

September 8, 2026 Special Meeting

Meeting of the Nebraska International Port of the Plains Board of Directors. Present were Vince Dugan, Leeann Ellis, James Hawks, J. Patrick Keenan, Kirk Olson, Dwight Porter, Michael Steele, Robert Stefka and Kevin Tighe. 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.

Olson moved to enter into closed session at 2:01 p.m.. Dugan seconded the motion. Hawks stated the Committee, Gary Person, Joe Hewgley, Kendra Strommen, Spiros Monastiriotis, Paul Hentschke of GFT Inc, and Tammy White will stay in the closed session. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

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

Paul Hentschke of GFT Inc. stated that the low verified bidders are: KRW for \$7,386,131.02 and R&S Contracting for \$6,074,182 for a total of \$13,460,313.02.

Dugan moved to accept the verified bids of KRW for \$7,386,131.02 and R&S Contracting for \$6,074,182 for a total of \$13,460,313.02. for construction of 3 tracks for 2026/2027. Keenan seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Grant application:

Keenan moved to authorize the Chair and finance director to move forward with a grant application through the Economic Development administration and work through West Central Development District as primary applicant. Ellis seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Tighe moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Stefka seconded the motion. Present and voting "aye": Dugan, Ellis, Hawks, Keenan, Olson, Porter, Steele, Stefka and Tighe."Nays" none. Motion carried.

Advance notice and agenda for the September 8, 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 September 2, 2026, and was also emailed to the media on September 2, 2026.

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