

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes  
Thursday, November 19, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman, Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske, Randy Tweet, Stacey Happ, Fran Prochaska  
**Other Persons Present:** Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C)  
**Absent:** Jeff Nelson, Martin Vanags

**Introduction and Public Comment:** Chairperson Reggie Freeman called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m. Chairperson Freeman noted that no members of the general public were in attendance. He also confirmed with Scott Mullen (Executive Director) that no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Meeske, second by Mr. Haney, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on October 15, 2020. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Rocky Jones presented the financial statements with commentary (handout). Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the financial statements for the period ending October 31, 2020. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

**Director's Report:**

Scott Mullen introduced the various topics by requesting Rocky Jones to report on the status of a health insurance change, necessitated by the significant number of Pandemic-related work schedule adjustments. Rocky Jones explained that due to the Pandemic initially Blue Cross/Blue Shield had waived the requirement that employees work at least 30 hours a week. That is no longer the case; therefore all employees who are on lay-off will be moving to COBRA coverage status. Mr. Jones explained that the Arena's share of payments/premiums will not change.

Mr. Mullen reported on the status of several projects including the Conference Center, suites, bathroom renovations, etc. Mr. Mullen also reported on the status of negotiations involving the Hotel-Arena greenway development plans. Mr. Haney raised a question concerning the acoustics. Mr. Mullen explained a planning concept where a stage would be facing the Arena deck in an effort to reduce the noise to the hotel rooms. On Mr. Mullen's cue, Mr. Strandlund provided a brief summary of how the activities involving the hotel, proposed restaurant and arena have been covered by the scope of the Board Resolution adopted at the October Board Meeting. Mr. Strandlund made the observation of the parties apparently abiding by the spirit of the Resolution and working with one another in good faith; however, he noted the likely need to procure an extension of the term for negotiations, given that the Resolution contains a sixty-day timeline.

Mr. Mullen informed the Board that Todd Walker (Deere) will be joining the Property Owners Group (POG) as a new member. Mr. Strandlund provided a synopsis of the origination of the POG.

Mr. Mullen further informed the Board of several event changes to the upcoming calendar. Mr. Mullen emphasized that almost all adjustments have been brought about as a result of the Governor's present Pandemic-related Proclamations.

**Staff Report on Sponsorship Implementation Items and Solicitations Which Are the Subject of Bids, Competitive Proposals or Unique Vendors, Licensees, et al.:**

Kevin Snodgrass presented the Arena Staff's evaluation of the results from the solicitation relating to walk-through metal detectors. Mr. Snodgrass cited the Staff's recommendation of an award to Ceia USA in the amount of \$49,275.00. Motion to accept staff's recommendation and authorize the award to Ceia USA by Mr. Haney, second by Mr. Mulcahey. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call) and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Snodgrass next presented the Arena Staff's evaluation of the results from the solicitation relating to concessions equipment. Mr. Snodgrass cited the Staff's recommendation of an award to Douglas Equipment in the amount of \$102,764.68. Motion to accept staff's recommendation and authorize the award to Douglas Equipment by Mr.

Mulcahey, second by Mr. Haney. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call) and it carried unanimously.

Scott Mullen concluded his list of topics for the meeting by revisiting the status of the video wall for the lobby. Mr. Mullen identified competing vendors and alternate specifications (the subject of a previous solicitation). Arena staff identified the reasons for the need for flexibility and the need for urgent action. Mr. Mulcahey made a motion to authorize Mr. Mullen to proceed under the Pandemic Emergency Powers Resolution to proceed with the transaction (limited by the previously approved amount ranging up to \$80,000), with staff to provide a more detailed report at a future meeting, with Chairman Freeman charged with determining whether a ratification vote would be necessary. Second by Mr. Prochaska. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call) and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



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Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary