BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. at the Police Department Municipal Courtroom located at 430 North Brazosport Boulevard for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

John Smith III, President    Jacque Cundieff, Vice-President (Absent)
Ronald Theriot, Treasurer    Norma Garcia, Secretary
Louis Jones                 Carlos Martinez (Absent)
Mark Wessels

Visitors: Gary Beverly and Patrick Gore

OPEN MEETING

Mr. Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 02/14/08 MEETING

The minutes were approved on motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wessels with all present voting aye.

REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES

The listing of expenditures was approved on motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Theriot with all present voting aye.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE BIDS RECEIVED ON MARCH 5, 2008 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRICO DOCK

The bids received on March 5, 2008 were accepted on motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Ms. Garcia with all present voting aye.
CONSIDER AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRICO DOCK

J & S Contractors, Inc. was awarded the job on motion by Mr. Theriot, seconded by Ms. Garcia with all present voting aye.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A meeting was held in Angleton with TXDOT and Bio Landscaping concerning the Phase 2 beautification project. The actual amount of material to be removed in order to get to regular soil is proving to be significantly more than indicated in the drawings. This is causing more work on the contractor resulting in more cost. Instructions were given to TXDOT and the contractor calling for an estimate of how much extra cost is involved with the goal of keeping the project cost the same by reducing the extent of the project accordingly.

USACE has informed us that the Port’s Birth 5 project had taken up all of their time lately. That is why we don’t have the permit for the Trico dock at this time. They indicate that priority will be given to our project in order to expedite the permit. Several weeks will be required to get the materials together for construction of the dock so lack of a permit should not delay the project.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Theriot with all present voting aye.

These minutes read and approved this _____ day of ______________, 2008.

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John Smith III, President

ATTEST

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Norma Garcia, Secretary