

**CITY OF FREEPORT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED that the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Freeport met in a scheduled meeting Thursday, August 27, 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)
Jack Taylor
William Rains

Clan Cameron (Vice-President)
Sandra Wood-Wicke
Larry Shaefer

Visitors in attendance:

Mrs. Shaefer, Eric Hayes, Mr. Forbes, Rene Damian, Wright Gore III, Nat Hickey, Larry and Rosa McDonald.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Clan Cameron, with Lila Diehl, Larry Shaefer Sandra Wood-Wicke, Jack Taylor and William Rains. Dan Tarver was not present.

CONSIDERATION APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF

The minutes were not available and will be approved at the next meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Wright Gore III wanted the Board to know that he appreciated every thing they were doing with the Marina project, the budget etc. He also wanted to welcome the new members to the Board.

ACTING MANAGER'S REPORT – Nat Hickey

Nat had nothing to report, because every thing he was going to report on the agenda, was on the engineer's report.

PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT – Rene Damian

DOCKS

Contractor is caught up to date on dock installation, all that have been shipped are in the water.

Dock B – Main walkway installed and piling driven to rough elevations. No finger piers installed.

Dock C – Main walkway installed and piling driven to rough elevations. No finger piers installed.

Dock D – Main walkway installed and piling driven to rough elevations. No finger piers installed.

Dock F – Main walkway and finger piers installed and piling driven to rough elevations

Dock G – Main walkway and finger piers installed and piling driven to rough elevations

More finger piers to be delivered mid-September

Next week dock contractor and piling contractor will not be on site. Nothing to do until piers come in.

Worker safety continues to be an issue with boats (not shrimp boats) traveling unsafe. Need to install “NO WAKE” signs so waters can be patrolled and enforced.

Keep on the lookout for boats tying up to the docks in the water.

On Sunday, August 16, 2009, Dorsett Brothers brought three barges back to back to back with two tugs. Mr. Hickey and Mr. Lawson on Police boat, Tim Olson (Marine Builders), Mr. Zapata (Dorsett Brothers), and myself were on hand to observe. Barges maneuvered cautiously past the docks with no problems. Much room to spare. Feedback was positive from Dorsett Brothers.

Labor Day Weekend – Some question concerning the use of Dock f for the Houston Yacht Club. There is a liability concern with Shoremaster.

What type of vessels to be tied to docks? Yachts or dinghy

They feel that the docks are good but the gangways are not installed. Need temporary way to get from docks to shore.

Is a crushed concrete walk way necessary? Otherwise walking surface is “fluffy” dirt and any rain will create muddy / slippery conditions.

Resident Complaint – Someone called the Building Dept. concerned about no permit and the piling being at different elevations. A permit for this project was issued on August 6, 2009 and is on-site. Project not complete. Piling will be driven to proper elevations at completion and acceptance of project.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

IAD Architects - \$4,660.10 – Ships Store - Re-agenda 8/13/09

Mr. Shaefer made a motion to table this item until the next meeting,

Ms. Diehl seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Shore Masters -- \$434,644.72 Marina Docks – Re-agenda from 8/13/09
Material only.

Mr. Shaefer made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Mr. Rains and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss/consider laundry, rest room and shower building

Mr. Shaefer made a motion to re-agenda this item until the next meeting
Mr. Rains seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discuss/consider security fencing and cameras

This item will be on the agenda in executive session at the next meeting,

Discuss/consider setting bid date for dredging old Trico area – Re-agenda from 8/13/09

A motion was made by Mr. Rains to table this item giving Rene time to bring drawings to the next meeting. Mr. Shaefer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discuss/consider removal of dirt and debris from south side of levee

This was the big mound of dirt and debris with nets etc. The bid went to Sorrell and they are almost done and should be done by September 1, 2009 the amount Mr. Hickey said was \$24,900.00.

Discuss/consider Texas Parks & Wildlife grant for pump out station

Received a grant for \$25,000.00 for pump out station that needs to be signed. The grant is for 75% and the EDC pays 25%. Mr. Cameron to sign the grant.

Discuss/consider the purchase and installation of four (4) “NO WAKE” buoys for upstream & down-stream of the marina area

Mr. Hickey reported that the buoys should be in the water by next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Section 551.072

Deliberation concerning real property when deliberation in an open meeting may have a detrimental affect on the position of the Board of Directors in financial discussion.

ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF ITEM #14, EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Shaefer made a motion to authorize the EDC Treasurer Mr. Bob Welch, to seek commercial loans and/or a line of credit at favorable terms and rates and consider the possible use of the ½ cent sales tax receipts and/or EDC Real Estate for security. The loans to be used for Marina Project Completion. Mr. Rains seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Mr. Rains made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Wood-Wicke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.