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WAUKEGAN PORT DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting of 31 May 2023
4:00 p.m.

Waukegan National Airport
Administration Office/SRE Bldg.
2601 Plane Rest Drive
Waukegan IL 60087

The following Board members were present:

Gene Bach, Historian
Jack Dye
Tom Evers
Becky Jones-remote participation
Greg Petry
Paula Trigg
Ben Veal

The following Officer was present:

Bob Hamilton, Treasurer

District Counsel:

Peter Friedman

Members of the Port District Staff were present:

Skip Goss, F3 Airport, General Manager/Director, Airport
Max Pekcan, F3 Marina, General Manager, Harbor
Mary McCarthy, F3 Marina, Accounting Supervisor
Scott Schmidt, F3, COO-remote participation

Call to Order

Chairman Veal called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Remote Participation/Voting

Moved by Mr. Evers, Seconded by Ms. Trigg. Approved unanimously on voice vote.

Reading of Members Statements

Members statements included praise of the current board and the collective achievements thus far as well as the need for more transparency, improved communication, and open dialogue. The GM's

expressed their thanks for the direction of the board and the need for continued momentum on current projects and developments.

Discussion and Remarks

Mr. Dye spoke about the need for providing clear direction to the General Managers, discontinuing the use of outside resources without board approval and more employee support from F3.

Ms. Trigg reiterated that use of outside persons to speak or negotiate on behalf of the Port District should be discussed so that person(s) can get to know the board and its objectives as well as the need for updating board documents.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Petry expressed that we need more meetings.

Mr. Evers discussed the need for improved communication and updates on current matters.

Mr. Friedman noted that WPD is a unique entity and setting rules and policies is important organizationally.

Elections

Motion to reelect Mr. Hamilton as Treasurer, made by Ms. Trigg and seconded by Mr. Evers. On the following roll call vote, the Chairman declared the motion carried:

Aye: Ms. Trigg, Mr. Petry, Mr. Dye, Mr. Evers, Ms. Jones

No: Mr. Bach

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion to reelect Mr. Evers as Secretary, made by Ms. Trigg, seconded by Mr. Dye. On a roll call vote, all Board members voted Aye and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to reelect Mr. Veal as Chairman, made by Mr. Petry, seconded by Mr. Evers. In discussion, Ms. Trigg nominated Mr. Dye as Board Chairman. On the following roll call vote, the Chairman declared the motion carried:

Aye: Mr. Evers, Ms. Jones, Mr. Petry, Mr. Veal

No: Mr. Dye, Mr. Bach, Ms. Trigg

Absent:

Abstain:

Public Comment

Scott Schmidt, F3 COO-F3 is excited to continue the relationship with WPD and acknowledges there is room for F3 to improve and feels that F3 brings value to WPD.

Chairman Remarks


Chairman Veal expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to realize the vision that the entire board has and hopes that the board can continue to work together.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ms. Trigg to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Petry, the motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.

APPROVED:



Ben Veal, Chairman

