

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FREMONT MUNICIPAL INLAND PORT AUTHORITY

Regular meeting of the Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority was called to order by Chairman Dave Heineman at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the RVR Bank Education Center, 1005 East 23rd Street, Fremont, Nebraska. Roll Call taken showed the following commissioners present: Dave Heineman, Christy Fiala, Jennifer Greunke, Fred Mytty, Steve Pribnow, and Paul Vaughan. Absent: Joe Sajevic. Chairman Heinemann said Mr. Sajevic is attending his nephew's wedding in Colorado and couldn't attend this meeting. He stated notice of the meeting was legally published and posted at the Municipal Building and at the Courthouse. He also said a copy of the "Open Meetings Law" is posted on the wall as required by law. He also stated that the Agenda was on the Dodge County's website.

The Authority unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

The Authority unanimously approved the proceedings of the meeting held April 16, 2024.

Chairman Heinemann opened "Discussion/Possible Action on Contract for Nebraska Site and Building Development Fund (SBDF) - Municipal Inland Port Authority Sub – Account Award" by thanking Megan Skiles, Executive Director of Greater Fremont Economic Development (GFDC), Fremont Mayor Spellerberg and Chairman Missel of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors for getting to this point of making progress for the Authority. Ms. Skiles said the Nebraska Department of Economic Development has authorized a grant of a maximum of \$2 million with a minimum of \$1 million if the agreement is signed. She added the proposed plan is to pave Morningside Road from the ending pavement near Highway 275-77 bypass to the Fremont Wastewater Treatment Center with two lanes of traffic with an additional turning lane with curb, gutters, and sidewalks. The Burns McDonnell study estimates the cost at \$9,600,000. Authority member, Paul Vaughan, former County Attorney, reviewed the agreement. He said it's a standard state agreement which requires reporting, auditing, and timeframes. County Chairman Missel said he had a meeting with key officials from the Board and highway department and they were in favor of proceeding with the project. Ms. Skiles also stated there is a \$2,000,000 grant pending with the federal government through Congressman Flood and Senator Fisher. Chairman Heinemann said those funds won't be decided until after the presidential election and the current continuing resolution of the federal budget expires November 17, 2024. The Authority unanimously approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the agreement between the Authority and Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

The Authority unanimously authorized Treasurer Steve Pribnow to open an account with RVR Bank to accept these funds and possible other funds and authorized Chairman Heinemann and Vice Chairman Vaughan to sign signature

cards with the bank. (According to the Authority's bylaws, all checks authorized by the Authority must have the Treasurer's signature along with the Chairman or Vice Chairman's signature. Mr. Pribnow said he doesn't envision very many checks issued and an audit of the Authority could be handled by an addendum to the county's auditing agreement.)

The Board then discussed the Morningside Project. Jeff Shanahan, General Manager of the Fremont Department of Utilities, said it would make sense to add a water line to be included under the road in the project. It is proposed the Authority will solicit bids on an engineering firm to oversee the project: from drawing up plans and bidding specifications, reviewing the contractor bids, and reviewing progress of the project and progress payments on the project. More action will be taken once grant money is deposited in our account.

At 4:32 P.M., the Authority unanimously passed a motion to adjourn. The Chairman adjourned the meeting with no scheduled meetings upcoming and any future meeting will follow the notice requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Fred Mytty
Secretary