

**Multi-Events Center
Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2006
NCTC, Room 545, 12 Noon**

Board members present: Barb Kalinoski, Anne Temte, Charles Naplin, Dave Carlson.
Advisors Present: Madelyn Vigen, Mike Moore, Ron Lindberg, Earl Frazer, Shannon Boen.

Members were introduced to Anne Temte, newly appointed President of Northland College.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as sent.

Additions to Agenda: None

Financial Report: Cindy Cedergren reported that the current fund balance, provided by the City of Thief River Falls, was \$44,794, not including 4th quarter interest earnings.

Approval of Bills: The Board approved the purchase of a block ad for the TRF Visitor's Guide for \$650.00. Cindy Cedergren will work with Julie Olson, NCTC Director of Public Relations, on updating the ad with new photos.

Operations Council: Mike Flaagen reported that Deb Jacobson was elected chairperson. Discussion was held on a request from the School District for the Board to consider acquiring either portable or permanent aluminum bleacher seating for visitor seating on the east side of the stadium. Quotes for renting and purchasing elevated seating were reviewed. A quote from R.M. Dreyling Construction for renting a 10-row 600-person capacity unit was \$7,050, including delivery and installation, for use from August 25-mid-November. A purchase quote from Seating and Athletic Facility Enterprises of Ellendale, MN, for seating to accommodate 580 people was \$65,000, plus a 4" concrete pad for \$15,000. The quote also included larger units, accommodating up to 1000 people. It was suggested that if the Board purchased portable seating that the school, city, county, and college may have a need to rent them from the Board for large events. The Board did not support renting or purchasing the additional bleachers, since it exceeded the funds available, and the need for visitor seating did not warrant the expenditure. The Board believed that the School District may have to assume the costs for additional seating for the play-off games when they are needed.

Mike noted that the Operations Council needs direction from the Board on how to proceed with discussions about other components contained in Phase II and III, such as: swimming pool, concourse, administrative offices, performing arts center, etc. The facilities and the needs of the community have changed since these plans were developed. Anne Temte inquired about YMCA involvement in planning future projects.

Operations and Maintenance Agreement: Ron Lindberg reported that the present agreement needs to be reviewed and amended.

Parking: Mike Flaagen shared his correspondence to Madelyn Vigen and Glen Kajewski regarding parking concerns. During softball and soccer practices and games, vehicles are being parked on both sides of CSAH 18. He stated that the potential for a pedestrian/vehicle accident is high. “No Parking” signs have been in place for more than a year but seem to be ignored. The letter requested that all participants, coaches, and parents be reminded of this safety concern.

Budget: Earl Frazer stated that he felt strongly that the Board needs to establish an annual budget to be able to maintain the MEC facilities and plan for future expenditures. He suggested that perhaps \$10,000 from each entity could be a starting point in establishing an annual budget. Discussion was held on what the in-kind services costs were now. No specific data was available at this meeting. Board members agreed to discuss this suggestion with their respective Boards.

Swimming Pool Update: Dave Carlson reported that, per a 2005 audit report, the swimming pool fund balance was \$194,000. Discussion was held on the idea of surveying the community as an informal needs assessment. Barb Kalinoski noted that the school district will have to replace the Franklin Middle School pool eventually. She reported that the school superintendent has appointed a committee to examine the district’s long-term needs. She noted that the Warroad City Pool was a good example of an indoor/outdoor facility. She reported that there is a joint meeting of the school district and city council scheduled soon, of which she and Dave Carlson will be in attendance, and will share information at the next Joint Powers Board meeting.

Soccer Update: Discussion was held on potential grants to build additional soccer fields. The TRF Soccer Association will be encouraged to seek grant funds.

Input from Public: None

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. No future meeting dates were set.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren
NCTC President’s Assistant