

**MINUTES**  
**PORT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23 2019**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
**LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Jerry McCarthy, Lee Bjorndal, Laura Helle, Michael Bednar, Chuck Moline, and Jerry Mohrfeld.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Jeff Austin.

**Staff Present:** Port Authority Executive Director Craig Clark and Port Authority Secretary Tom Dankert.

**Others Present:** KIMT TV, Public (1).

President McCarthy called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Item #2. – Approval of minutes of the December 27, 2018 special meeting:** Motion by Commissioner Moline, seconded by Commissioner Mohrfeld to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2018 special meeting. Carried 6-0.

**Item #3. – Claims for Payment:** Mr. Dankert discussed the claims paid from October 5, 2018 through January 10, 2019 noting in total, payments made were \$22,420.71. Mr. Dankert noted some payments related to the old Oak Park Mall project, including a payment to Dorsey & Whitney for some legal work related to a first-right-of-refusal to purchase the Shopko building. Meeting payments to the board were noted, as was some repairs to the Walker Building. Commissioner Bednar questioned what the roof repair was on The Ville building for \$3,333. Mr. Clark noted this was a temporary “band-aid” to stop water from potentially entering into the building and is not a long-term solution.

Motion by Commissioner Bednar, seconded by Commissioner Mohrfeld to approve the claims for payment as presented. Carried 6-0.

**Item #4. – Election of Officers:** Mr. Dankert noted this is the annual meeting for which officers need to be elected. Motion by Commissioner Bednar, seconded by Commissioner Helle to approve the officers for 2019 as follows:

President	Jerry McCarthy
Vice President	Jeff Austin
Treasurer	Lee Bjorndal
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer	Tom Dankert

Carried 6-0.

**Item #5. – Executive Director Report:** Mr. Clark gave an update on the parcel just south of the old Hy-Vee building, noting the 20-day holding period has expired and Cobblestone Hotel Development LLC is in process of doing their due diligence. Additionally, Mr. Clark has been

working with another developer on a downtown hotel, for which this developer says he has investors ready to go.

Mr. Clark noted Gold Cross has done a review of asbestos in their building, and plan on removing it before any donation to the Port Authority.

Mr. Clark also noted that Sentence to Serve is going to be doing some work for the Port Authority by removing the junk from the Paradise Island/The Ville buildings.

Commissioner Helle clarified that there are two hotels looking at Austin, one by the old Hy-Vee and one downtown. Mr. Clark noted that was correct. Commissioner Helle questioned if the old Hy-Vee is now full with tenants. Mr. Clark noted the developer has indicated that all 5 spaces are now leased up and construction continues.

Commissioner Bjorndal questioned the status of the other apartment looking at downtown Austin and the use of The Ville/Paradise Island. Mr. Clark noted the developer has identified a gap, and Mr. Clark is working on alternatives to narrowing that gap.

President McCarthy noted that at some point we as a Board need to make a decision on this building, as the Port Authority has some funding available. Mr. Clark stated he hoped to have more information on the status of this gap in the near future.

Mr. Clark also noted it appears the developer for the 82-unit apartment north of Runnings is ready to start in the spring also.

**Item #6. – Any other business:** President McCarthy asked that the minutes to reflect our heartfelt thanks to David Hoversten for all of his years of legal services to the Austin Port Authority.

**Item #7. Adjournment:** With no further business, motion by Commissioner Mohrfeld, seconded by Commissioner Moline to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Carried 6-0.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_