

IMPERIAL VALLEY

# FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

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

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:30 PM Imperial County Planning and Development Department Conference Room 801 Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243

### **PROCEEDINGS**

A meeting of the Imperial Valley Foreign Trade Zone – Joint Powers Authority (IVFTZ-JPA) was held on December 13, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at the Imperial County Planning and Development Department conference room located at 801 Main St. El Centro, CA. 92243.

#### **ATTENDEES**

JPA Members	Primary	Alternate
City of Brawley	Rosanna Bayon MOORE	
City of Calexico		
City of Calipatria	Romualdo MEDINA	
City of El Centro		Marcela PIEDRA
County of Imperial		Andy HORNE

#### Consultants

#### **Coordinating Staff**

I.C. Community & Econ. Development

David HERNANDEZ

## **Other Invites**

#### **MINUTES**

#### I. Call meeting to order

a. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by A. HORNE at 2:42 p.m. Roll call was performed by David Hernandez with four (4) JPA members present; it was determined that quorum was met. R.



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MOORE attended telephonically from her location at the City of Brawley, 383 W. Main St., Brawley, CA. 92227, with the appropriate posting of the agenda of the meeting.

b. Approval of 09/26/2017 minutes

M. PIEDRA motioned to approve minutes as presented, R. MOORE 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote:** 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion passed**.

### **II.** Discussion/action

a. Update on the status of new city participation.

This item was tabled, A. HORNE motioned that this letter be drafted as requested and sent to the IVEDC, M. PIEDRA 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote:** 4 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion passed**.

b. Update on IVFTZ operator collections effort.

A discussion regarding the status of the FTZ Operators was had to decide if there was a need to move forward with any action on delinquent accounts. A. HORNE recommended that correspondence be mailed to the delinquent accounts to invite the operator to a JPA meeting for an explanation. If no communication or payment is made before April 1<sup>st</sup>, their status as could be affected. R. MOORE motioned to reflect direction by A. HORNE. R. MEDINA 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Vote:** 3 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain (M. PIEDRA out of the room at the time) at the time of the vote. **Motion passed**.

c. Discussion regarding NAFTZ annual conference experience.

The committee members that attended the NAFTZ annual conference each gave a brief recap of interesting facts that they took from the conference. The JPA committee will revisit this subject at the next IVFTZ-JPA meeting in order to hear from all the members that attended the conference.

d. Update/Action on IVFTZ #257 Budget

The JPA reviewed the working budget that had been carried over from the prior fiscal year. This budget contained the current contribution amounts from the cities and other operator contributions. After discussing the different contribution levels by the cities, A. Horne suggested that the existing working budget be adopted by the JPA pending further action by other cities joining the JPA and not continue to go without a budget. R. MEDINA motioned to adopt the budget at its current contributions and expenses as reflected. R. MOORE 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **Vote:** Four (4) in favor, 0 against, 0 abstain at the time of the vote. **Motion passed**.



## e. Discussion regarding IVFTZ-JPA and IVEDC marketing

A discussion regarding IVEDC website marketing regarding the IVFTZ #257 was had to discuss the IVEDC Marketing page. The IVEDC is marketing the IVFTZ #257 with the IVEDC as reference for further information rather than having the IVFTZ-JPA. Prior notice to the IVEDC was made to have this corrected with no response. Direction given to follow up with another certified letter expressing the concerns of the JPA.

## III. Future agenda items and other business

### *IV.* Next meeting date

March 14, 2018

## V. Meeting adjourned

a. Meeting was adjourned at 12: 40 p.m.