

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: February 26, 2020

Authority Memo Number **012-2020 February 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The **February 26, 2020** regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held at 15 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Chairman Bob Filotto called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. with a quorum present; Board members, staff and the public were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Bob Filotto, Tim Broderick, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Jeff Pierson, Kathy Trinza

Absent: Pat Mudron, excused

Others: Legal Counsel David Silverman - Mahoney, Silverman, Cross Law Firm; Tom Lancaster, CPA – Wermer, Rogers, Doran, Ruzon

Staff: Val Devine, Katie Arko, Karen Leno, Leann Hoffrogge, Rebecca Sweeney, Christine Sturm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **005-2020 December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** J. Condon moved and J. Pierson seconded approval of December 18, 2019 minutes as presented.

**Discussion and Vote:** The Chair invited discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously (see above).

Authority Memo Number **006-2020 January 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** T. Broderick moved and J. Pierson seconded approval of January 22, 2020 as presented.

**Discussion and Vote:** The Chair invited discussion and, hearing none, he called a voice vote: Ayes were heard. The Chair invited opposing votes; none was expressed. The Chair declared the motion passed.

Public to be Heard Re: Agenda Items – No response.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Authority Memo Number **007-2020 February Operational Bills Paid and Payable**

**Motion:** J. Pierson moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval of accounts paid in the amount of \$233,982.54 and payable in the amount of \$22,749.36.

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnutt, Condon, Pierson and Trinza

NAYS:

**Discussion and Vote:** The Chair asked if there were any questions or corrections on the check detail. J. Condon asked a question about the check for \$1500 made payable to Rugger-Bard. K. Leno explained that it was to pay an artist for The Tim Placher show. The Chair asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, he requested a motion and, with the motion on the floor, directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously (see above).

Authority Memo Number **008-2020 January Financial Statements** – To Place on File

**Motion:** T. Broderick moved and J. Condon seconded acceptance of financial statements into the minutes.

**Discussion and Vote:** The Chair commented that financials continue to be strong and below budget. The Chair requested a motion and, with the motion on the floor, invited a voice vote. Ayes were heard; the Chair then invited opposing votes. None were heard. The Chair declared the motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Authority Memo Number **009-2020 2019 Audit Report** – Tom Lancaster reported details of the audit. The Authority’s revenues have increased while costs have decreased. There was a decrease in capital assets due to the sale of 2RS. Day-to-day operations are generating a positive cash flow. RSTF donations and sponsorships are up while expenses are about the same. At the conclusion of the report, the Chair requested a motion to accept the statement as read. J. Condon made the motion to accept. J. Pierson seconded the motion. The Chair requested a voice vote. “Ayes” were expressed. Opposing votes were invited; none were expressed. Motion passed.

Authority Memo Number **010-2020 Rialto Venue Management** – V. Devine informed the Board that VenuWorks will make their presentation at the April meeting. The Chair mentioned that D. Chestnutt and J. Pierson are reviewing the VenueWorks contract. J. Pierson stated it is not the Board’s intent to renegotiate the whole contract. He is interested in applying VenuWork’s best practices to the Rialto’s management.

Authority Memo Number **011-2020 Contract Renewal with Public Sector Solutions** – K. Arko reported that she was able to get the fee for the services of Public Sector Solutions reduced to \$4000 a month from \$5000/month. The contract with Public Sector Solutions expired in December. B. Filotto said that he would like to reassess the agreement after State of Illinois spring legislative session. K. Arko suggested that the Board wait until June to see what results are produced. The Chair requested a motion to extend the contract with Public Sector Solutions to June 30, 2020. T. Broderick moved and J. Pierson seconded the motion. With the motion on the floor, the Chair invited a voice vote. Ayes were heard; the Chair then invited opposing votes. None were heard. The Chair declared the motion passed.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS

**RSTF Report:** No new Foundation news to report.

**Executive Director’s Report:** Devine reported that Fox was interested in filming at the theatre for a television show ■ Alcohol sales were very profitable for the UFO, Ron White and Cody Jinks concerts ■ The new front doors are in and look amazing but are having issues with the locks. Oestreich is working on the problem. Chairman Filotto asked how the Dunham Fund was being acknowledged and thanked for their generosity. Marketing Director said that acknowledgements were being posted on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

**Chairman’s Report:** No report to be made.

**Committee Reports:** No reports.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – No response.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair advised those present that executive session was required to discuss the lease agreement with the University of St. Francis.

**Motion:** The Chair requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and to go into executive session. J. Pierson moved and D. Chestnutt seconded the motion. The Chair called a voice vote and declared the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Sturm, Recording Secretary.

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Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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