

# PORT AUTHORITY OF WINONA MINUTES

**DATE:** September 14, 2006

**PRESENT:** President Cichanowski, Commissioners Borzyskowski, Johnson  
Thurley and Kiekbusch

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Glubka, Schwab and Executive Secretary  
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## 1. **CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by President Cichanowski. A motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2006 meeting was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Kiekbusch. The motion carried with all Commissioners present voting aye.

## 2. **REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT**

President Cichanowski said he hoped the action of the Port Authority this afternoon would help with future plans for the Winona County Historical Society in their expansion efforts.

## 3. **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. **Winona County Historical Society**

President Cichanowski stated that the Port Authority had been meeting with the Winona County Historical Society, Winona County and the City of Winona concerning the challenge grant offered to the Historical Society. The Port Authority's involvement would be in relation to providing replacement parking for Winona County. Commissioner Borzyskowski asked about the legalities that were noted in the recent media coverage of the meetings between the City and County. Staff reported that Briggs and Morgan prepared an opinion stating that the statute does give adequate authority for the sale but the decision and official action on the land exchange between Winona County and the Winona County Historical Society would have to be considered by Winona County. President Cichanowski said the Port Authority wanted to do their part for the Historical Society Project.

Commissioner Johnson read a letter acknowledging the generosity of the Winona community and stated the philanthropic spirit should be supported. He further recognized that there are times when community projects come at an expense to entities or individuals affected by the project but never the less the support to act responsibly to educate and nurture future generations is vital to the community.

Commissioner Thurley is pleased of the Port Authority's positive role in trying to move this project forward for the Winona County Historical Society. The motion to approve the resolution providing replacement parking of 24 stalls provided that the Winona County gives the Johnson Street Parking Lot to the Winona County Historical Society was called for a vote. All Commissioners present voted aye on the motion.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority of Winona supports the Winona County Historical Society expansion project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Port Authority is willing to provide replacement parking to Winona County to facilitate the Historical Society project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Port Authority of Winona hereby commits to provide Winona County with 24 parking stalls, within two blocks of the Winona County Government Center for a period of 30 years if Winona County provides the land for Winona County Historical Society Expansion Project.

#### **4. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Finance Director, Mary Burrichter, presented the financial reports to the Port Authority Commissioners. She asked that all the Port Commissioners review the financials and call her with any questions they may have. The report is placed on file.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kiebusch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the motion carried with all Commissioners present voting aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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Lucy McMartin  
Program Development Director