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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 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. Grant
Ms. Lesko
Mr. Mills
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; Kristi Corpin & Taylor Anthony, Eck, Schafer & Punke; Jim Dickey.

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

Mr. Coffey called upon Ms. Corpin to present the FY'23 Audit report to the Board. Ms. Corpin stated that everyone should have some paperwork/binders in front of them. Ms. Corpin referred to the Required Communication letter and gave a brief synopsis, followed by a description of the Deficiencies in Internal Control letter. Then she referred to the Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report and explained certain pages throughout. She concluded the presentation with a look at the Graphs and Other Matters letter. Questions were asked for clarification.

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to approve Action Item A, B & C, which were the Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2023 and the 2024 Board Meeting Dates, and the Lease Contracts. A motion was made by Mr. Mills, and seconded by Mr. Taft. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Coffey called upon Mr. Mills to give the Finance Committee Report. Mr. Mills stated that the Finance Committee met at 11:52 AM.

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Mr. Mills 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. Young. A voice vote was taken, motion carried.

Mr. Mills stated that there were two (2) expenditure over \$1,000.00, but needed full Board approval.

1. Springfield Overhead Doors - \$1,650.00...Replacement panels for overhead door to be stored at SOD for stock
2. Kone - \$1,981.11...Repair passenger elevator due to operating problem

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

Mr. Coffey presented the Chairman's report. Mr. Coffey gave an updated BOS Center expansion feasibility study. Mr. Coffey explained that he would be sitting in on four to five interviews after the Board meeting to hopefully select someone to do the feasibility study. Mr. Taft inquired about the time frame in getting everything done. Mr. Coffey stated that the County will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, December 19th to vote on moving forward with the Tourism District. A discussion took place on what steps will happen once the County approves moving forward. Mr. Coffey explained that the hotels will need to build a non-profit board who will then review the feasibility study to determine the final outcome. Mr. Smarjesse inquired about what percentage would take The Center to a tier 2 and Ms. Grant inquired about notification about the public hearing. A discussion took place and Mr. Coffey stated that he will keep everyone updated as he gets the information.

There was no General Counsel report presented at this meeting.

Ms. Davis presented the General Managers report. Ms. Davis stated she was not able to attend the office Holiday party but was happy to hear that some of the Board members came out for it. She gave props to Jill Tavine for getting everything together. Mr. Mills stated that he attended the party and it was a good and everyone had fun.

Ms. Davis stated that everyone is getting ready to ramp up for the busy season. She stated that right after Christmas, the annual Abe's Rumble Wrestling event will be held and from that point through January there are few days open on the calendar.

Ms. Davis stated that per Ms. Grant's request last month, everyone should find a copy of the Resolution 2007-1, which is for the Emergency Response Commission that would use The Center as a staging center in cases of emergencies for the volunteers

Mr. Coffey asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Ms. Goza, and seconded by Mr. Smarjesse. A voice vote was taken, motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Tracy Motter
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Mr. Mike Coffey, Jr.
Chairman