

## **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, February 12, 2025, in the RVR Bank Education Center, 1005 East 23rd Street, Fremont, Nebraska. Roll Call taken showed the following commissioners present: Dave Heineman, Christy Fiala, Joe Sajevic, Fred Mytty, Steve Pribnow, and Paul Vaughan. Absent: Jennifer Greunke. Chairman Heineman said Ms. Greunke was ill. He stated the 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 Dodge County's website.

Chairman Heineman opened by thanking city and county representatives for their cooperation with the Authority.

The Authority unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

The Authority unanimously approved the proceedings of the meeting held October 16, 2024, with corrected spelling of a name.

He then introduced Scott Huppert, Dodge County's Highway Superintendent, who prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for someone to draw up plans and supervise the construction of a proposed 3 lane extension of pavement of Morningside Road from the Hwy 275 Bypass to the City Waste Treatment Center, about two miles long. This roadway borders the southern border of the Inland Port Authority's zoning designated area. The Proposal includes utilities extensions of gas and water lines suggested by the City of Fremont Utilities General Manager, Jeff Shanahan. The 38 feet roadway also includes replacing or widening a bridge along the route. Mr. Huppert said it takes three to six months to begin construction once plans are approved and any right-of-way is required to be purchased. He thought the engineering study should cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000. (The Authority is expected to get \$2,000,000 from the State Economic Development Department within a few weeks.) Mr. Huppert said the plan drawings can last up to three years before construction. The Authority is seeking more funds from various sources. Mr. Huppert concluded that having bid openings for the construction next January would be ideal since contractors would like to have their schedule set for the year. Mr. Huppert's RFP has a deadline of February 28, 2025, for engineering firms to submit their proposal.

After the proposals are received, three members of the county board and himself will study them and offer one for the county's approval. The Authority unanimously passed a motion to add Authority member, Paul Vaughan, to the review committee.

Chairman Heineman said he and Megan Skiles, Executive Director of Greater Fremont Economic Development (GFDC), will attend the County Board meeting of February 19, 2025, and the City Council meeting of February 25, 2025, to update these public bodies on the Authority's progress.

At 4:35 P.M., the Authority unanimously passed a motion to adjourn. The Chairman adjourned the meeting with the next tentatively scheduled meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. (The determining factors of another meeting are payment of contractor bills and review progress reports.)

Fred Mytty  
Secretary