

July 22, 2024

Meeting of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors. Present were Vince Dugan, J. Patrick Keenan, Kirk Olson, Dwight Porter, Michael Steele, and Kimberly Steger. Absent was LeAnn Ellis, James Hawks, and Kevin Tighe. Chair 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.

Keenan moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting. Steele seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

#### Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Steele presented balance sheet/profit and loss statement. Keenan asked if the port could repay the County's loan with the grant funds and if the County is wanting that paid soon. Joe Hewgley stated that would be discussed in the Commissioner meeting. Steele stated grant funds may not be eligible to repay the loan. Dugan questioned the 2 ¼% interest rate. Steele stated he would check in and see if they could get a better rate.

Steger moved to approve the finance committee report. Porter seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

Facilities: Olson stated nothing to report. Steele asked about an agreement with the County or asking permission.

Executive: Dugan stated the committee met and discussed a step process with TranSystems for drop and pull and trans loading facility and the process to obtain and RFP. They would like to meet with TranSystems within the next 10 days and discuss the timeline. Steele mentioned that in May the committee appointed to meet with consultant was Dugan, Keenan, Hawks and Porter. Steele moved to approve the Executive committee report. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. "Nays" none. Motion carried

#### Discussion on drop & pull and trans loading facility.

Keenan moved to authorize the Chair to seek a bid from TranSystems to prepare design documents and Request For Proposal for Drop & Pull and transloading facility. Porter seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

#### Update from Development Corporation-

Person updated the Board. They have been working with Village of Hershey and the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for annexation will be in August. The Hershey Comprehensive Plan will include the railpark. The Group met with soybean crush plant, Walter Cronin and at this time a smaller crush plant is an option with possible future expansion. Gary stated he would like to meet with the executive committee to discuss a specific project that will impact the rail park.

Dugan asked if there was anyone in the public that wanted to speak. No public comment.

Steger moved to go into closed session to discuss strategy with respect to pending or imminent litigation, real estate purchase. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. “Nays” none. Motion carried

Dugan stated that he would like the Board members to stay as well as Joe Hewgley and Chris Bruns.

Chairman Dugan restated the motion for closed session.

Steele moved to enter into open session at 3:38 p.m. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Keenan moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m. Steger seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, and Steger. “Nays” none. Motion carried

Advance notice and Amended agenda for the July 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 July 18, 2024, and was also emailed to the media on July 18, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday August 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 Lincoln County Commissioner’s Room, Lincoln County Courthouse, 301 North Jeffers, North Platte, NE at 2:00 p.m.

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