

**ROSEMOUNT PORT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 21, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Rosemount Port Authority was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM. in Rosemount Council Chambers, 2875 145th Street West.

Chairperson Klimpel called the meeting to order with Commissioners Essler, Theisen, Weisensel and Ober. Commissioner Freske and Beaudette were absent.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

**Motion by Klimpel Second by Essler**

**Motion** to approve the agenda.

**Ayes:5.**

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Weisensel Second by Ober**

**Motion** to approve consent agenda

**Ayes: 5.**

**Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Wendy Meadley the CEO of Expo 2031 presented an update on the Expo opportunity to be in Rosemount. Representatives from SRF Consulting Andy Mielke and Jim Gersema were also present.

Ms. Meadley provided a recap of where the Expo 2031 currently stands, i.e. international governing body approval (AIPH), financial status, land acquisition in progress and infrastructure needs. Ms. Meadley and Mr. Mielke further discussed the preferred land location and the need for utilities to extend to this area. Ms. Meadley questioned the post-legacy of the Expo and what the Port Authority would like to see for this site. Mr. Mielke further discussed the need for an alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) to determine if there are any potential issues with the area. Also discussed was the use of a shuttle system that will streamline visitor flow and minimize onsite parking.

Commissioner Weisensel questioned if legislative support for the tourism tax is needed and Schane Rudlang of Ehlers Public Finance Advisors further elaborated on the need to get legislative approval to get the tourism tax approval.

Commissioner Weisensel questioned if conversations have taken place with MnDot as MnDot has

construction for Highway 55 planned during this timeframe. SRF Consulting stated the current system will work, however the group would be open to expediting any changes sooner for public safety purposes.

Commissioner Essler questioned the status of the conversation with the property owner and Ms. Meadley stated initially they considered leasing the property, however now the group is interested in purchasing the land and to sell the land following the fair as the land should be more favorable following the Expo as utilities will be present and a hotel and conference center will be there. Ms. Meadley noted there are hotel industries who are interested in owning and managing the hotel.

Commissioner Ober suggested adding community members to their board of foundations specifically to assist with guiding what the site should be once the Expo is over.

Commissioner Theisen stated there will be a lot of staff time put into this project to make this Expo happen for a short period of time, however there are concerns of what the benefit of having this Expo would be for a Rosemount resident. Commissioner Essler questioned, at what point does the group need a decision from the Port Authority before money is being spent. Economic Development Manager Van Oss stated site work will likely begin in 2027, with an AUAR to begin now.

Port Authority agreed an additional work session to discuss the financials and comparable to ensure the right decision is being made as the City Council represents the entire City of Rosemount. Ms. Meadley requested the Port Authority make a list of things that are important to the Port Authority, what benefits the Port Authority would like to see and what would be meaningful for the Rosemount residents.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Economic Development Manager Van Oss provided an update that Project Falcon was awarded its funding and will be moving forward, Copperfield will request additional funding at the next Port Authority meeting and Night on the Town is coming up on November 13th.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council at the regular council meeting and upon a motion by Klimpel and a second by Essler the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Fasbender  
City Clerk