

WILL COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AND AUDITORIUM AUTHORITY

Date: September 22, 2021

Authority Memo Number **077-2021 September 22, 2021 Regular Meeting**

The September 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Will County Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority Board was held at 15 E. Van Buren Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432. Vice Chair Jeff Pierson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present. Board members and staff were invited to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Tim Broderick, Donnie Chestnutt, Jane Condon, Jeff Pierson, Kathy Trizna; Legal Counsel, David Silverman
Staff: Val Devine, Jack Erickson, Nicole Hernandez, Leann Hoffrogge, Christine Sturm
Absent: Bob Filotto (excused), Bill Kent (excused), Pat Mudron (excused)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Authority Memo Number **0072-2021 August 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Discussion and Vote:

Vice Chair Pierson asked if there were any changes to be made to the August 25, 2021 minutes. No corrections or changes were suggested. The Vice Chair invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll be called. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: D. Chestnutt moved and T. Broderick seconded approval of August 25, 2021 minutes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Filotto, Kent

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Authority Memo Number **073-2021 Operational Bills Paid, and Payable Age Listing**

Discussion and Vote:

V. Devine explained to the Board about the new software (Ungerboeck) that is now being used to generate the financial reports. She said Business Manager, Nicole Hernandez, is still experiencing problems with the software as all the issues have not been worked out. As a result of these issues, the August financial reports could not be generated. Pierson asked if there were any questions about the July financial reports. T. Broderick said he had one question regarding last month's Accounts Aging report regarding a tenant. V. Devine informed him that the issue has been resolved.

The Vice Chair invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll to be called. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: T. Broderick moved and D. Chestnutt seconded approval of accounts paid in July 2021 in the amount of \$12,008.33.

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: Filotto, Kent

Authority Memo Number **074-2021 July 2021 Financial Statements**

Discussion and Vote:

The Vice Chair asked for any questions or comments regarding the financial statements. J. Condon questioned the bill for professional services. N. Hernandez explained that it was a bill that came in regarding a previous show. Pierson noted that the Board appeared to be on track with the budget. Condon asked Hernandez if there will be a full budget drawn up soon. Hernandez reported that M. Piehl from VenuWorks was working on it. The Vice Chair invited further discussion and, hearing none, he directed roll to be called.

Motion: J. Condon moved and T. Broderick seconded approval of the July 2021 Financial Statements.

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: Filotto, Kent

Authority Memo Number **075-2021 SVOG Press Release Update**

V. Devine informed the board that P. Mudron presented the Venuworks SVOG press release to the Joliet City Council at the last meeting. He said no comments were made by the councilmen. Mudron recommended that the Board go before the City Council in October or November. D. Chestnutt suggested that the Board start reaching out to the Councilmen as soon as possible. Broderick agreed with Chestnutt. Devine said she would start contacting council members in October. Devine said that Hernandez will file the appeal for the \$52,000 that was not included in the SVOG grant. She believes that it may have to do with the PPP money but it should not have affected the SVOG grant. Broderick asked if the SVOG money will be in a separate line item in the budget. Hernandez said it would. Condon asked if the bathroom renovations were moving forward. Devine said that the documentation has been started.

Authority Memo Number **076-2021 New Business**

The Vice Chair asked if there was any new business to discuss. There was none.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

RSTF Report: Condon said the Foundation board has not met since July. She is getting updates on Home for the Holidays and everything is going well.

Executive Director's Report: Devine reported that she will be talking to the lobbyists for the Rialto soon. They will be discussing three line items for the Build Illinois Bond Fund: 1) \$500,000 for the bathroom remodel; 2) \$5 million for general improvements; and 3) \$150,000 for the Rialto/USF building improvements. She said she wants to focus on the bathroom project before pursuing the other monies. She will contact the lobbyists in mid-December regarding the \$5 million for general improvements. She informed the board that ComEd recently did an energy analysis on the lights throughout the building. ComEd approved a grant of \$40,000 for light upgrades that will only cost \$1500. Two major repairs have come to Devine's attention. The boiler has a \$10,000 repair that needs to be addressed and the air conditioner to the theatre is running at 64% capacity and needs to be replaced. Estimates for a new unit were ranging from \$500,000 to \$900,000. Lastly, Devine said the theatre was featured in the first episode of the Fox television show "The Big Leap". The theatre may appear in the second episode also. Devine has been contacted by the show's producers about coming back to film more scenes.

Chairman's Report: No Reports

Committee Reports: No reports.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – No response.

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

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

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Filotto, Kent

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Christine Sturm, Recording Secretary.

Kathy Trizna, Board Secretary

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