

March 31, 2025

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, Dwight Porter, Michael Steele, and Kevin Tighe. Absent was Kimberly Steger. Chair Hawks called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

Tighe moved to approve the minutes from February 24, 2025. Olson seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Steele presented balance sheet and profit/loss statement. Getting 3% interest on account.

Facilities Report: nothing to report

Executive Committee: Hawks reported Transystems has submitted the second submittal to UPRR, hoping for surveyors within the next couple of weeks.

Noffsinger was unavailable-continued to future meeting.

Bruns stated the transfer of real estate has been signed, waiting for documented transfer.

Hawks stated the Executive Committee met and recommend adopting Resolution 2025-01 allowing two signatures from officers rather than one being the Chairman.

Keenan moved to adopt Resolution 2025-01 authorizing two officers to sign checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money. Ellis seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried

Hawks updated the RFQ for local attorney services. He will contact the Telegraph to advertise. Proposals will need to be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2025, will be reviewed by the Committee and formal interview with the selection committee before May 30, 2025.

Public Comment-Mick Inman asked who will own the rail once constructed. The Inland Port will own the rail.

Hawks stated there is a need for a closed session.

Dugan moved to enter into closed session at 2:27 p.m. to discuss real estate purchase. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried.

Hawks stated the Board will enter into closed session and asked Gary Person, Chris Bruns, Micaela Wuehler and Tammy White to stay in the room.

Keenan moved to come out of closed session at 2:54 p.m. Ellis seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele and Tighe. "Nays" none. Motion carried

No action after the closed session was taken.

Hawks adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Advance notice and agenda for the March 31, 2025, 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 March 21, 2025, and was also emailed to the media on March 21, 2025.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Monday April 28, 2025, 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 18610 W Highway 30, Hershey, NE 69143 at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:
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