



AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, June 29, 2022; 12:00 p.m.

Location: BMO Harris Bank Center (Board Room – Lower Level)
300 Elm Street, Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Craig Thomas Tom Walsh Martesha Brown
Rudy Valdez Mike Dunn
John Phelps Michael Schirger

Board Members Absent: Howie Heaton Bobbie Holzwarth

Others Present: Alderman Chad Tuneberg
Alderman Frank Beach
Beth Howard, Friends of the Coronado
Channel 23 News

Staff Present: Doug Johnson; Assistant General Manager, BMO Harris Bank Center
Jackie Powers; Finance Coordinator/RAVE Board Secretary, BMO Harris Bank Center

Vice-Chairman John Phelps called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

John Phelps welcomes those in attendance and states Craig Thomas's term as Chairman has expired and opens the floor to nominations.

MOTION: To nominate Craig Thomas as Chairman made by Mike Dunn, second by Rudy Valdez. Motion passes unanimously.

Craig Thomas thanks those in attendance and announces General Manager Gretchen Gilmore is absent and Assistant General Manager Doug Johnson will step in for her.

MINUTES – The minutes from the June 1, 2022, meeting are reviewed and approved.

MOTION: To approve the June 1, 2022, minutes made by Rudy Valdez, second by Michael Schirger. Motion passes unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance

Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair

Tom Walsh defers to the Treasurer's report.

- **Executive** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**

No report at this time.

- **Davis Park** **Mr. Tom Walsh, Chair**

Tom Walsh reports financing has been secured for renovation plans for Davis Park and Phase one of the plan is moving forward. Alderman Beach and Alderman Tuneburg confirm plans are moving forward on the city's side. Craig Thomas states there will be ongoing discussions regarding the activity at the park.

- **Coronado** **Mr. Craig Thomas, Chair**

Doug Johnson informs the board there will be an event at the Coronado with Amazon Prime to premiere their new series "A League of Their Own" and we will tie in Friday Night Flix by playing the movie "A League of Their Own." Martesha Brown states she will be playing in the exhibition game for the event.

- **DEI Advisory Group** **Ms. Martesha Brown, Chair**

Martesha Brown updates the board on the DEI Advisory Committee and provides the DEI Scorecard, promising future updates.

- **Governance** **Mr. Tim Rollins, Attorney**

No report at this time.

- **Program Advisory Group** **Mr. Michael Schirger, Chair**

No report at this time.

- **Capital Improvement** **Mr. John Phelps, Chair**

No report at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Tom Walsh, Treasurer

Tom Walsh reviews the financials and highlights events, attendance, and income stating April was better than May. Tom Walsh reviews the projection that the year may end in a slight loss, but it will be better than expected. Attendance at the Coronado is tracking at or above pre-pandemic numbers. The budget is being put together and should be ready soon.

MOTION: To approve the April 2022 financials made by John Phelps, second by Rudy Valdez. Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: To approve the May 2022 financials made by Martesha Brown, second by Michael Schirger. Motion passes unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT – Mr. Doug Johnson, AGM

Doug Johnson gives a program update and reports that Pollstar has included Coronado Performing Arts Center in their top 200 list for the first time. The Coronado is ranked at 105 for ticket sales and revenue. Doug Johnson updates on arena renovations and the site analysis being done by ASM corporate. Chairman Thomas requests the report be shared with the board upon its completion. Doug Johnson states the City of Rockford is reviewing the projected financials for the IGA renewal and WJE has been onsite as well. Board members request clarification regarding the Pollstar ranking and Doug Johnson discusses how ticket pricing is set and where the tickets are sold outside of the city of Rockford. Chairman Thomas inquires as to what impact the delay in the escalator repair will have on shows and is told it will be addressed as events approach.

COUNSEL'S REPORT – Attorney Tim Rollins

No report at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mr. Craig Thomas

Craig Thomas reviews the action items on the agenda and updates the board that an agreement has been made with the Chicago Blackhawks to reevaluate Phase Three Renovations to accommodate the change order in the current phase.

MOTION: To approve the change order submitted by ANC Sports Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$610,549.40 for Ribbon Displays in the BMO Harris Bank Center made by John Phelps, second by Mike Dunn. Motion passes unanimously.

Craig Thomas states the second item is for the Club Lounge furniture package and the dressing room refresh and that the package is under the original budget.

MOTION: To accept the bid submitted by Corporate Concepts in the amount of \$373,472.52, in response to RAVE's Invitation to Bid BMO Harris Bank Center Phase 2 Bid Package 4 FFE, and also to authorize RAVE's Chairman to execute a contract in that amount contingent upon its prior review and approval by RAVE's legal counsel made by John Phelps, second by Mike Dunn. Motion passes unanimously.

Alderman Frank Beach inquires how the board will address the large change orders if questioned and Craig Thomas answers that the board is sticking to its commitment to provide the renovations and the Blackhawks evaluations to finance overages in accordance with what they consider positive return on their investment. Doug Johnson reports a sponsorship package agreement has been reached with the Hard Rock Casino at the Coronado.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – The Authority Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

MOTION: To adjourn made by John Phelps, second by Rudy Valdez. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Jackie Powers, Authority Board Secretary/ FOIA Officer