

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: October 28, 2020

Authority Memo Number **028-2020 October 28, 2020 Regular Meeting**

The October 28, 2020 regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held at 102 N. Chicago Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Board Chair Bob Filotto called the meeting to order at 4:03pm Board members and staff were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There was no public present.

Present: Bob Filotto, Tim Broderick, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Jeff Pierson, Kathy Trizna, City Liaison Pat Mudron and Legal Counsel David Silverman - Mahoney, Silverman, Cross Law Firm

Staff: Val Devine, Karen Leno

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **025-2020 September 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion: J. Condon moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval of September 23, 2020 minutes as presented.

Discussion and Vote: The Chair invited discussion and R. Filotto asked for an update on the water bill. Leno explained that after Ghedotte directed Leno to Amber in the water dept. She was able to provide daily readings that indicate as much as 2,000 gallons being used in a day. That finding led to a site visit to assess the situation. That visit turned up no issues at our end. Thus far, the reading for October indicates we are back to normal usage. Leno speculated that the usage somewhat coincided with Korellis doing work but Devine pointed out that Korellis was not onsite consistently and that the usage reports indicated very sporadic consumption. There is consideration by the city about replacing the meter. We anticipate another visit from the city and will update. R. Filotto asked about shutting off water to reduce possible issues. V. Devine reported that VW corporate has reported an increase in Legionnaires disease, which originates in water pipes. Additionally, it could be very difficult to determine what pipes lead where. Discussion about a refund depending on the outcome of the usage. R. Filotto directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously (see above).

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Authority Memo Number **026-2020 October Operational Bills Paid and Payable**

Motion: J. Condon moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval of accounts paid in the amount of \$36,475.04 and payables in the amount of \$1,764.74 for October.

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

Nays: NONE

Discussion and Vote: Board Chair noted we had not yet heard from MSB about the loan and any additional forgiveness.

Authority Memo Number **027-2020 September 2020 Financial Statements and September 2020 Cash Flow Projection**

Motion: J. Condon moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval

Discussion and Vote: The Chair invited discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll be called

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

NAYS: NONE

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

RSTF Report: V. Devine and J. Condon reported that there has been no meetings of the RSTF since the August meeting but that one was being planned for November 17, 2020.

Executive Director's Report: V. Devine brought up the issues of a stagehand memorial that was presented in her weekly email to the board. After discussion about the merits of such a recognition, it was determined that it would be dedicated to ALL the people who have given/dedicated their efforts to the theatre. Devine will do research about a location and what it could say/look like. Filotto/Devine will go before the City Council on 11/2/20 to discuss the request for the city to pay for the audit and to be included in the 2021 City budget. Filotto reported that we have developed a one-page report to present to the Council. Due to current COVID restrictions, board members will need to support this effort from home. Devine recapped the Prison Movie event that turned into tours due to tightened capacity restrictions, noting that it showed a nice effort on the part of entities working together during these challenging times. All but one sponsor dedicated their monies to the effort even with the change of plans. Condon asked if the monies raised were for the Foundation or the Theatre. Devine reported that the monies were intended to go to the theatre. We are working on an end of year giving campaign that will be done exclusively via social media/email. Update on our 10-day possible December rental remains positive. Leno/Devine have had follow up conversations with Bronner/Will County regarding the grant application. Our inability to provide a tax return has resulted in the grant being applied for by VenuWorks of Joliet, LLC as they have a tax return and the documents required. Devine reported on her WJOL interview and a piece done by Channel 7 and Leah Hope. Devine will be out November 3 as she is working as a polling judge. The CCP will be filming their annual meeting, traditionally done at the Clarion Hotel, at the theatre. They have agreed to cover labor costs and the local IATSE has worked to soften some of the minimum requirements. This will be happening on December 3 and 4. Courts last day is officially Friday, October 30. R. Filotto asked about any Capital Bill Funding. Devine said there was none but did mention that the library had received all of their funding, "in the bank" for the Burnham project. Filotto also asked Devine/Mudron if they had any updates on the open board seat. Neither had heard anything.

Chairman's Report: R. Filotto reported that he had received a 2 page email from Steve Peters, President of VW justifying the continued payment of their management fee. Filotto/Devine discussed waiting to respond until we had an update on any Capital monies as that would play an important role in the response. Condon asked for any update on where we are at with the VW contract, which will expire in 2022. It was clarified that the meeting with VW Corporate that was scheduled this past April was for the purposes of the "out clause" that at 3 years either entity could break the contract. D. Chestnut then asked about a mention in a weekly report about putting up a Christmas tree for photos. Devine explained that if the rental in December (7-17) should happen it would be challenging to advertise a photo op that would not be available during prime holiday time.

Committee Reports: No reports.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – No response.

Motion: Board Chair requested a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. D. Chestnut moved and T. Broderick seconded the motion.

AYES: Members Filotto, Broderick, Chestnut, Condon, Trizna and Pierson

NAYS:

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Val Devine, Recording Secretary.

Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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