

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, March 12, 2009, at the Freeport City Council Chambers at 403 N. Brazosport Boulevard, for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

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

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

Visitors in attendance

Mr. Maugens, Larry and Rosa McDonald, Rene Damian, Nat Hickey, Nathaniel Lukafer, Mr. Damian.

OPEN MEETING

Clan Cameron called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/5/2009 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. McQuaig to approve the minutes of the March 5th, 2009 meeting, seconded by Ms. Diehl and carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ACTING PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nat Hickey reported that all bills are current, except for billing from Olson & Olson for Wanda Jones and Trico, and these would be on the agenda for March 26, 2009. He also reported that he would issue a purchase order for dredging upon receipt of signed contract.

Forbes is nearing completion on demolition of the old Trico Facilities. Boat shed and docks have been removed. The two (2) story structure is in demolition. Deed to property has been received and filed.

Plans for the ship store facilities in the dry-stack building are being prepared. At last report were over 10% completed.

Acquisition to the Wanda Jones property, old Bank Bldg on Cherry Street is complete.

PROJECT ENGINEERS REPORT – Rene Damian

Rene Damian had nothing to report at this time, except the docks and bids which are on the agenda as item number 7.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The Board had nothing to report at this time.

DISCUSS/CONSIDER BIDS FOR MARINA WET SLIP CONSTRUCTION

Rene Damian reported that two contractors submitted bids for the Marina docks. Shirley and Sons submitted a bid for fixed docks only, in the amount of \$1,699,984.02, their bid did not include the staging docks because they were to be floating. Shoremaster submitted a bid for floating docks only, which did include the staging docks. Their bid was for \$2,030,245.60, which included \$142,002.60 for the staging docks. It was Rene's recommendation to do Docks B, C, and D as fixed docks and Docks F, G and the staging docks as floating docks. By doing it this way it would be a little cheaper and there would be 2 contractors working on the docks at the same time so they could be completed quicker.

Clan Cameron read a statement from Dan Tarver, because he could not be at the meeting, but wanted to make sure that his position was known on the subject of the wet slips. Dan had spoken with Rene and agreed whole heartedly with Rene's recommendation of a mixture of both floating and fixed docks for the Marina project.

The Board discussed the issue and Mr. Maugens stated that he thought that the Board should do all floating docks, because the people he had spoken with, wouldn't want to move their boats unless they could get floating docks. He also thought that if the Board was going to spend this much money then they shouldn't stop short of the best, and the best would be all floating docks. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. McQuaig for all docks to be floating docks. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Casale, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Casale, seconded by Mr. McQuaig and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.