

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, July 21, 2016

Present: Chairman Mike Haney, Thomas Thomas, Reggie Freeman, Ted Thoms, John Hass, Don Welvaert, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Lew Steinbrecher

Absent: Hunt Harris (excused due to resignation/pending appointment by Mayor)

Staff: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Joy Toporowski and Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.)

Public Comment: Mr. Thoms made an announcement that he is planning a change in his residency (outside of Rock Island); and he notified members present of his submittal of his resignation to Mayor Pauley. Mr. Thoms stated that he had found it to be a pleasure to serve on the Board. Various Board members addressed Mr. Thoms directly with expressions of their appreciation of his service. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Welvaert, to officially record the Board's appreciation of Mr. Thoms' dedication and valued service as a long-standing Board member. During a brief discussion of the Motion, a notation was included that Arena staff would be planning a more formal recognition of both Mr. Thoms and Mr. Harris (the subject of another recent resignation). With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. As a follow-up note and in light of the likelihood of a temporary decline in attendance (note resignations above), Mr. Mullen requested that Board members maintain their diligence and courtesy in providing Joy Toporowski their respective meeting RSVPs no later than 10:00 a.m. on the Monday preceding the regular monthly Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. Motion by Mr. Welvaert, seconded by Mr. Steinbrecher, to approve the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2016. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones described to the Board the rebate agreement with Ticketmaster. Mr. Jones explained that the payment from Ticketmaster had been received after the close of the audit and the auditor would not reopen the audit to include the amount for last year. Mr. Jones requested that the Board consider the amount to be part of last year's financials which would make it applicable to staff bonuses. Motion by Ms. Walker, second by Mr. Welvaert, to make a one-time adjustment to the bonus calculations as described and presented by Mr. Jones. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones reported to the Board that, in accordance with a request from the State funding agency (DCEO), he has issued a letter on behalf of the Arena requesting that the grant applicable to the Arena expansion be extended to June 30, 2017. The general discussion of Mr. Jones' report established the Board's approval of Mr. Jones' letter by consensus.

Mr. Jones next reported to the Board the need for a base payment (\$10.00) for eligible employees (on a payroll-by-payroll basis), all supportive of the Arena's desire to maintain compliance with IRS guidelines. Motion by Mr. Steinbrecher, second by Ms. Walker, to approve the base payment proposed by Mr. Jones. With Chairman Haney calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Director's Update - Event Schedule/Facility Report/Sponsorships/Other:

Mr. Mullen and Kevin Snodgrass reported on the status of the video board replacement. Mr. Mullen identified some upcoming events, (refer to distributed materials). Mr. Mullen also informed the Board of the progress being made in connection with the recruitment of sponsorships. Mr. Mullen and Chairman Haney confirmed that the various Board Committees had no reports to provide at this meeting.

As a matter ancillary to Mr. Mullen's update, Board discussion occurred on the general subject of expense control, with a particular focus on the costs associated with services performed by Moline police officers in connection with traffic control. Discussion concluded with Mr. Steinbrecher's volunteering to look into the matter further and report his findings to Mr. Mullen. Included among Mr. Steinbrecher's comments was his suggestion that a future staff-to-staff meeting between the Arena and the Police Chief/City Engineer might be most efficient and productive.

Executive/Closed Session: Chairman Haney noted that there would be no need to go into Executive/Closed Session.

Adjourn: Mr. Thoms motioned for adjournment. Mr. Freeman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

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Joy Toporowski, Secretary