

January 22, 2024

Meeting of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors. Present were Vince Dugan, James Hawks, J. Patrick Keenan, Dwight Porter, Michael Steele, Kimberly Steger, LeAnn Ellis and Kevin Tighe. Absent was Kirk Olson. Also in attendance were Chris Bruns, Tyler Volkmer, Gary Person and members in the audience. Chairman Dugan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Dugan announced that the Open Meeting Act with amendments is posted for public review and Board of Directors will comply with the open meeting requirements.

J Patrick Keenan moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2023, meeting. Michael Steele seconded the motion. Present and voting aye: Tighe, Hawks, Steger, Ellis, Dugan, Keenan, Porter, Steele. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board considered Resolution No. 2024-1 which ratified and formalized prior board action taken on September 25, 2023 which approved application to Nebraska Site and Building Development Subaccount Grant Funds. James Hawks moved to approve the Resolution. LeAnn Ellis seconded the motion. Roll call votes were recorded. Present and voting Aye: Dugan, Porter, Hawks, Keenan, Steger, Tighe, Steele and Ellis. Nay: None

Commissioner Bruns gave an update of DED developments and gave an outline of projects being proposed for Site and Building Development Funds Subaccount Grant Funds:

- 1) Rail car mover/locomotive \$600,000 to \$1,200,000
- 2) Additional track running parallel to UPRR track; concrete and dirt work \$4,000,000, track \$3,500,000
- 3) Cranes/Freight loading and unloading equipment; \$300,000 - \$750,000 depending upon lift capacity
- 4) Waste-Water Infrastructure, including a lagoon with capacity of 92,000 domestic strength gallons/day \$1,200,000
- 5) Electrical Infrastructure including a substation \$4,500,000 for transmission lines and \$6,000,000 for substation (2-3 year wait list so important to begin process now)

Bruns indicated DED would consider advancing in \$5,000,000 increments, considering next increment when first increment had been spent. A question was asked about including the cost of a consultant and DED indicated that was a valid request. Gary Person encouraged the use of Paul Hentschke of TranSystem.

Chairman Vince Dugan had to leave the meeting due to another engagement and turned leadership of the meeting over to Vice Chairman J Patrick Keenan.

Gary Person gave an update on Nebraska Legislature AM2075, which amended LB164. This amendment proposes changes to the Inland Port Authority Act which was enacted in 2021 and under which this Port Authority was created. It also provides funding for a port authority in North Omaha which has not been created at this time, there would be no other beneficiaries of this funding. Board discussed the merits of formally opposing this bill; no action was taken.

Several directors indicated they would oppose the individually, Mr. Person encouraged opposition.

Finance Committee presented a Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense Report and a 2024 Budget; the only expense was the Treasurer Bond at \$468.00. Budget income and expenses are minimal at this time, budget will be revised as changes occur in Port circumstances.
A UEI number has been applied for and ID assignment is pending.

Facilities Committee provided an update for the logo design contest. North Platte Community College has a class that would be willing to be involved in the contest or they have a student that needs internship hours. Board provided some general guidance but did not want to stifle the creativity of designers.

Executive Committee reported about meeting to discuss the Site and Building Development Funds Subaccount grant application. They will follow up with the consultant search committee that was appointed in September.

Gary Person updated us on Development Corporation work on the Rail Park and other items related to the Port of the Plains.

New Business: None

Keenan acknowledged guests and gave them an opportunity to speak. All declined.

Keenan adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Advance notice and agenda for the January 22, 2024, inland port board meetings were sent to the Inland Port Board members and all others requesting the same. Advance public notice (includes agenda) of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors meeting was posted at the Lincoln County Courthouse, City Hall, Village of Hershey and the Lincoln County website on January 17, 2024, and was also emailed to the media on January 17, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday February 26, 2024, will be kept continually current and open for inspection at the office of the Lincoln County Board Assistant. The regular meeting of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors will be at the Trego/Dugan Aviation, FNBO, 2nd Floor, 201 N Dewey, North Platte, NE at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Board Secretary