



# SIREPA

## SOUTHEAST IOWA REGIONAL ECONOMIC & PORT AUTHORITY

Minutes of the SIREPA Board of Directors  
Friday, October 2, 2020  
Via Zoom or in Person at SEIRPC Offices  
211 N Gear Avenue, West Burlington, IA

I. **Call to Order at 3:03 p.m. by Mike Hickey**

Roll Call:

Members Present via Zoom: Director Denise Boyer (*Chair*); Director Mike Hickey (*Vice Chair*); Director Michael Dunn (*Treasurer*) via Zoom; Director Jack Smith via Zoom; Director Bob Dodds; Director Bruce Hardy; Gary Folluo (*Ex-Officio*) in person; Rick Larkin (*Ex-Officio*); Matt Larson, Iowa Treasurer's Office (*Ex-Officio*) via Zoom

Members Absent:

SEIRPC Staff Present: Mike Norris, Zach James, and Sherri Jones

Guest(s) Present: Charles Bell, David Varley, and Jim Dennis all via Zoom

II. **Consider Approval of Agenda (Board Action):**

Smith made a motion to approve the October 2, 2020 meeting agenda, second by Hickey. All ayes, motion carried.

III. **Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes (Board Action):**

Hickey made a motion to approve the September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes, second by Dodds. All ayes, motion carried.

IV. **Port Statistical Areas (Recommendation from subcommittee, Board Action):**

The PSA subcommittee (Denise Boyer and Mike Dunn) met after the September board of directors meeting to discuss and make a recommendation on which port board to join. They determined that Mid-America Port Commission (MAPC) is a long-standing group uniting Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri, and is a turnkey port statistical area. Boyer is going to serve on the MAPC board representing Lee County since there is an opening, and Charles Bell said she will be a great addition. Hickey made a motion to join the Mid-America Port Commission (MAPC) upon recommendation of the subcommittee, second by Hardy. All ayes, motion carried.

**V. Update Bylaws (draft bylaws, Board Action):**

Jack Smith and Bob Dodds reviewed the bylaws and made some updates including: making the language consistent with resolutions regarding terms of directors, clarifying closed session voting procedures, correcting errors referring to SIREPA as a corporation instead of an authority, and correcting typing mistakes. Attorney Jim Dennis talked about Director and Member liability and the importance in understanding how SIREPA should enter into projects. Dennis said that SIREPA Bylaws and Iowa Code state political subdivisions are not liable for debts of the Port Authority and directors are not responsible for debts of the corporation. Smith was concerned if liability could pass to cities and counties. Dennis said he will research the statutes. Boyer made a motion to update the bylaws as presented, second by Dunn. All ayes, motion carried.

**VI. Closed Session (Board Action):**

Boyer made a motion to go into Closed Session at 3:41 p.m. for the purpose of: To discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property as per State Code, Chapter 21.5.1(j), second by Smith. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

**VII. To go back into regular meeting (Board Action):**

Hickey made a motion to go back into regular meeting at 4:04 p.m., second by Hardy. A roll call vote was taken. All ayes, motion carried.

**VIII. Matters from the Floor:**

None

**IX. Consider Adjournment (Board Action):**

Hickey made a motion to adjourn at 4:06 p.m., second by Hardy. All ayes, motion carried.