

**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 regular meeting Thursday, February 12th, 2009, at the Freeport City Council Chambers at 1211 Brazosport Boulevard for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

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

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

Visitors in attendance.

Larry McDonald, Rosa McDonald, Rene Damian, Wright Gore III, Eric Hayes, Tobey Davenport, Rex Maugens, Jim Pirrung, Nat Hickey, Melanie Oldham.

**OPEN MEETING**

Dan Tarver called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to approve the minutes from the meetings of January 8th, 2009, January 20th, 2009, and January 22, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rains, and carried unanimously.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Pirrung stated that he didn't think that we should go outside of our community to hire anyone for the Directors job. He also thought that Tobey Davenport would be a good candidate for the position of Director.

Wright Gore III wanted to Thank Clan Cameron and Dan Tarver, along with the rest of the Board for solving the Eminent Domain.

Melanie Oldham, wanted to inform the Board that she was forming a new group "Friends of the Marina".

## ACTING PROJECT MANAGERS REPORT - NAT HICKEY

Nat Hickey reported:

Wanda Jones Project is complete, the payments have been made and the judgment is satisfied. The Title to property is in the name of the City.

Trico Relocation, the Trico exchange of properties is now complete, and deeds to the properties have been filed. The bills have been paid except for the last one to Amco LLC, which has been approved by the Board. Also, the last payment to Olson & Olson for legal fees for \$150.50.

Trico Demolition of the Old Structure, a purchase order for \$40,580.00 has been issued to Forbes Construction Co. for the demolition and removal of debris from the old office building and dock. The project will be completed 30 days from beginning of work.

### Gore Settlement

Western Seafood, Nat reported that the City will be getting back \$219,000 that had been deposited in the Registry of the Court, and that the check was provided to Wright Gore III for \$406,887.06. Western Seafood retains title to property.

Western Shellfish, Nat reported that the City will be getting back \$50,000 that had been deposed in the Registry of the Court, and that the check was provided to Wright Gore III for \$87,053.83. Western Shellfish retains the title to the property.

Freeport Marina LP has requested necessary steps to be taken to purchase the old Trico property, and this will be on the next agenda.

## PROJECT ENGINEERS REPORT - RENE DAMIAN

Rene Damian reported that Forbes Construction has demolished the single story metal building and has begun to remove the docks and pilings in the water.

Wet Slips and Staging Docks, the first and second advertisements were done and the Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 18th 2009, at 2:00 pm.

Dredging of the shoreline for Wet Slips, the original bid for \$40,900 to remove 2,000 cubic yards of in place dredge spoils, will now be \$180,734.79, due to there being 10,000 cubic yards to be removed instead of 2,000 cubic yards.

Consideration for this expenditure would be placed on the next agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- SECTION 551.074

Deliberations concerning the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to-wit: Executive Director

ACTION ITEM AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

A motion was made by Mr. Cameron to wait to do any interviews until it is known how much money there is to pay a new Director, it was seconded by Mr. Casale and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Casale made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Mr. Cameron and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.