

Quad City Civic Center Authority Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2018

Board Members Present: Acting Chairman Reggie Freeman, Randy Tweet, Doug Maxeiner, Paul Mulcahey, Mike Haney, Larry Meeske, Laurie Zelnio (via phone/with appropriate finding from Legal Counsel)

Absent: Jennifer Walker, Fran Prochaska, Stacey Happ

Other Persons Present: Scott Mullen, Rocky Jones, Kevin Snodgrass, Lindsey Hintze, Roger Strandlund

Introduction and Public Comment: Acting Chairman Freeman called the meeting to Order at 12:30 p.m.; followed by the notation of presence of a quorum. Acting Chairman Freeman further noted that no members of the general public were in attendance and no written comments were received subsequent to the last meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Zelnio, second by Mr. Maxeiner, to approve the Minutes for the Board Meeting occurring on July 19, 2018. With Acting Chairman Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Financials: Mr. Jones presented the financial statements with commentary. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Tweet, to approve the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2018. With Acting Chairman Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.

Director's Report: Mr. Mullen reported, as to the hockey team, team management has advanced the organization to a higher staffing level. Team management's present emphasis is on pre-season ticket sales and corporate sponsorship commitments. Mr. Mullen informed the Board that he has solicited interest (via RFP) from beer advertisers; however, the regulatory overlay within the industry has caused the Arena's revenue projections to reflect a decline in interest and activity. Mr. Mullen noted the challenge ahead in compensating for the decline in interest; and he noted his plan to provide the Board further updates on the subject. Mr. Mullen also informed the Board that the Levy contract qualifies for renewal (or other action). Mr. Mullen, as prompted by certain inquiries from the Board, provided notice that the subject of a Levy contract extension will be included on the September Board Meeting Agenda. Mr. Mullen proceeded to provide his typical report on upcoming events (including exhibition game between St. Ambrose and Augustana, Paw Patrol, etc.).

Committee Reports/Approval of Recommendation to Combine Certain Committees: Mr. Strandlund explained to the Board that Chairperson Walker had made the decision to operate with four committees instead of five. Mr. Strandlund provided the requisite notice (per Bylaws) and recommended that the Board refrain from voting on the matter at the present meeting. The basis for the postponement was expressed as an attempt to provide Chairperson Walker an opportunity to address the matter at the September Board Meeting. Mr. Haney made a motion to table the matter, second by Ms. Zelnio. With Acting Chairman Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously.


Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement With City of Moline: Mr. Strandlund distributed a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement containing the additional 2% amusement tax which was approved by the Moline City Council. Board discussion was facilitated by Acting Chairman Freeman, with Messrs. Mullen and Strandlund addressing the substance of the Amendment. In addition, Mr. Maxeiner validated the City of Moline's intent to maintain a spirit of cooperation in the implementation of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Tweet, to approve the Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement. With Acting Chairman Freeman calling for a vote on the motion, the vote was taken and it carried unanimously (with the exception of Mr. Maxeiner -- who abstained per the standard reason on Moline-Arena IGA matters).

Executive/Closed Session: At 12:53 p.m. Acting Chairman Freeman invited Board members to adjourn into Closed Session for the following purpose: Personnel, safety and imminent litigation. Legal Counsel (Mr. Strandlund) provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting the application of an exception to the Open Meetings Act, i.e., 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(8) and (11). Motion by Mr. Maxeiner, second by Mr. Tweet, to adopt the legal finding; and, on that basis, to proceed to conduct the meeting in Closed Session. With Acting Chairman 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 1:08 p.m., motion by Mr. Mulcahey, second by Mr. Maxeiner, to adjourn back into Regular Session. A roll call vote was taken showing all Board members voting "Aye", and Acting Chairman Freeman declared the motion carried. [Separate minutes (and tape thereof) relating to Closed Session has been retained in custody of Legal Counsel.]

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.



Roger L. Strandlund, Acting Secretary