MINUTES OF THE FARGO DOME AUTHORITY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Fargo Dome Authority was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in FARGODOME Conference Room with President Michael Ellingson presiding.

Members present: Michael Ellingson (via phone), Blake Nelson, Nancy Jordheim, Troy Goergen, David Suppes and Rick Steen.

Members absent: Dan Armbrust.

Others present: Oliver Finneman – McGough Construction; Peter Monsrud – City of Fargo; Zach Prante, Accounting Manager –FARGODOME; Sarah Dykema – Director of Marketing and Sales – FARGODOME; Amanda Muellenbach, Administrative and Auxiliary Services Manager – FARGODOME; Bernie Larson, Assistant General Manager – FARGODOME and Rob Sobolik, General Manager – FARGODOME.

Media present: Melissa Van Der Stad – The Forum

President Michael Ellingson called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Rob requested to add a discussion about WI-FI Access Points to the agenda under additional items.

David Suppes made a motion, seconded by Rick Steen, to approve the agenda of the October 31, 2023 Fargo Dome Authority meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Nancy Jordheim made a motion, seconded by Troy Goergen, to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 Fargo Dome Authority meeting. Motion carried.

Rob Sobolik presented the General Manager's report as follows:

- Year-to-Date Net Income through September 2023 is stated at $285,140 which is a positive variance (to budget) of $333,019.
  Upon review, Rick Steen made a motion, seconded by Blake Nelson, to approve the September 2023 financial statements as presented.
  On call of the roll, Ellingson, Goergen, Jordheim, Nelson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.
  Absent and not voting: Armbrust
  The motion was declared carried.
- Past and Upcoming Events: Nickelback on October 5, 2023. The Big One Art and Craft Show on October 13-14, 2023. FM Athletics Youth Football on October 15, 2023. NDSU Football vs. Western Illinois on October 21, 2023. FM Athletics Youth Football on October 22, 2023. NDSU Football vs. Murray State on October 28, 2023. MN HS Football Sectionals 8A on November 2, 2023. MN HS Football Sectionals 6A on November 3, 2023. Shania Twain on November 5, 2023. Dakota Bowl on November 10, 2023. NDSU Football vs. Southern Illinois on November 11, 2023. NDSU Gold Star Marching Band on November 12, 2023. NDHS State Volleyball on November 16-18, 2023. Fill the Dome on November 19-21, 2023.

Rick Steen presented the Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committee report. The Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committees met on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Items discussed included:

- September 2023 Financial Statements: The September 2023 Financial Statements were approved by the Finance Committee at the meeting on October 25, 2023.
- Project and Capital Budget Updates:
    - Football Turf: Planning for the winch motor conversion for the football turf continues. The work will likely happen in December of this year.
    - Wi-Fi: FARGODOME has been researching options for additional Wi-Fi access points on the concourse near entry doors to assist with ticket scanning and patron downloading of digital tickets. There will be a funding request out of FARGODOME Permanent Fund for this coming forward.
- Escrow Balance & Performance Reports: The FARGODOME permanent fund performance, year-to-date, through July 2023 is 1.77% Please see attachments.

Rick Steen made a motion to approve the Building and Finance Committee report as presented.
On call of the roll, Ellingson, Goergen, Jordheim, Nelson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.
Absent and not voting: Armbrust
The motion was declared carried.

Discussion of FARGODOME Remodel and Conference Center Addition: Rob noted that absentee ballots for the Special Election are available through the City of Fargo or Cass County, but need to be returned to the City Auditor's Office. The in person vote will be held December 5, 2023 at the Ramada, FARGODOME and Civic Center.

Additional Items:

- Wi-Fi: FARGODOME and City IS have been working together to research options for additional Wi-Fi access points on the concourse near entry doors to assist with ticket scanning and patron downloading of digital tickets. Through the City's agreement with High Points Networks, the cost for the access points, licensing and cabling is roughly $25,500. Rob requested a motion to approve the project, to be funded out of the FARGODOME Permanent Fund for $27,500 (cost of the project plus incidentals).
  Nancy Jordheim made a motion, seconded by Troy Goergen, to approve the motion requested above.
  On call of the roll, Ellingson, Goergen, Jordheim, Nelson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.
  Absent and not voting: Armbrust
  The motion was declared carried.

The next Fargo Dome Authority meeting will be on November 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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Michael Ellingson, President

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Amanda Muellenbach, Administrative and Auxiliary Services Manager