

**City Council Annual (2010) Workshop Report**  
**Red Wing Port Authority • Ole Miss Marina**  
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**Red Wing Port Authority:**

In 2009 the Red Wing Port Authority consisted of three full-time employees (Myron White, Executive Director, Shari Chorney, Business Development Director, and Missy Voth, Executive Assistant).

The Executive Director of the Port reports to a seven member Board of Directors appointed to six year terms by the Mayor and approved by Council. Port staff provides support to the Harbor Commission as well as the Port Real Estate, Loan Review, Budget and Finance, Personnel and Marketing and Public Relations Committees. Staff is also in regular attendance at Red Wing 2020, Red Wing Manufacturers, Downtown Main Street, Department/Division Head and most recently Mayor's Blue Ribbon meetings.

**2009 Projects:**

**Budget/Finance:** The Port Budget/Finance Committee, Board and Staff spent a tremendous amount of time on the budgeting and cash deficit issues in 2009. Budget cuts and reductions in staff time were implemented for 2010.

**Refined Skin:** The Port Authority provided loan funds to Refined Skin, currently located in the St. James Hotel.

**HBC and Fiber:** The fiber initiative continued throughout much of 2009. The process resulted in an HBC application for federal stimulus dollars in August. Staff from the Port and Information Technology continue to work closely with HBC on the fiber initiative.

**Red Wing Shoe:** Staff kept contact with Red Wing Shoe on their retail operation in Downtown Red Wing, Plant One and on possible outcomes from the closure of their Kentucky operations.

**Real Estate Committee:** Worked on land sale guidelines and covenants to the Port property at Highway 61/19.

**Downtown Action Plan:** Members of the Staff and Board participated in the Downtown Action Plan process.

**Red Wing 2020:** Worked with the Executive Committee, Board and Infrastructure Committee on 2020 initiatives.

**Business Retention:** Shari from our staff received certification as a Business Retention and Expansion Project Coordinator. Besides attending and participating in Red Wing Manufacturers meetings she also made retention calls to Hydratight, Central Research, HydroControl, Mactech, Red Wing Shoe, Rockland Flooring, Norwood, Stencil Cutting, Red Wing Construction and Elektro Assemblies.

**Harbor Commission and Ole Miss Marina:** The Harbor Commission is a 5 member advisory board to the Port Board.

Ole Miss Marina has one full time employee (Kevin Traster, Marina Manager) and several seasonal employees.

**Boat Storage:** In compliance with the Riverfront Plan, Ole Miss completed work on an expanded boat storage facility along Levee Road.

**Electrical:** Buried once overhead electrical lines over Levee Road.

**Mehrkens:** Our floating crane, the Mehrkens, underwent extensive renovation and upgrades in 2009; new floats/pontoons, deck improvements (non-slip surfaces), new motors, environmentally friendly hydraulic oils, and some miscellaneous safety upgrades. The Mehrkens should serve us well for years and years.

**Leases:** Worked on and forwarded recommendations on leases to the Cruiser Club and Artco Fleeting.

**Abandon Boats:** In our work to vacate the former Ole Miss Boat Storage facility we have begun the process to declare unclaimed boats abandon and thus subject to sheriff sale.

**No Wake Zone:** Responded to request to establish additional no wake zone. Held public feedback session and forwarded recommendation not to support the proposed no wake.

**Conservation Easement:** Worked to provide input into the proposed riverfront conservation easement.