to be a post there. B. Collingwood said yes, the sign slid into a mounting, and it was pinned at the top, but when they dredged, it dredged against that sign and mangled part of it, and then they straightened it out and nailed it onto the wall into the condition that it is in. Now it is a matter of going out and seeing if they can pry it off, straighten it out and see if the frame is still there. J. Hauck stated if they need a boat, he would be happy to help.

Financial Review:

B. Collingwood reported that the statement of cash from the revenue and expense closed at \$331.22. The Operating Account 214, the cash carried over was \$77,886, the net revenue was \$31,873 which is an increase of \$12,464, net expense \$24,422 with an increase in \$5,582. Unexpended balance \$85,337, the encumbrances year to date are \$7,820 and that is an increase of \$3,619, ending balance \$77,516 which is an increase of \$3,264. In the 411 Capital Account, there was no change, so it stands at \$21,506. The Dredge Account started at \$4,404 and that has not changed.

D. Miklos asked if everything is up to date. B. Collingwood answered they are up to date, as far as the deposit cash position, the total received to date is \$51,396 and that includes the donation of \$6,000 that was brought up at the last meeting. The April month end of 2021 was \$41,813, and April month end in 2022 was \$46,718 which is an increase of \$4,905 and the caveat to that is that there was a \$6,000 donation, so if you take that out, they are light of about \$1,094.

B. Collingwood stated that going into the individual launch areas, the ramp is the only one that had any impact and they have taken in 2022 \$5,961, the three-year

average is \$3,921, so there is a 52% increase in that. The 2022 comparison to 2021 is \$193 to the negative, the waterworks number is \$1,400 in 2021 but that is the deposits from the clubs that they are keeping and holding, and the same thing with McGarvey's. The \$100 increase in 2022 was a power boat poker run that is coming into McGarvey's on August 6 from about 12:00p.m. to 2:30p.m. and then they have the dock back, so they factored how many boats can fit in there and at \$25 a piece if they are all 50 foot, it came to \$100. The dock is still open for overnight dockage after 2:30p.m. J. Hauk asked how many boats they plan on rafting off. B. Collingwood answered as many that will fit across the river. The pictures they saw had 6 out, so it took up a little more than half the river.

Port Operations Activity Report:

D. Miklos asked how the beginning of May has been at South St. B. Collingwood answered they started with the Gang Busters the first weekend, and then zero due to the weather. It is slowly picking up. J. Hauk mentioned that this week's activity looked good. B. Collingwood answered it has been better, and they have been fighting around the stone placement which is completed at this point. The South Street shoreline protection project is completed. H. Riddle said that it looks great.

McGarvey's Landing:

B. Collingwood noted that all of the docks are in, the pedestals were placed at McGarvey's yesterday, they are going to let everything dry out and they are going to check the waterlines. They flushed the system and want to make sure nothing is majorly leaking underneath. The wires were pretty wet because they had one flood, and he wanted those to dry out. J. Hauck said that McGarvey's Landing is looking great, they did a nice job power washing and Vermilion in Bloom is in full bloom, so the boxes are looking nice, it looks like they are ready for business. B. Collingwood said he believes they can be open tomorrow as long as he checks the power, and it looks right.

D. Miklos asked if they were able to get the dock posts painted. B. Collingwood answered there are five to go, they wanted to pressure wash them first and they are going to paint the low blue by the wall. Those haven't been painted in years. Sherwin Williams was out yesterday to look at the metal wall and they are recommending a certain bond of paint because that hasn't been painted in four years. They would like to do that and Water Works before it gets too far into the season. D. Miklos asked how the kiosk was. B. Collingwood answered they need soffit repair immediately. D. Miklos said that he knows it is probably on its last leg and they probably need to talk about some plan to replace it or rebuild it. B. Collingwood said nothing has been reinforced in there, and it really does need to be redone. D. Miklos said that it hasn't made it on the activity report for a potential project, but they should add it to the list. Before they throw a bunch of good at bad, they should evaluate that.

Clarion Drive:

B. Collingwood said they got the fire extinguisher installed, the post is erected, and they mounted the extinguisher cabinet. D. Miklos asked if the crock was completed. B. Collingwood answered it is done, the water is on, and it is all set.

South Street Ramp:

J. Hauck asked how the volunteer group went at South Street. B. Collingwood answered it went well, they got the pile of dirt down and when they see rain in the forecast they will throw seed down.

Water Works Marina:

B. Collingwood said he thinks they will need a plumber to come in and drill the wall if they want to try to get hot water to the sinks. They have gone through it and traced cold water line going down. There are two masonry walls, they can get to one but can't get to the second one and they do not want to take a hammer and just bust through because they are worried about what else is in there. J. Hauck asked if there was a hot water issue at South Street. B. Collingwood answered it is that way at Water Works Marina. J. Hauck asked if it made sense if they have a plumber coming out to look at both. B. Collingwood answered that he doesn't think they would want the expense of putting a hot water tank in there.

D. Miklos said last week when it was raining he was down by Water Works and by where dock one and dock two are, there was a significant amount of water that was coming down the hill, out of one of the planters and coming over top of their walkway. He was worried because he didn't know where the clearwell attachment went through, he knew the clearwell piping was attached to an existing drain, but that went through the wall. He talked with Bob and Aaron, and they were working on that, but it was a significant amount of water. B. Collingwood said that it was huge, the water was literally bubbling out of the ground about two inches high. L. Drouhard asked where the water was coming from. B. Collingwood said he is still trying to figure out if it was the storm sewer. They tied into the storm sewer, and they heard that the storm sewer was crumbling. Tony Valerius came down and they put water in all the catch basins up on Main Street and they couldn't get any water to come out of that drain, so they were thinking it was a discontinued drain that was never connected back after construction. He is thinking that it could be downspouts from the Chez building that could be tied into that pipe or it is an overflow pipe to keep Main Street clean, when the water gets up so high, it will start using that pipe. Right now, Tony Valerius is involved in that along with Charlie Grisell. It was clear water, and it was not muddy at all. J. Hauck stated that the main water line is right above there. B. Collingwood said he was thinking it was the sprinkler lines, right now they don't know which way to turn with that, they were there Monday, but he hasn't heard after that. He couldn't get a clear answer from

the technician. There are a number of leaks in that system close to where Justin Miller cut the pipe in. D. Miklos said he knows we got a lot of rain last weekend, but he doesn't want to see a problem continuing there, it will run the hill down, and they spent the money and it looked really nice. He didn't want to spend all the money and do all the work just to have another problem. B. Collingwood said they will stay on it, part of it is checking out the sprinkler system. The grass is growing good, but the topsoil that they put in is top of the line and when you walk over it, you sink, so they have to keep everybody off that area, or they will have a lot of footprints.

B. Collingwood said they are looking at painting the wall, they had the Sherwin Williams representative out trying to pick the right paint to go on it and how to clean the wall other than pressure washing it. H. Riddle asked what color it will be. B. Collingwood answered it will be white. J. Hauck said he has a good friend who works at Sherwin Williams and he maybe able to speak to him and they may be willing to do a donation. B. Collingwood said they found the prices they were quoting the Port were higher than what they were quoting the City, so now they call it in for the City, but it is a Port Authority charge.

B. Collingwood noted that the Exchange Dock is in. D. Miklos asked if got moved down. B. Collingwood answered it is exactly where it was last year, but they redid the float system so instead if it being 6 feet out of the water, it is down lower.

Old/New Business:

J. Hauck said that they did discuss at the last meeting that L. Drouhard knew someone locally that had a brand-new golf cart, and that is not an option they can take at this time. He has been in contact with Catawba Golf Carts and has a meeting with them next week, so he will be able to present the pricing at the next meeting so they can make a decision and move forward.

D. Miklos stated they needed to review the expense report/reimbursement. H. Riddle said that it was for a keyboard and a mouse, golf cart certificate of origin, cleaning supplies, ink, and poker cards for the poker run. The total amount is for \$171.93.

D. Miklos MOVED; J. Hauck seconded to approve the expense reimbursement. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Miklos said in regard to the golf cart they had mentioned raising the price or selling more tickets and asked if anyone had any other thoughts on it. J. Hauck stated he thought they should narrow the cost down first and then go from there. D. Miklos said the only reason is that they will now have to wait until June, and he doesn't want to be in the same situation as last time trying to sell tickets in the eleventh hour. J. Hauck said it would be based on supply and if they can't commit to the time frame they are looking at, they will look elsewhere but he did seem to

think it wouldn't take much time at all once they make a decision. H. Riddle asked when they started selling tickets last year. B. Collingwood answered it was a little less than two months. D. Miklos said they also decided to do the drawing at Woollybear and if they are going to do a race for that in September, they will be close to the same timeframe. B. Collingwood said if they decide to do the duck race, they have a major set-up of the duck race, they don't have the manpower to set that in motion. Bill McCarthy used to do it, if the duck race happens they need to get someone to actually set it in motion because Bill was collecting the money and the ducks and keeping everything straight and he can't anymore. D. Miklos said they were going to have two duck races, one of those races will be a certain number of tickets and that can be done completely in advance, they will do a controlled sell of a second duck race limited to that weekend or to Labor Day weekend on, where they did not have the logistical problem of numbering ducks and the challenges that they went through. He understands what he means about the set up, he has an aluminum boat, Larry has a small boat, Jonathan has one also and between them, they can set that up, he doesn't think that would be a problem. B. Collingwood said the mechanical part of that is the problem they are seeing as an operation section. D. Miklos said he understood, he thinks they can pull that off with Port participation and volunteering. It is a good event, and it would be nice to try to bring it back. J. Hauck said that they need to revamp it a little to make it easier because the amount of funds that it took to put on that event. It is probably easier to sell the tickets for the golf cart but will provide a day-of activity for all to participate who maybe didn't participate in the golf cart. D. Miklos said he had someone ask him in the grocery store if they were doing Port Appreciation Day and he told them no, but he thinks there are people now that are back outside and engaging in the community and looking to do some of these things, and it would be worthwhile to do some of these things again for the community.

B. Collingwood said their next step for the ramp is to reset the posts into the ground, because all the posts along the river are pretty bad, they need to pull them out. J. Hauck said he has never priced them out, but the simple concrete parking barriers might be an option. D. Miklos said whatever can be relatively maintenance free and has a long lifespan. J. Hauck said with the cost of lumber, there has to be less expensive options. B. Collingwood said they were going to buy used posts. L. Drouhard said why don't they price out concrete, composite, and wooden pilings. B. Collingwood said they have \$2,000 in the budget so far and last year the pricing for the used pilings would be \$6 apiece. L. Drouhard asked what the instillation process would be. B. Collingwood said they were going to rent a post hole digger and install them. So, with that and another machine to lift the post and stand them up, they came up with the \$2,000 budget. They thought about putting a sleeve over the top of the posts all the way to the ground and Peter said they shouldn't do that. D. Miklos asked if the posts are used, what does that mean, what state of disrepair would they be in. B. Collingwood said they would go look at them, it is what they are pulling off the interstates. They are at Lake Erie Construction in Norwalk; he and Bill will go down and look at them and see if they will deliver for free as a

donation. He said that a company came in and cleaned all the mud off the parking lot and the parking lot grew about three feet in width. He was amazed that the grass had come over the edge of the asphalt that far. The trick will be to put the posts on the parking line so that the right front tire can actually roll up onto the grass a little bit to keep the trailers in. If they do that, they can get a bigger aisle, if you put the posts near the right-hand drive of the area, people will not park far enough up because they are afraid of touching the posts and you will go from a two aisle down to a one aisle. D. Miklos asked if the posts are even necessary with the rocks where they are. B. Collingwood said he was amazed how nice it looks, when you come down the hill it looks sharp. H. Riddle asked if his opinion is that they don't really need the posts. B. Collingwood answered he didn't think they really need them honestly; the trucks will roll up and hit the rock. J. Hauck said they can see how it works, and if they need to revisit it, they can.

D. Miklos MOVED; H. Riddle seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next meetings: The Port Authority will meet June , 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio.

Transcribed by Melanie Wood, Building Clerk