Multi-Events Center Joint Powers Board Meeting Monday, April 21, 2011 9 a.m., NCTC, Room 545

MINUTES

Board members present: Floyd Erickson, Anne Temte, Cody Hempel, Shannon Boen (alternate for Josh Whitlow)

Absent -Josh Whitlow

Advisors present: Paul Peterson, Carl Clark, Clinton Castle, Steve Crittenden, Mike Flaagen, Laine Larson, Mike Moore;

Recorder- Cindy Cedergren.

Topic	Responsible Party	Discussion/Outcome
Call to order	Temte	
1. Additions to Agenda		Chairman Temte added a discussion regarding the composition of participants attending the Board meetings.
2. Approval of Minutes	Board	Minutes of the March 7, 2011 minutes were approved as distributed.
Financial Report & Approval of Bills	Cedergren	Cindy Cedergren reported a current balance of \$33,584.59. Bills paid since last meeting: Von Trucking \$2,289.41 Interest earned: \$73.48 The financial report was approved as reported.
4. 3-Year Analysis Report	Temte	This item was tabled until the four entities' financial officers can discuss and clarify the data requested by the Board and compiled by Shannon Jesme, Northland College CFO. All of the CFO's will be asked to attend the next meeting to address any questions from the Board.
5. Operations Council Updates	Various Council members	Update on Field #5 work: Shannon Boen reported that one more load of agri-lime is needed and is expected to arrive soon. The field is being used this spring for baseball, while Fields 6 & 7 have been under water.
		Update on Shed Purchase: Paul Peterson reported a new price quote from Pro Build of \$3,767.74. (a budget of \$4,000 was approved at a previous meeting). This will be installed once the weather and ground conditions improve.
		Long and Short-term Goals: Mike Flaagen and other members reviewed the draft list of goals for future needs of the MEC, compiled by members of the Operations Council. The list consisted of various indoor and outdoor projects, categorized in timeframes of 1-5, 5-10, and 10+ years. (list is attached to minutes).
		The Board asked the Council to provide estimated costs and rationale of the individual projects in order to create a priority list and an ongoing budget to fund the projects. It was suggested that the projects also be categorized by sport, if applicable.
		Discussion was held on negotiating with the city on the water meter costs at the MEC.

		Even though the water usage is minimal during the off-season, the college is paying full year rates, because the water is needed for fire protection year-round.
6. Pool Discussion		Discussion shifted to the prospect of locating a pool at the MEC. Chairman Temte stated that MnSCU will not support a pool on state property. She will contact Greg Ewig of the MnSCU Real Estate Division to discuss various options that could be considered – for instance, transferring the property from the state to another entity. She suggested that at a summer Board meeting, we invite Greg Ewig and the TR Forward Committee to discuss options. Carl Clark asked when MnSCU's stance on pools had changed, since the pool was included in the Phase II plans for the MEC from the start, and the MEC building was built to include the infrastructure needed to support a pool. Anne Temte did not know when MnSCU's stance had changed, but she believed it was probably a result of MnSCU's Risk Management tightening up their rules, in respect to liability issues.
		It was decided that the Board & advisors revisit the legislative bill for the MEC project, to see if a pool was included in the bill. Cindy Cedergren will provide that information when minutes are distributed.
7. Proposed Amendments to Joint Powers Board Agreement	Cedergren	Cindy Cedergren reported that the proposed amendments are items that have been discussed by the Board during previous meetings. She noted that the fiscal agent for the Board was changed several years ago, but the official agreement was never amended to reflect that change. We are awaiting additional language recommended by Paul Ihle regarding liability issues. Each entity was asked to review the proposed amendment and report any questions or concerns at the next meeting.
8. Representation at Board meetings	Temte, Erickson	Anne Temte stated that a concern had been brought forward that the college typically has a higher number of representatives attending the Board meetings than the other three entities. In response to this concern, Anne Temte stated that she wanted Steve Crittenden, Clinton Castle and Paul Peterson to continue to attend the meetings, and she was planning on appointing Steve Crittenden to serve as the college's representative on the Board. Anne would continue to attend the meetings when possible, but only as a visitor or in an advisory role when needed. She stated that since Shannon Boen is a college employee, he should not be designated as an alternate for Josh Whitlow, to represent the School District. She stated that the Chair of the Board should rotate among the Board members, and the recorder could change as well, if the Board so desired. She suggested that the structure and conduct of the Joint Powers Board be further discussed at the next meeting. She suggested the Board meet monthly for a period of time.
Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.		
8. Next meeting		Cindy Cedergren will send an email poll to select the next meeting date in late May or early June. Proposed agenda items for next meeting:
		Operations Council – cost breakdown by sport/activity; rationale/need

2) Board structure/membership at meetings3) 3-Year Financial Analysis4) Joint Powers Board Agreement
a) Feedback on proposed amendments b) Additional changes from Paul Ihle's office

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