



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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### December 19, 2017 – Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Freeport Economic Development Authority was called to order at 12:00pm by President Tim Hennen, and members, Rodney Atkinson, Dan Roering, and Tom Middendorf attendance.

Staff in attendance: Secretary Adrianna Hennen

Members not in attendance: Jim Hemker and Scott Hoeschen.

#### Approval of the Agenda

Atkinson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Middendorf. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Consent Agenda

Roering moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Atkinson. Motion carried 4-0.

\*Welle arrived.

#### Old Business

##### Xcel Energy

EDA spoke with two Xcel representatives. Xcel will be building a transmission line and are proposing to run the line through the Industrial Park. The proposed line runs along the property line between Whirlwind Steel and Famo Feeds; between Marvin Enterprise and Carr's Tree Service; running West on the North side of 7<sup>th</sup> St SW. The EDA recommended a few alternatives to Xcel which they had either thought about or would take into consideration. It was discussed that it wouldn't negatively affect too many properties since the line would run along property lines and the proposed easement wouldn't be much different than the setback requirements. The proposed transmission line and easement was laid out in a draft easement agreement. City attorney Dymoke had read the agreement before the EDA and had written his opinion which the EDA considered. After much discussion T. Hennen moved to recommend further consideration to the City Council and to wait until affected property owners had made a decision, seconded by Welle. Motion carried 5-0.

##### Housing

Atkinson stated now that the remainder of the Welle Addition had been purchased what Freeport's intentions were with housing and if they want to see anything happen in 2018. EDA stated that they didn't know who purchased the Welle Addition and don't know what the buyers intentions are yet. It was asked if the EDA should pursue Borgerding's property more seriously. It was thought that Hemker had spoken with Borgerding and Borgerding wasn't ready at that time. EDA agreed that was all hear-say and no one knew for sure. It was mentioned that it might be a good idea to invite Borgerding to an EDA meeting and discuss the future with him and his intentions with his property. It was also mentioned that it might be a rude move to work on developing Borgerding's property when the buyer of the Welle Addition might have the intention of developing that as well. It was stated that it might not look fair to all of a sudden have a

competition. Welle stated he knew who purchased the property and hinted towards the idea that he wasn't sure the buyer has any intention on developing the land.

It was decided to invite Neal Borgerding to the next EDA to get his feelings and thoughts about what he plans on doing with his property.

**Adjourn**

T. Hennen moved to adjourn at 1:30, seconded by Roering. Motion carried 5-0.

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Tim Hennen, EDA President

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Adrianna Hennen, Secretary