

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

CITY OF FREEPORT

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, April 9th, 2009, at the Freeport City Council Chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Dan Tarver (President)
Lila Diehl (Secretary)
Gilbert Cuellar (absent)
William Rains

Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Bobby Jo Casale (absent)
Johnny McQuaig

Visitors in attendance

Mr. Damian, Rex Maugans, Wright Gore III, Larry and Judy Shaefer, Eric Hayes, Larry and Rosa McDonald, Nat Hickey, Steven Hooper, Mr. & Mrs Perrung.

OPEN MEETING

Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SECTION 551.072

Deliberations concerning the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property when deliberation in an open meeting might have a detrimental affect on the position of the Board of Directors in negotiations with a third person, to-wit: Western Seafood

ACTION AS A RESULT OF ITEM #2 EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No Action.

CONSIDERATION APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/26/2009 MEETING.

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to approve the minutes of the March 26th, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

ACTING PROJECT MANAGER’S REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nat Hickey reported, that Dan Tarver, Bobby Casale, Rene Damian and Nat met with the County and Tex Dot people regarding the location of the Dry Stack bldg. After discussion

there were possibly three major problems to be addressed – (a) removing approx 20’ from the west end of the building, (b) the concrete barrier for the levee system and (c) the foundation of the building if the existing structure had to be modified. The consensus was to try to determine an equitable solution, and that both Dan and the City Manager are working on this project.

Pump Out Station:

A request for a grant has been submitted.

Dredging:

Mike sorrel has been working on dredging the location the past week. Much debris has been pulled including tires, nets, cable, piling. The past week end a smell of hydrocarbons was detected, however, as of now the smell seems to have evaporated. We are right on schedule with this project. Wednesday the Corps of Engineers representatives were down checking the depths and measuring the completed bulk heading.

Trico:

Demolition of the Trico Structures basically complete. The steel structure of the building is yet to be removed. Forbes to complete bulkheading at Trico property.

Commercial Easement:

The 2nd of 5 payments to the State for Commercial Easement rent in the amount of \$15,000 is due. Purchase order is written pending approval.

Floating Docks:

Contract documents have been forwarded to Seadock for signature. Work should begin shortly after dredging is complete.

Abandoned, Wrecked or Derelict Vessels – FYI

After Brazoria County Day in Austin, the City Manager reported the State was going to be responsible for the removal of the sunk and derelict vessels in the channel in the general area of the marina. The owners, operators, and/or any person responsible for these vessels were given notice by the General Land Office regarding their removal. This will be at no expense to FEDC or the City.

PROJECT ENGINEER’S REPORT – Rene Damian

Mr. Damian reported that the Trico Demolition – Forbes Construction is 90% complete on the demolition. The State Asbestos permit has been sent off.

Dredging – Mike Sorrell Trucking began dredging last week. They are approximately 50-60% complete with the area on the west side of Pine Street. According to Mr. Sorrell, they are not going to work this weekend and will begin to haul material next week.

Mr. Hickey and Mr. Damian met with the AT&T folds concerning the approximately \$10,300.00 additional costs. After the meeting AT&T is looking to clear all the additional charges.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dan Tarver explained that from now on the EDC would have the Executive Session as item #2 on the agenda, and that we were just trying to get through the easement problem right now.

He also asked that signs be purchased and posted on the waterfront at the old Trico location so boats would not dock there.

He also reported that Mr. Royal was not present at the meeting with Tx Dot , but a letter had been sent to him from Tx Dot giving him 15 days to respond or they would turn it over to the Attorney Generals Office.

Dan has also sent a letter to Mr. Royal requesting funds for expenditures over the original \$6 million dollars, but has not received a response as of yet. Mr. Royal has also not been in contact with the EDC in weekly conference calls.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BOB WELCH AS EDC CORPORATION TREASURER.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to appoint Mr. Welch as the EDC Corporation Treasurer, it was seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Texas GLO Easement Payment - \$15,777.00 – 2nd of 5 payments terminating 3/31/2013
Forbes Construction - \$36,522.00 – 90% OF TRICO Demolition-10% RETAINED
Dan Tarver - \$5.32 – Postage

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to approve the expenditures; it was seconded by Ms. Diehl, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Cameron made a motion to adjourn, Mr. McQuaig seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.