**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 Tuesday, April 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, Joe Sajevic, and Paul Vaughan. Absent: None. 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.

The Authority unanimously approved the agenda as submitted.

The Authority unanimously approved the proceedings of the meeting held August 30, 2023.

Steven Beam, via telephone and PowerPoint Presentation, gave the highlights of the study done by his team’s firm, Burns McDonnell. The study requires an investment of over 50 million dollars in Morningside Road Improvements, $9,600,000, New County Road & Railroad Grade Separation, $19,500,000, Phase 1 Rail Service Improvements, $13,700,000 and a 24” water main extension, $6,500,000. In addition, there will be costs associated with the Stormwater Detention Pond, which is a joint project with NRD’s, FEMA, & local jurisdictions. He said the priority projects are the Morningside Road and Railroad Improvements. He also mentioned the layout of lots and sizes of lots could be changed from their study.

Megan Skiles, Executive Director of Greater Fremont Economic Development (GFDC), started the discussion on an application for Nebraska Municipal Inland Port Authority Act dollars saying the Nebraska Department of Economic Development had $5 million for port authorities. She said they want to review applications to award recipients $2,000.000 at a time. She said there is funding available in this fiscal year and wants to make an application by the end of May.

The Authority unanimously passed an amended motion to authorize the Inland Port Authority to proceed with developing the proposed Infrastructure Improvement Project by submitting an application to The Nebraska Department of Economic Department (DED) requesting Site and Building Development Fund (SBDF) Subaccount grant funds, and designate Megan Skiles, as President and CEO of the Greater Fremont Development Council to submit the application for us, and further designate her and Inland Port Authority Board Member Paul Vaughan to, execute a (SBDF) Subaccount agreement, and execute any and all related SBDF Subaccount documents between the Inland Port Authority and DED.

At 4:40 P.M., the Authority unanimously went into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate strategy and for the further reason that the executive session is necessary for the protection of the public interest.

At 5:10 P.M., the Authority unanimously passed a motion to return to open session. No action was needed as a result of the executive session.

At 5:11 P.M., 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