

August 13, 2024

Meeting of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors. Present were Vince Dugan, James Hawks, J. Patrick Keenan, Kirk Olson, Dwight Porter, Michael Steele, Kimberly Steger and Kevin Tighe. Absent was LeAnn Ellis. Chair Dugan called the meeting to order at 2:02 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.

Dugan stated the reason for the joint meeting is to discuss how entities will work together and make the rail park and port authority successful.

Gary Person gave an overview of the process of creation of rail park and port authority.

Dugan asked for public comment. There was none.

Hawks moved to go into closed session at 2:53 p.m. to discuss the potential lease/sub lease terms between Lincoln County and the Nebraska International Port of the Plains for property located at 18610 West Highway 30, Hershey, NE. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Steger and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried

Dugan stated that he would like the Board members to stay as well as County Commissioners: Joe Hewgley, Chris Bruns, Micaela Wuehler, Jerry Woodruff and Kent Weems, Tyler Volkmer, Cory Johanson and Gary Person.

Chairman Dugan restated the motion for closed session.

Hawks moved to enter into open session at 4:25 p.m. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Steger and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

Steger moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 p.m. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Steger and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried

Advance notice and agenda for the August 13, 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 August 5, 2024, and was also emailed to the media on August 5, 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.

Submitted by:
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