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Indiana Ports Commission Wage Committee Votes to Lower Wages in Clark County by 40%

Clark County Businesses Will Suffer as a Result

Jeffersonville, October 20, 2014: On October 13, a Ports of Indiana Commission wage determination committee for Clark County voted to lower wages on Clark County ports projects by as much as 40%. The committee voted for the lower wage scale presented by the Associated Builders and Contractors trade association commonly known as the “ABC.”

The vote tally in favor of setting the lower wage was 3 Yes votes to 2 No votes. The wage committee members voted as follows:

- Brian Lenfert – Voted Yes – for the lower wage
- Rodney Gross – Voted Yes – for the lower wage
- Jennifer Stucker – Voted Yes – for the lower wage
- William Deaton – Voted No – for the lower wage
- John Perkins – Voted No – for the lower wage

INCIN contacted committee member Brian Lenfert for his comments on why he voted to lower wages in Clark County. Even though the wage committee is a public body, Mr. Lenfert refused to explain his reason for his vote saying only he “would rather not share that.” Mr. Lenfert also holds a seat as Clark County Council for the 2nd District and is up for reelection in November.

INCIN also contacted John Perkins for his comments on the vote. Mr. Perkins spoke at length about the vote and his disappointment in the final vote tally. Perkins, speaking of the three committee members who voted to lower wages, said, “The facts presented at the wage committee hearing didn’t seem to matter to them, they paid no attention whatsoever to the substantiated evidence which was presented in favor of the most commonly paid wage in this county.” Perkins added, “I think they were told to vote to lower the wages by their folks in Indianapolis no matter what the actual substantiated evidence showed.”

Rodney Gross, the third no vote on the wage committee, could not be reached for comment.

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