



Upper Mississippi River International Port District

3651 Crim Drive, Savanna, IL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 7th, 2026
Time: 13:00 CDT
Location: Board Room
3651 Crim Drive
Savanna, IL 61074

I. Call to Order

A roll call was held. Commissioners Steve Keeffer, Tim Wand, and Susan Jacobs were present.

A quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Guests in attendance were Sara Renkes (Carroll County Engineer), Aimee Martelle (Riverport Railroad), Ed Britton (USFWS), Linda Balcom (Balcom Environmental), Scott Sigman (EASE), Chris Faulk (Public), Hendrica Regez (Public), Michele Brueggen (Public)

UMRIPD staff members, Rob Davies and Mara Roche, were present.

II. Approval of the Agenda –

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to approve the meeting agenda, seconded by Commissioner Wand, approved by voice vote unanimously.

III. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wand motioned to approve the March minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs, approved by voice vote unanimously.

IV. On-going Business

- a. Capital Improvement Program: Max Purchis, a private property owner on-site, has contacted the LRA regarding a potential sale of property he owns at the site. Mr. Purchis is currently working with Valu Pros on an appraisal of the property. Discussion followed.
- b. UMRIPD Website: Mr. Davies confirmed that the website has been built and is live. After negotiations with L.E.T. Group, who would be developing and hosting the site, the final price came to \$1500. The new website can be viewed at www.umripd.org.

IV. New Business

A. Change of Meeting Schedule/Day:

- Mr. Davies noted that it would be more convenient if UMRIPD board meetings be moved from Thursday to Wednesday at 1 pm, due to several UMRIPD board members having difficulty making the current meeting schedule.

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to change the current meeting day from Thursday at 1 pm to Wednesday at 1 pm. Commissioner Wand seconded. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Bills over \$2500 –

Chastain & Associates – March: \$6,652.93
Chastain & Associates – April: \$1,220.61

Commissioner Jacobs motioned to settle the invoices with Chastain & Associates \$6,652.93 for the month of March and \$1,220.61 for the month of April. Commissioner Wand seconded. Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

VI. Reports

- a. **Secretary.** Mr. Davies had nothing to report as secretary. He did want to mention that the ILEPA clean ports planning will be starting, and a public meeting will be held to discuss the Clean Ports Planning. The public meeting date and time is TBA.

- b. **Treasurer.**

Citizens State Bank:

Previous Balance: \$831,570.47 (2/28/26)

Interest Earned 3/31/26: \$1,475.09

Interest Earned 4/30/26: \$1,216.88

Current Balance: \$559,909.84

Checks Cleared:

#1010 – Camille Rangel: \$119,700.00 (3077 School Lane)

#1011 – Camille Rangel: \$21,300.00 (3231 McIntyre Road)

#1012 – Chastain & Associates: \$2,952.60

#1013 – Valu Pros: \$18,000

#1014 – Jo Carroll Depot LRA: \$112,400.00 (Lots 2 & 3 in Parcel 1/Parade Grounds)

Apple River State Bank

Previous Balance: \$6,425.28

Checks Cleared & Fees: None

Upcoming:

WSP – Port Master Planning: The LRA paid \$21,916.30 on Invoice #40297480. WSP sent the required paperwork to the state and federal offices for reimbursement. Once received by the UMRIPD, they will reimburse the LRA \$21,916.30. The LRA will make the final payment of \$100,000.00.

Current Balance: \$6,425.28

- c. Jo-Carroll Local Redevelopment Authority.** The LRA board meeting was held 5/6/2026 at 15:00. Ms. Roche provided an update on the PFAS Investigation conducted by the Army that was discussed at the LRA meeting. Discussion followed on PFAS regulatory standards.

VII. Public Comment –

- Mr. Falk asked for clarification on the future EPA Public meeting. Mr. Davies provided information on what the Clean Ports Program and Public Meeting entails. Mr. Davies clarified that the Clean Ports Program is concerned with emissions reductions within the port district that spans Carroll and Jo Daviess counties.
- Mr. Falk asked for clarification on how the Port District purchases property from the LRA and other privately owned site property. Hasn't the LRA already sold that property? Ms. Roche clarified that the land the LRA has sold and will be selling to the Port has always been LRA property. The Army transferred it to the

LRA under the no-cost EDC (economic development conveyance) once it was deemed clean by the Army and regulators. Any privately owned property that has been acquired by the Port was transferred to the LRA first as required by the BRAC process. The tenant had a Lease in Furtherance of Conveyance (LIFOC) on certain property which required the LRA to then transfer that property to them to be used for economic development purposes.

- Ms. Regez asked where the actual Port Master Plan can be found online, as both links on the website lead to just the slideshow that was presented. Mr. Davies stated that due to the large size of the file it could not be made into an effective link on the site, but that he would provide the file to Ms. Regez.
- Ms. Regez asked for the status with the COE for the fleeting permits. Ms. Roche stated that nothing had been received as of date, but that the application had been confirmed to be received.
- Ms. Regez asked for a list of transactions related to the CIP Grant. Ms. Roche stated that information can be found in the minutes of the meetings. Ms. Regez thought that was a task and asked if she could be sent a list of the expenses for the CIP grant.
- Mr. Falk stated that he would like the meetings to be later in the day. Ms. Martelle stated that the current time worked best for the businesses that are situated in the Industrial Park, as these meetings are centered around the development of the park and directly affects them. Commissioner Keefer stated that it could be discussed further.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Wand, to adjourn at 2:55 pm CDT, unanimously approved by voice vote.