

January 20, 2026

Special 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, Robert Stefka and Kevin Tighe. Absent was Leann Ellis and Michael Steele. Attorney Kendra Strommen was present. 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.

Keenan moved to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025. Tighe seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Finance Committee report will be moved to January 26, 2026

Facilities Report: Stefka reported on the equipment that has arrived. The County has fixed furnaces and sprinkler system. They will be filling the pits with sand. Stefka requested to have an item added to the Agenda at the next meeting regarding the additional cost for the ramps to the scale and purchasing a scale house.

Executive Committee: Hawks stated the executive committee met and discussed the proposed agreements. Gary Person is in Lincoln testifying in support of LB 719.

Strommen discussed the Amendment to the Industrial Park Spur Line agreement. Board discussed Customer and Operator obligations. Board agreed Strommen will contact Grit Group LLC attorney to discuss further clarification. Keenan moved to table item #4. Stefka seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Stewart questioned contract questions. He also mentioned that Scoular has scales that could be used. He asked about sewer and water.

Dugan moved to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Olson seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Advance notice and agenda for the January 20, 2026, 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 15, 2026, and was also emailed to the media on January 15, 2026.

The agenda for the meetings to be held on Wednesday February 25, 2026, 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 Nebraska International Port of the Plains facility located at 18610 W Highway 30, Hershey, 69143.

Submitted by:  
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