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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 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 Chairman Mike Coffey, Jr.

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

Ms. Goza
Ms. Lesko (arrived at 12:01)
Ms. Simpson
Mr. Smarjesse
Ms. Squires
Mr. Taft
Mr. Young

Also present were Jodi Davis, General Manager; Janet Jennings, Dir. of Finance, Justin Reichert, Legal Counsel; Jim Dickey; Rich Sherwood, Antonie Dent, Tom Reich, Craig Moreland, Ashley Mason, Emily Belletire.

Mr. Coffey asked if there were any statements from visitors or guests.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Item A, which was the Board Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Taft, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Item B, which was for Resolution #2023-1 (Compliance with State of Illinois Prevailing Wage Act). A motion was made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Item C, which was for the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Taft, and seconded by Mr. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no Chairman's report presented at this meeting. Mr. Coffey called upon The Center employees to introduce themselves and what their position is with The Center, to the Board. Introductions were made by Rich Sherwood, Dir. of Operations; Antonie Dent & Tom Reich, Maintenance Supervisors; Charles Chappel, Chief of Security; Craig Moreland, Concessions Manager; Ashley Moore and Emily Belletire, Event Coordinators.

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Mr. Coffey 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.

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

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

1. LRS - \$3,835.00...New Network Security/Firewall for Wifi

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the expenditure over \$1,000.00. A motion was made by Mr. Smarjesse, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Ms. Goza stated that the Finance Committee approved the FY'24 Tentative Budget to be on file for 30 days, but needed full Board approval.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve the FY'24 Tentative Budget to be on file for 30 days. A motion was made by Mr. Taft, and seconded by Ms. Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

There was no General Counsel report at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated that it has been a very busy week already with the USTA Tumbling Nationals event in the building. She informed the Board that the event runs through Saturday.

Ms. Davis stated that on Friday, an announcement was made for the Plaza Concerts on July 21-22. This year there will be seating on the Plaza, as well as the usual Plaza Garage seating & VIP seating. The events will open each night at 6:30PM, with the local bands beginning at 7:30PM and the main bands beginning at 8:30PM. On Friday, July 21 the bands are Fireside Relics & a Pearl Jam Tribute and on Saturday, July 22 the bands are Birds of a Feather and Midnight Rider. A discussion took place and Ms. Davis answered questions.

Ms. Davis stated that with having the FY'24 Tentative Budget on file for 30 days, the July meeting will need to be moved to July 24th to ensure the proper amount of time for review by the public.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Goza, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Tracy Motter
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Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.
Chairman