

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, April 3, 2020

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jennifer Walker, Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske, Randy Tweet, Jeff Nelson, J.D. Schulte, Reggie Freeman, Stacey Happ

Absent: Fran Prochaska

Other Persons Present: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Kim McVey, Roger Strandlund (Califf & Harper, P.C.), Art Eggers (Califf & Harper, P.C.), Carmen Green (Califf & Harper, P.C.)

Introduction and Public Comment: Chairperson Walker called the meeting to Order at 3:00 p.m. Chairperson Walker next made the observation that no members of the general public were in attendance and no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting. It was noted that the Arena staff had done exemplary work toward compliance with the COVID-19 Orders, Proclamations and Guidelines relating to social distancing, meeting set-up and cleanliness.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on March 19, 2020. With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken, and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Chairperson Walker noted Mr. Jones' presentation on this topic will be deferred to a future meeting, all per a staff recommendation.

Director's Report:

Scott Mullen made a verbal presentation on the following topic: economic impact of activities relating to the COVID-19 virus. Mr. Mullen further described the activities of Arena Staff; and he furnished information derived through his relationships/IAVM position.

Mr. Mullen informed the Board that a Memorandum of Understanding had been received from the Rock Island County Emergency Management Services and that the Arena could be used as an emergency shelter for hospital beds, storing ventilators, etc.

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

Kevin Snodgrass informed the Board one bid is pending for elevator/escalator preventative maintenance. Staff will be reporting to the Board findings and recommendation at a future Board meeting.

Executive/Closed Session: At 3:12 p.m. Chairperson Walker invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the purposes identified on the Agenda (with legal authorities duly cited). Motion by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Tweet, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairperson Walker calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting "Aye".

[The meeting transitioned to Closed Session.] No formal action was taken in Closed Session.

At 3:40 p.m., motion by Mr. Tweet, second by Mr. Haney, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Chairperson Walker declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

Matters Arising Out of Closed Session, consisting of the following:

The Board addressed the Action Item hereinafter described: Discussion and/or Possible Action Authorizing Arena Executive Director to Take Emergency Action as Determined to be Necessary for Promotion of Public Safety in

Response to a Pandemic Arising from a Health Threat in the form of COVID-19. Motion by Mr. Freeman, second by Mr. Tweet, to provide Mr. Mullen guidance in reconciling the Arena's projected compensation costs with the drastic downturn in demand for facility use (prompted by COVID-19 public health concerns and met with multiple regulatory responses). The specific items of guidance which Mr. Freeman made as a part of the motion consisted of employment actions to be directed to specific employees (identified within the Option/2 presentation by Arena staff in Closed Session – commonly known as the “R. Jones 4/3 Meeting Information”). With Chairperson Walker calling for a vote on Mr. Freeman's motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Chairperson Walker, observing there being no further business to discuss and, in closing, recognized the leadership of Mr. Mullen and the dedication of staff members. Chairperson Walker praised what she has seen among the staff, as evidence of extraordinary efforts to meet the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary