



**ODESSA PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF October 30, 2008**

THE CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Steven Powell.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Kim Ramm, Todd King, George Rodeck, Jim Walter, Mike Edens, Steven Powell, Clark Kagele

Absent: None

Others Present: Mark DeWulf, Pam Kelley, Larry Condon, Kim King, Mary Daniels and Rex Harder, Sprague PDA

MINUTES:

Chairman Powell declared the minutes of October 20, 2008 approved as presented prior to the meeting.

Action: Mike Edens moved and Jim Walter seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented prior to the meeting. Motion carried. 7 – 0

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bills: Kim King October Payroll

Action: Kim Ramm moved and George Rodeck seconded a motion to approve Kim King's hours as presented. Motion carried. 7 – 0

OLD BUSINESS:

Pipe Fitters: Check has been received by Northwest Mechanical and the items that belong to the OPDA have been picked up. The attorney will file a dismissal.

BioDiesel Plant: A new pump was ordered and should be in on Tuesday. Testing will resume once the pump is in place. IEO sponsored a meeting on Canola today.

Modulars: IEO wants to dispose of the modulars. Discussion commenced on selling the trailers and the best way to do that. Todd King asked if assets purchased with the trust money can be sold. It was felt they could be sold, especially if they are not needed for the plant. The Board agreed that IEO must approve the final disposition of the trailers. The Board agreed to run the ad again for Surplus Equipment. The Bids will be opened on November 13th at the regular Board Meeting.



NEW BUSINESS:

Barr Regional Bio-Industrial Park: Larry Condon gave a slide show presentation on the composting project outside of Sprague at the Fish Trip exit; now called the Barr Regional Bio Industrial Park. The Board discussed the benefits of this project to Odessa, Sprague, Lincoln County and the region. Larry Condon has talked with Roger Sebesta, Odessa’s Water Manager and Doug Plinski, Odessa Mayor about shipping Odessa’s green waste to the composting facility. Work Force Development will provide training in Lincoln County for the jobs the facility will be creating. Some of the positions include chemists, mechanics, truck drivers and office staff. Pam Kelley informed the board, the Condons are working on getting water and power to the land. She is working on getting a \$3,000,000 grant from Economic Development Association, which is federal money. The Condons have purchased 40 acres of land for this project. Todd King asked if there is a possibility Odessa PDA could have an option to purchase additional acres in the future. It is estimated the project will need \$15,000,000 to build the plant, including algae ponds. Kim Ramm pointed out the City may save tipping fees of trash, as residents may utilize the “green” bins for yard waste rather than dumpsters.

The OPDA would need an interlocal agreement with Lincoln County to run the project. Pam Kelley has talked with Commissioners and they are in favor of it.

The Board agreed that the OPDA would need to be in total control of the project with Sprague PDA shadowing and learning from OPDA. OPDA will keep Sprague involved and abreast of all details concerning the project. Teleconferencing and Video Conferencing could be utilized to save time and money for both groups. . There may be times when a Board or staff member from OPDA needs to travel to Sprague, but it should not be on a regular basis.

Action: Clark Kagele moved and Steven Powell seconded a motion to move forward with the project. Motion carried. 7 – 0

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 13 at 6:00pm in the Hospital Guild Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Steven Powell, President

Kim Ramm, Secretary

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