

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Walker, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on April 15, 2021. 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. Haney, to approve the financial statements for the period ending April 30, 2021. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken (roll call), and it carried unanimously.

Executive/Closed Session: At 12:37 p.m. Chairperson Freeman 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 Ms. Happ, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Chairperson Freeman 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 12:54 p.m., motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Meeske, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting “Aye”, and Chairperson Freeman declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

Personnel Committee Report:

Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Ms. Walker, to follow the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to authorize a compensation adjustment to specifically-named employees. It was also agreed that the specific awards will be performance-based and with an effective date, all at the discretion of the Executive Director. Chairperson Freeman read the motion for incorporation into a later-signed Resolution, assuming approval and auditor activities. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting “Aye”.

Director’s Report: Scott Mullen reported on the status of the continuing efforts of Arena staff to obtain financial relief through various government-related programs. Mr. Mullen advised the Board that a meeting had been held including the City of Moline Mayor and representatives from the hockey team and football team. Mr. Mullen reiterated the justification for City support, the broad positive economic impact of Arena events and the detrimental impact that might occur involving the potential loss of sports teams/tenants (possibly arising from the lack of outside support). Mr. Mullen concluded his report by providing an update to the Board on upcoming events.

Approval of FYI 2021-22 Operating Budget:

Jeff Nelson reported that the Finance Committee had met with regard to approving the 2021-22 Operating Budget. Motion by Mr. Haney, second by Mr. Mulcahey, to approve the 2021-22 Operating Budget. General discussion was held with regard to various individual items. A roll call vote was taken. All Board members voted in favor, with the exception of Mr. Meeske who voted “Nay” (It is noted that abstentions, if any, are recorded as votes in favor unless specifically compliant with Bylaws). Chairperson Freeman declared the motion carried.

Action Items:

Roger Strandlund presented Resolutions relating to the boat dock project, including the work being funded and directed through MetroLINK. Mr. Strandlund gave an overall review of the boat dock project which includes the following subjects: construction of a dock, rebuilding the sidewalk, a letter-driven clarification/amendment to the River Edge Agreement, and waiver of a possible conflict of interest involving Califf Harper (relating to Mr. Strandlund's role of outside general counsel to multiple entities). General discussion proceeded with questions being answered by Mr. Mullen and Mr. Strandlund. Motion by Mr. Vanags, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the Resolutions. With Chairperson Freeman calling for a roll call vote on the motion, the roll call vote was taken with all Board members voting "Aye".

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary