

City of Fort Smith  
Port Authority Special Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2013  
Port of Fort Smith  
200 Navy Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas

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The Fort Smith Port Authority held a special meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Port of Fort Smith facility, 200 Navy Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Combs, Chairperson, and a quorum was noted present. Port Authority members present were Larry Combs, Eddie Norman, Bob Worley, and Jeff Taake. Dustin Collyge was noted absent and excused. Others present were Marty Shell and Wesley Daniels of Five Rivers Distribution, John Lovett of the Southwest Times Record and Steve Parke, Larry Guthrie and Jeff Dingman of the City of Fort Smith.

Mr. Combs introduced the only order of business, to consider a Resolution granting permanent and temporary easements across Port Authority property to the City of Fort Smith for a Utilities project. Steve Parke, Director of Utilities, and Larry Guthrie, Property Manager for the Utilities Department, described a project to build a 3.5 million gallon equalization & storage tank as part of the wet weather sanitary sewer/overflow prevention work needed to satisfy the U.S. Department of Justice and the EPA. Part of the project would entail relocating an existing 10-inch sanitary sewer line, or rather, replacing it with a new 12-inch line crossing a portion of the Port Authority property, necessitating the permanent easement. The temporary easement would allow for relocation of water and sewer service lines serving the Port Authority property. No schedule is set for the project as of yet, but it would be toward the tail end of the tank construction project, which is set to begin in early 2014. More detailed scheduling will be forwarded when defined, and the Utilities Department will coordinate the project with the Port Operator in order to minimize downtime and maintain access to the port during business hours.

Mr. Norman moved approval of the resolution granting the requested permanent and temporary easements. Mr. Taake seconded, and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Combs asked Mr. Shell for any updates on other projects. Mr. Shell noted that the track repair project was still underway, although it should have been completed by now. Upon digging into the track, additional obstacles were found, not the least of which was a determination that about 300 feet of the old rail was no longer useable and had to be replaced. Mr. Shell noted that there were two or three days of work remaining on the project, which was delayed through the previous weekend due to the weather. Mr. Shell noted that Greg Riley, a former project engineer with the city and its current Director of Streets, has monitored the project and may be able to help ensure positive drainage to the river once the rail project is complete.

Mr. Shell also briefly discussed the needed bulk storage building being contemplated for the property through an economic development no-interest loan through the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC). The size of the building proposed has been scaled back from 30,000 square feet to

20,000 square feet in the interest of cost savings. Mr. Shell noted that he needed to consult with an engineer, perhaps the city's engineer, to finalize scope and specs on the buildings foundation so it could be properly bid.

There was no further business on the agenda, and no other items were presented for discussion. The next scheduled meeting of the Port Authority will be held in January, 2014. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Dingman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Jeff Dingman  
Deputy City Administrator  
City of Fort Smith, Arkansas