

Harbor Commission

The Harbor Commission was started in 1961. The Red Wing Harbor Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Red Wing Port Authority. The board was originally in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The Harbor Commission oversees the management and supervision of all harbors, rivers, the waterfront and all other navigable waters within the city.

The first reading of the ordinance was at the July 6, 1961 City Council meeting. The ordinance proposed a commission made up of three members appointed by the mayor, and approved by the council. Ordinance No. 521 Created the Harbor Commission. The Harbor Commission held its organizational meeting on November 14, 1961.

The Harbor Commission powers were changed in 1986 after the forming of the Port Authority. Before the Harbor Commission was advisory to the Council. After the Port Authority was formed the Harbor Commission would now be an advisor to the Port Authority. This was done due to the overlap in some duties in water front areas.

The current Harbor Commission is made up of six members three members are chosen by the mayor and approved by the City Council. Three are chose by the Port Authority President and approved by the Port Authority. The final member is chosen by the Mayor and approved by the City Council and Port Authority. The Harbor Commission is advisory to the Port Authority.