

September 16, 2024

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

Olson moved to approve the minutes from July 22, 2024, August 13, 2024, and August 26, 2024. Hawks seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report: Steele presented the Balance Sheet. Steger moved to approve the finance report. Hawks seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Logo Design: Board discussed logos presented through the contest at the Prairie Arts Center. Holly Carlini reached out to local artists and several designs were submitted. Olson moved to approve a design with the option of using red instead of blue. Keenan seconded the motion. Hawks will contact Holly to get the name of the artist with the suggested color option. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Estimate for floor repair: An estimate for repairing the floor and filling the holes was reviewed. Dugan has been in contact with other companies to get more estimates. Keenan mentioned holding the next meeting out at the facility for the Board to review and decide necessary repairs. The Board will continue this item to a future meeting.

Executive Committee: Hawks moved to enter into closed session to discuss 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, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Dugan stated the Board will enter into closed session at 2:20 p.m. and invited Gary Person and Joe Hewgley to attend along with the Board members.

Steger moved to enter into open session at 2:49 p.m. Steele seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Steele stated that he would like more clarification on the termination terms of the lease. The Board tabled decision until a future meeting.

Scope of Services agreement: Discussion of not prepaying for services with public funds. Steger moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Scope of Services agreement after negotiating with TranSystems about not prepaying for services and authorizing payment as

progress up to \$114,000. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Gary Person provided update from the Development Corporation. Progress is being made with the Village of Hershey as 2 new planning commission members were recently appointed. Gary will be attending a BioEnergy conference in Omaha. Carbon above ground is important to the Governor.

Public Comment:

Nancy Seifer Nelson asked if the meetings could be streamed through You Tube.

Tom Wolfgang-mentioned that the Greenbrier facility needed some landscaping done.

Steele moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. Olson seconded the motion. Present and voting “aye”: Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Steele, Steger and Tighe. “Nays” none. Motion carried.

Advance notice and agenda for the September 16, 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 September 11, 2024, and was also emailed to the media on September 11, 2024.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday October 28, 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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