# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING

PORT OF KENNEWICK

**JANUARY 10, 2012** 

**MEETING MINUTES** 

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Directors President Novakovich called the Economic Development Corporation meeting to order at 2:40 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Port of Kennewick; located at 350 Clover Island Drive, Suite 200, Kennewick, Washington.

**Directors Present:** 

Skip Novakovich, President

David Hanson, Vice President Gene Wagner, Secretary

**Staff Present:** 

Tim Arntzen, Executive Director

Tana Bader Inglima, Director of Governmental Relations & Marketing

Larry Peterson, Director of Planning & Development

Tammy Fine, Director of Finance/Auditor Teresa Hancock, Real Estate Analyst Bridgette Scott, Secretary/Special Projects

Lucinda Luke, Port Counsel

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

## **ELECTION OF 2012 OFFICERS**

<u>MOTION:</u> Commissioner Wagner moved approval of the following slate of officers for Port of Kennewick Board of Commissions, for 2012, effective this 10th day of January 2012: Commissioner Gene Wagner, Secretary; Commissioner David Hanson, Vice President; and Commissioner Skip Novakovich, President. Commissioner Hanson seconded, with no further discussion motion carried unanimously. All in favor 3:0.

## REPORTS, COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Fund Balance

Ms. Fine reported the balance in the Economic Development Fund is \$145.05. No interest is earned on the fund.

## **B.** Non-Scheduled Items

Mr. Arntzen stated staff is researching the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping economic developers do their job more effectively. Members include cities, state, counties, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, utility companies, consultants, redevelopment authorities, and private sector members. Upcoming seminars include real estate development and re-use; business retention and expansion; economic

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development strategic planning, and neighborhood development strategies. The Port is not a member of this organization; however, Mr. Arntzen would like staff to investigate if joining this organization would be beneficial. This might be a way we could use the EDC to provide benefit to the Port. Mr. Novakovich stated the IDEC might be a good tool for our tool box. Commissioner Wagner agreed. By consensus, the Board approved staff to investigate options with the IEDC. A report will be provided at a future meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the Economic Development Corporation meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

**APPROVED:** 

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Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Skip Novakovich, *President* 

David Hanson Virg-President

Gene Wagner Secretary