



MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2020 at 3:00 P.M.
U.S. Bank Stadium – Medtronic Club
401 Chicago Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55415

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 3:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich, Bill McCarthy, Barbara Butts Williams, and Angela Burns Finney.

Commissioners absent: Tony Sertich

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – December 20, 2019. See, Exhibit A.

4. BUSINESS

a. Action Items

i. Election of Officers

Chair Vekich asked the Board if they had any nominations for the Vice-Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer positions. Commissioner McCarthy nominated Commissioner Butts Williams for the Vice-Chair, and also nominated Commissioner Sertich as the Secretary/Treasurer. All present Commissioners supported his nominations, and the motion was adopted.

b. Report Items

i. ASM Global Stadium Events Update

John Drum, Interim General Manager of ASM, gave a presentation to the MSFA board to update them on current and upcoming events. See, Exhibit B.

ii. Executive Director Report

James Farstad, Executive Director of the MSFA, stated that the MSFA began the 2020 Capital Procurement planning and budgeting. He noted that there would be changes on the upper concourse to the Aramark concession operation. We plan to review our priorities together with ASM Global's requests. facility capital. We will also review the capital project requests, and the Minnesota Vikings designated capital requests. Meetings will begin next week to discuss initial ideas.

Mr. Farstad noted that the final equity report is almost complete and should be ready next month. Mr. Farstad also stated that the MSFA has been working closely with Employee Assistance Firms (Summit Academy, American Indian OIC, HAP, and CLUES) for employment opportunities.

The MSFA has finished the testing of the soccer panels for the field turf conversion, and it went better than expected. Mr. Farstad stated that the baseball outfield conversion is complete, and the baseball season will begin within the next few weeks at U.S. Bank Stadium. The last piece of the field installation will be the end zone and Norseman logo, and installation will begin between February 1-5.

Lastly, Mr. Farstad stated that the MSFA staff has met with Envision Community to help design a human centered design process to help with parking ramp and plaza safety. Together, Envision and the MSFA are developing sustainable strategies and integrated solutions, identifying the root causes of the problems, and developing structured approaches to remedy the safety issues of the parking ramps around U.S. Bank Stadium.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Jerry Bahls: Mr. Bahls addressed the board and stated that Audubon Minneapolis will be hosting a FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) on April 2, 2020. He noted that FLAP will be giving a presentation about bird safe architecture at 8 P.M. at the Bakken Museum, with a reception to follow. He invited the board members to attend the presentation as well as the gathering that follows.

6. **MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

Commissioner Butts Williams moved to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) to discuss attorney-client privileged matters regarding potential claims related to a demand filed by M.A. Mortenson Company. Commissioner Burns Finney seconded the motion.

The meeting was closed at 3:16 P.M.

Individuals present at the closed meeting: Chair Michael Vekich, Bill McCarthy, Barbara Butts Williams, Angela Burns Finney, James Farstad, Dean Thompson, Jesse Orman, and Jay Lindgren.

Commissioners absent at the closed meeting: Tony Sertich

7. **MOTION TO OPEN MEETING**

Commissioner McCarthy moved to authorize the Chair and Executive Director to take actions consistent with the discussion during the closed portion of the meeting.

Chair Vekich moved to open the meeting and Commissioner Butts Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting was opened at 4:01 P.M

8. DISCUSSION

Chair Vekich read a statement to the public regarding the current construction mediation. It stated:

“We are currently engaged in confidential discussions that are part of a mediation process with multiple parties involved in the design and construction of U.S. Bank Stadium.

The process does not permit us to disclose any specific elements of the negotiation at this time. The mediation process has been collaborative, and discussions have been positive. We are hopeful to have a final resolution in the coming weeks. Once a final resolution has been determined, we will be able to share the details, and look forward to doing so.

Throughout this process, the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority will continue to fulfill its responsibility to safeguard the public’s investment in U.S. Bank Stadium”

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 P.M.

Approved and adopted the 28th day of February 2020, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.



Tony Sertich, Secretary/Treasurer



James Farstad, Executive Director
Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority



Exhibit A

MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.
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401 Chicago Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55415

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich, Bill McCarthy, Barbara Butts Williams, Tony Sertich, and Angela Burns Finney.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 15, 2019. *See, Exhibit A.*

4. BUSINESS

a. Action Items

i. Stadium Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Addendum

James Farstad, Executive Director of the MSFA, stated that in November 2015, ASM Global (ASM) entered into a Project Labor Agreement with the Minneapolis Building and Construction Trades Council, which was a requirement of the MSFA’s contract with ASM. However, the MSFA believes that it would be a more effective procurement process for construction contracts to be entered into with the MSFA directly. *See, Exhibit B.*

Commissioner McCarthy moved and Commissioner Butts Williams seconded the motion to approve the following recommended motion, which was unanimously adopted:

The MSFA Board authorizes the Chair and the Executive Director to finalize and execute an Addendum to the referenced Project Labor Agreement.

ii. Approve ASM Contract

Mr. Farstad stated that the MSFA would like to consolidate communications efforts with ASM at U.S. Bank Stadium, as ASM's leadership team and staff have been very effective in supporting MSFA since September 2019. ASM will serve as the source of communications representation for both the MSFA and ASM at U.S. Bank Stadium. See, Exhibit C.

Commissioner Sertich moved and Commissioner Finney seconded the motion to approve the following recommended motion, which was unanimously adopted:

The MSFA authorizes the Chair and Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract agreement with ASM Global in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

b. Report Items

i. MSFA 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Mary Fox-Stroman, Director of Finance of the MSFA, presented the MSFA's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. See, Exhibit D.

Christopher Knopik, Principal at Clifton Larson Allen, presented the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards, and their governance letter. See, Exhibit E.

ii. **4th Quarter Budget Report – June 30, 2019**

Ms. Fox-Stroman presented the MSFA's 4th quarter budget report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, to the MSFA board. See, Exhibit F.

iii. **ASM Global Stadium Events Update**

John Drum, Interim General Manager of ASM, gave a presentation to the MSFA board to update them on current and upcoming events. See, Exhibit G.

iv. **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Farstad stated that the MSFA hired a company, Grafe Auction, to auction off the excess concession equipment. The bidding process was very effective, and the gross total sales of the auction were \$45,815.60.

Mr. Farstad announced that the MSFA and Aramark are working together with House of Charity to find a solution to prevent the roughly 100,000 pounds of food waste each year, which is disposed after events at the stadium. One of the suggestions is to donate the food to local homeless shelters and to charities who would benefit from meals.

Lastly, Mr. Farstad stated that the MSFA staff continues to work closely with the equity advisors to complete a finalized version of the equity plan. The advisors have put together opportunities, suggestions, and plans for the future MSFA equity program at U.S. Bank Stadium, which includes workforce development, procurement plans, and community-based volunteer work.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Constance Pepin: Ms. Pepin stated that based on the Audubon of Minnesota's study, it is estimated that at least 111 birds die each year after colliding with the stadium. However, she and Dr. Daniel Klem believe that birds can collide with the stadium, sustain intracranial hemorrhaging, fly away, and die at

another location not on the stadium grounds. Therefore, some deaths are not accounted for, and the reported numbers are not fully accurate. Ms. Pepin also addressed the misunderstanding regarding vegetation at the stadium. The Audubon Minneapolis is not suggesting the removal or replacing of trees is necessary, as birds need these trees as a home. Therefore, she suggests that the glass be retrofitted, not the vegetation. Ms. Pepin also believes that the retrofitting of the glass should not be treated to only 36 feet as Audubon Minnesota's study suggests. She noted that in Toronto Canada, the requirement is 52 feet, and in New York City, an ordinance now requires the first 75 feet be retrofitted. Lastly, Ms. Pepin wanted to address the misconception that treated glass looks frosty or murky. There are many options to retrofit the glass, and many can look transparent.

2. Jerry Bahls: Mr. Bahls stated that the Audubon Minnesota's study states that a major reduction in collisions can be achieved in many ways. One suggestion listed within the report states that turning off building lights at night is not only beneficial for birds but is also great for the ecosystem. Mr. Bahls read from the Audubon Minnesota's study, which states: "...the study team recommends the stadium continue to follow this lighting scheme year-round and also reduce lighting earlier in the evenings when compatible with building use. Targeting additional Lights Out efforts during the first few hours after sunset would benefit collision reduction, as this time period is generally the peak of nightly bird migration volume." Lastly, Mr. Bahls highly encourages the MSFA to follow the "lights out" policy, and although important, he noted that it does not reduce the need for retrofitting the glass.

6. DISCUSSION

There was no discussion

7. MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING

Commissioner Sertich moved to close the meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) to discuss attorney-client privileged matters related to potential claims related to a demand filed by M.A. Mortenson Company. Commissioner Butts Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting was closed at 9:50 A.M.

Commissioners present at the closed meeting: Chair Michael Vekich, Bill McCarthy, Barbara Butts Williams, Tony Sertich, and Angela Burns Finney.

8. MOTION TO OPEN MEETING

Chair Vekich moved to open the meeting and Commissioner Butts Williams seconded the motion.

The meeting was opened at 10:26 A.M

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Vekich announced that the next MSFA meeting will be held on January 30, 2019, at U.S. Bank Stadium in the Medtronic Club at 3:00 P.M.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Approved and adopted the 30th day of January 2019, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.

Tony Sertich, Secretary/Treasurer

James Farstad, Executive Director



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Exhibit B



**MSFA BOARD MEETING -
JANUARY 30, 2019 - ASM
GLOBAL UPDATE**

A nighttime cityscape featuring a prominent stadium with a translucent, illuminated roof. The stadium is surrounded by a complex network of elevated highways and roads, with light trails from moving vehicles. In the background, a dense skyline of skyscrapers is visible, some with lights on. The overall scene is captured in a long-exposure style, creating a sense of motion and urban activity.

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January 30, 2020
John Drum, Interim General Manager



MONSTER JAM

February 15, 2020

- Great Seats Still Available! Visit www.ticketmaster.com to purchase tickets or purchase directly from the U.S. Bank Stadium Ticket Office



NCAA WRESTLING

March 19 - 21, 2020

- Limited Seats Still Available!
- For additional information about the event please visit;
- <https://www.ncaa.com/championships/wrestling/d1> or [wrestling-championships/](https://www.ncaa.com/championships/wrestling-championships/)



KENNY CHESNEY - MAY 2, 2020

THE STADIUM TOUR

Motley Crue

DEF LEPPARD

POISON

JOAN JETT
AND THE BLACKHEARTS

· Motley Crue · Def
Leppard · Poison
Joan Jett and The
Blackhearts ·

June 27, 2020



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MONSTER MEN'S SKATEBOARD STREET

STANDINGS

1. TYSON BORGESINI	94.00
2. MATTIA BUSTON	91.00
3. SORIN GHIBU	89.00
4. DANIE FOP	88.00
5. LUCAS ALBERNA	87.00
6. JACQUES MORA	86.00
7. FELIPE CASANOVA	85.00
8. ANDREW BISHOP	84.00
9. ANDREW BISHOP	83.00
10. NICKY WIEFELER	82.00

RANK	FOR 1st	FOR 3rd	BEST	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3
6	89.34		94.00	74.00	71.66	

SUMMER X GAMES

July 16 - 19, 2020

- Last year it will be hosted in Minneapolis!
- Tickets on-sale this spring

George Strait

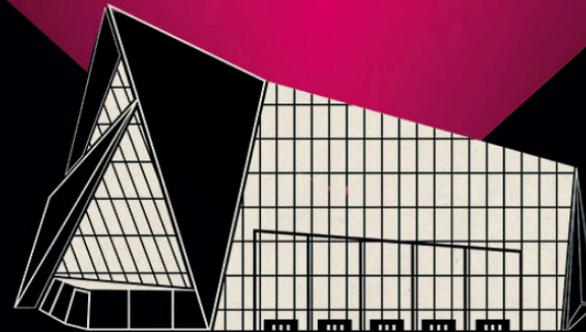
August 22, 2020

U.S. Bank Stadium is only show in 2020
outside of his Las Vegas residency!

- 2013 was the last time George played in Minnesota on his "Cowboy Rides Away" tour
- General public on-sale Friday, Jan. 31



RAMMSTEIN



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August 30, 2020

U.S. Bank Stadium one of only 10 shows on the North American tour!

- They were last in Minnesota 8 years ago

