



IMPERIAL VALLEY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

IMPERIAL COUNTY COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • 940 W. Main St., Ste. #203, El Centro, CA, 92243

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 11:00 AM
Imperial County Administration Building Conf. Rooms C/D
940 W. Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243

PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Imperial Valley Foreign Trade Zone – Joint Powers Authority (IVFTZ-JPA) was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Imperial County Administration Building conference room C/D located at 940 W. Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243.

ATTENDEES

JPA Members

City of Brawley
City of Calexico
City of Calipatria
City of El Centro
County of Imperial

Primary

Romualdo MEDINA

Alternate

Gordon GASTE

Marcela PIEDRA
Andy HORNE

Consultants

ITC-Diligence, Inc.

David HARLOW

Coordinating Staff

I.C. Community & Econ. Development

Esperanza Colio WARREN
David HERNANDEZ

Other Invites

Imperial Railport

Fred MERCURIO

MINUTES

I. Call meeting to order

- a. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by A. Horne at 11:10 a.m. Roll call was performed by Esperanza Colio Warren with four (4) JPA members present, it was determined that quorum was met.



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- b. Approval of 05/09/2016 minutes

A. HORNE opened discussion to approve the minutes for 05/09/2015. A. Horne moved to table the approval of the minutes until those members that were at the 05/09/16 meeting are present.

II. Discussion/action

Update on Imperial Railport – Fred Mercurio

Mr. Mercurio introduced his staff that is assisting him in the application process as a FTZ operator. David HARLOW provided information on the current status of the Imperial Railport application. D. HARLOW gave an in depth explanation of what "designation" and "activation" means in terms of FTZ use. Imperial Railport is applying to activate the square footage of storage area on the existing designated FTZ Parcel. Letter of concurrence is needed to be submitted by the IVFTZ-JPA to U.S. Customs.

- b. Update on city managers meeting from 5/11/2016 – E. C. WARREN

At the request of the IVFTZ Board, E. C. WARREN attended the 5/11/2016 city managers meeting to inform the cities of the potential change in annual contributions required by them if all cities participated. Expecting full participation from all the cities, the city managers agreed on changing the annual contributions. E. C. Warren went through the formula that dictated the change and the final contribution required by each city. The final contributions will not take effect until operator contributions are finalized and the new ASF is approved by CBP.

- c. Update on the current fiscal year 2016 budget and discussion/action regarding the proposed 2017 fiscal year budget.

E. C. WARREN covered the 2016 budget up to April 30th and noted that there was approximately \$43,000 in cash available to this point and expecting \$34,000 end of fiscal. E.C. WARREN recommended to continue with an operating budget and approve the new budget with the same expenditures and contributions until approval of ASF application. E.C. WARREN read correspondence from FTZ Washington D.C. regarding pending ASF application explaining that the application submitted by IVFTZ #257 was delayed on the federal side. E.C. WARREN stated that she will request a meeting with CBP. IVFTZ board requested that this subject be tabled and an update be given at the next meeting.

III. Future agenda items and other business

- a. R. MEDINA asked that the presentation given at the city managers meeting be sent out to the IVFTZ-JPA members. Also, a request was given to develop the process of what would be required by the cities in order to join the JPA for future reference.



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IV. Next meeting date

- a. TBD

V. Meeting adjourned

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.