

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a North Mankato Port Authority Commission meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 16, 2023.

Treasurer Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. The following were present: Commissioners Whitlock, Steiner, Oachs and Farforth, Assistant Treasurer Ryan, Executive Vice President McCann, and Secretary Van Genderen. Absent: Executive Commissioner Olenius and Commissioner Peterson.

#### Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Steiner moved, seconded by Commissioner Whitlock, to approve the minutes of the Port Authority meeting of August 21, 2023. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Steiner, Whitlock, Farforth, and Carlson, aye, no nays. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Bills

Commissioner Oachs moved, seconded by Commissioner Whitlock, to Approve the bills. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Steiner, Whitlock, Farforth, and Carlson, aye, no nays. Motion carried.

#### Resolution Providing for the Defeasance of the Authority's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B, and Authorizing the execution of an Escrow Agreement.

Executive Vice President McCann introduced Mary Ippel of Taft Law via Zoom to discuss the resolution. Ms. Ippel reported the Port Authority has outstanding bonds concerning the Norwood Inn property. The Port Authority has sold the property, and it is in the best interest of the City to defease the funds, put the money into a security escrow, and pay the bonds when they are due or callable. No interest will accrue on the funds after the call date. The resolution authorizes the acquisition of securities to be used solely to pay the bonds. The bonds will be called, and the Port will pay back the bonds. Once the bonds are in escrow, they will no longer be considered outstanding debt. Ms. Ippel noted that the securities will be invested according to State law and will be safe securities. Council Member Oachs requested clarification on whether the bonds would affect budgeting. Ms. Ippel stated the bonds would no longer appear on outstanding debt reports. Commissioner Whitlock moved, seconded by Commissioner Steiner, to Adopt Resolution Providing for the Defeasance of the Authority's Outstanding Taxable General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021B, and Authorizing the Execution of an Escrow Agreement. Vote on the motion: Oachs, Steiner, Whitlock, Farforth, and Carlson, aye, no nays. Motion carried.

#### Other Business

None

#### Open Meeting to the Public

Barb Church, 102 Wheeler Avenue, appeared before the Port Authority and asked if the

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Port Authority made a profit, and if they did, why can the Port not just pay off the debt? Executive Vice President McCann reported that when bonds are sold, there is an agreement that the investors will have a guaranteed return on their investment. The minimum time period before bonds can be paid off is 8 years, so the investors have a return.

There being no further business, Commissioner Steiner moved, seconded by Commissioner Oachs, to adjourn. Vote on the motion: all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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President

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Secretary