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***Springfield
Metropolitan
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2023
12:00 PM

The regular Board Meeting of the Springfield Metropolitan Exposition and Auditorium Authority was called to order at 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Bank of Springfield Center by Vice-Chairman Mary Frances Squires.

A roll call was taken and the following Board Members were present, representing a quorum:

Ms. Goza
Ms. Grant
Ms. Lesko
Mr. Loftus
Ms. Simpson
Mr. Smarjesse
Mr. Taft
Mr. Young

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance; Jim Dickey.

Ms. Squires asked if there were any statements from visitors or guests.

Ms. Squires asked for a motion to approve Action Item A & B, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023 and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no Chairman's report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Squires called upon Ms. Goza to give the Finance Committee Report. Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee met at 11:51 AM.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the list of bills as presented, but needed full Board approval.

Ms. Squires asked for a motion to approve the list of bills. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

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Ms. Goza stated that there was one (1) pre-approved expenditure over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

- I. Menard Consulting, Inc. - \$1,800.00... Actuarial to calculate OPEB liability according to GASB75... pre-approved by Mr. Coffey & Ms. Goza

Ms. Squires asked for a motion to approve the pre-approved expenditure over \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Squires asked for a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report. A motion was made by Ms. Simpson, and seconded by Mr. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that she just returned from IEBA Convention in Nashville, where she made a lot of connections and even had a chance to have brunch with Brian Oaks. She explained that she attended a lot of showcases of around 6-7 different acts each night and was able to meet with agents regarding those acts. Ms. Davis stated that the Venue Coalition also had set up a panel of agents for venues similar in size. A discussion took place regarding types of acts she was able to see and if any would be a good fit for The Center. Ms. Grant suggested that Ms. Davis look at a local artist named David Becker who is a Jazz guitar player/singer.

Ms. Davis stated that she will be putting out some RFPs to be approved at the next meeting. They will be for a new floor scrubber, selling the old main hall curtains and a new lower level sound system. Mr. Young inquired on how she publishes the RFPs. Ms. Davis stated that she will advertise in the local papers and on The Center's website. Mr. Young suggested she reach out to some of the local theaters regarding the main hall curtains.

Ms. Davis stated that tickets are now on sale for the Extreme Bull Bash, which will be followed up with a concert by Larry Fleet and A Thousand Horses. She stated that the Ansar Shrine Circus and Harlem Globetrotters tickets are also on sale and that the WWE tickets should be going on sale shortly.

Ms. Squires asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Goza, and seconded by Mr. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Tracy Motter
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Ms. Mary Frances Squires
Vice-Chairman