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Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2022, 8:00 A.M.
U.S. Bank Stadium
401 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 8:00 A.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich, Bill McCarthy, and Tony Sertich.

Angela Burns Finney joined the meeting after the roll call at 8:05 A.M.

Commissioner absent: Sharon Sayles Belton.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – June 16, 2022.**

Chair Vekich asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting. Commissioner McCarthy moved, and Commissioner Sertich seconded the motion. The minutes of the June 16, 2022, board meeting were unanimously approved and adopted as presented. *See, Exhibit A.*

Chair Vekich announced that he was amending the agenda and removed the Reports Item - Minnesota Vikings Update.

4. **BUSINESS**

a. **Action Items**

i. **Approve Joint Powers Agreements for Stadium Security**

Chair Vekich asked Mr. Jay Lindgren, General Counsel, to discuss the Joint Powers Agreements. Mr. Lindgren stated ASM Global is responsible for security requirements at U.S. Bank Stadium events and

each event requires a specific number of off-duty licensed Minnesota peace officers as part of the security detail. He said the Authority has an opportunity to assist ASM in solving the current law enforcement staffing challenges. Mr. Lindgren explained that under Minnesota law, two or more local units of government may enter into “joint powers agreements” that allow one government to provide services to another government unit. The Authority proposes to use this statutory authority to enter into one or more joint powers agreements with counties or cities to allow peace officers from those jurisdictions to provide law enforcement services at stadium events. Mr. Lindgren concluded his discussion by stating ASM will remain responsible for making all payments for these services which is consistent with the Management Agreement, and ASM will be required to indemnify the MSFA and insure against any risks that result from the addition of joint powers agreements. See, Exhibit B.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if ASM will enter into the agreements with the police departments? Mr. Lindgren responded that the Authority and the city or county will enter into the joint powers agreements and ASM will have a separate contract with the counties. Commissioner Sertich commented that he liked the concept of one document that the Chair and Interim Executive Director would negotiate with each county. He asked if there are substantive changes to the agreement, then what are the parameters of negotiation? Mr. Lindgren replied that a shift in the agreement’s liability or indemnification for the Authority would be a substantive change. Mr. Lindgren said that he will try to draft the agreements so that the documents would be acceptable to the counties.

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

The Chair and Interim Executive Director are authorized to negotiate and enter into one or more joint powers agreements with other Minnesota governmental units to provide security at the Stadium. The Chair and Interim Executive Director are further authorized to negotiate and enter into any required agreements with ASM Global regarding these arrangements.

b. Report Items

i. Stadium Updates

a. ASM Global Update

Mr. John Drum, General Manager of U.S. Bank Stadium, gave an update on recent events. He stated Green Sports Alliance welcomed over 200 sports venues to the stadium and U.S Bank Stadium was recognized for their Zero Waste Award. Mr. Drum thanked staff and all stadium partners for their sustainability efforts. Mr. Drum said that the Super EID prayer service hosted over 30,000 guests for their community event. He mentioned that last week United Way hosted “Action Day 2022” at the stadium and this volunteer event brought many volunteers from multiple organizations together to fill backpacks with school supplies for local students.

Mr. Drum discussed future events and said there will be three concerts in August, the first concert will be Kenny Chesney on August 6th, Def Leppard & Motley Crue will be on August 14th, and the Rammstein Concert will be on August 27th. Mr. Drum said the Minnesota Vikings will play their first preseason home game on August 20th.

b. Aramark Sports & Entertainment Update

Ms. Jenifer Freeman, General Manager of Aramark, gave a food and beverage update and said the Green Sports Alliance event was a busy event as they prepared 100% plant-based breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus for two days for their guests. Ms. Freeman said they look forward to the upcoming concerts in August and they will have 100,000 cans of beer for the Kenny Chesney concert. Ms. Freeman mentioned they are excited that 16 local food partners and all the Not-For-Profit Organizations are returning to the stadium and there will be 10 new Not-For-Profit groups. She said Aramark’s focus this summer has been on staffing retention and making the catering and concession jobs more experiential for employees.

Ms. Freeman also mentioned that she is working on reimagining the Caribou Coffee stand into a Drink Market stand where beverages, beer, and cocktails will be sold using the new mashgin technology. This technology provides simple, easy, fast, and touch free checkout for guests.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

6. **DISCUSSION**

There was no discussion.


7. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Vekich announced that the next MSFA meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2022, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Mystic Lake's Club Purple.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 A.M.

Approved and adopted the 18th day of August 2022, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.



Angela Burns Finney, Secretary/Treasurer



Mary Fox-Stroman, Interim Executive Director

EXHIBIT A



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 8:03 A.M.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners absent: Sharon Sayles Belton.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – May 19, 2022.**

The minutes of the May 19, 2022, board meeting were unanimously approved and adopted as presented. *See, Exhibit A.*

4. **BUSINESS**

a. **Action Items**

i. Approve MSFA 2022-2023 Budget

Ms. Mary Fox-Stroman, Interim Executive Director, presented the 2022-2023 Budget for the fiscal period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for the Operating account, Capital Reserve account, and Concession Capital Reserve account. Ms. Fox-Stroman discussed the budget narrative and the “Budget at a Glance” documents. *See, Exhibit B.*

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

The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority adopts the attached 2022-2023 Budget for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the Operating account, the Capital Reserve account, and the Concession Capital Reserve account. The Authority authorizes the Chair and the Interim Executive Director to make adjustments to the detailed revenue and expense budget lines within the Operating account budget and to adjust the project budgets within the Capital Reserve Project budget and Concession Capital Project budget.

b. Report Items

i. Casualty Insurance Report

Ms. Fox-Stroman presented the 2022-2023 Casualty Insurance Program report. See, Exhibit C. She reported that CBIZ negotiated with various carriers for the best pricing and terms for this renewal program, and she discussed in detail the Authority's casualty insurance policies, coverages, and premiums. Ms. Fox-Stroman said the renewal policy period is from June 17, 2022 to June 17, 2023.

She also mentioned that the Authority has a separate property insurance program, and the property policies will expire on September 17, 2022. She said a detailed property program report will be presented at a future meeting.

ii. Q3 – 2021-2022 Budget Report - March 31, 2022

Ms. Fox-Stroman presented the third quarter budget report for the period from July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022, and she discussed the high-level budget summary document, "Performance at a Glance". See, Exhibit D.

iii. Stadium Updates

a. ASM Global Update

Mr. John Drum, General Manager of U.S. Bank Stadium, stated ASM recently promoted Mr. Ed Kroics to the Director of Operations position, he has been with ASM for several years and has extensive event

and stadium experience and a strong technical background as well. Mr. Drum mentioned Mr. Kroics' transition to the new director position has been seamless.

Chair Michel Vekich commented Mr. Kroics' artificial turf expertise is a big asset for this position. Mr. Drum agreed and said they plan to hire a facility manager with turf experience.

Mr. Drum discussed recent events that were hosted in the stadium including Vee Con 2022. He said it was an amazing four-day event for nearly 7,000 guests, the event floor held the main stage area, and the clubs were used for breakout sessions with the various speakers. He also said Aramark's catering and concession services were tremendous, and this event was an excellent opportunity for Aramark to showcase their services.

Mr. Drum said the Eric Church concert was held on June 11, 2022, and it was a new event with three acts including Ernest, Morgan Wallen, and Eric Church. The gates opened at 5 P.M., the first act went on stage at 6 P.M., Morgan Wallen went on stage at 7:30 P.M and played for 90 minutes, and he was followed by Eric Church who played until midnight to a sold-out crowd.

Mr. Drum said they are looking ahead to July and August events, United Way will host an Action Day volunteer event in July, and in August the stadium will host three concerts: Kenny Chesney on August 6th, Def Leppard & Motley Crue on August 14th, and Rammstein on August 27th. Minnesota Vikings will host their first preseason game on August 20th. Lastly, he said SKOL service training sessions for new team members was held this week and they look forward to welcoming new team members to the stadium.

b. Aramark Sports & Entertainment Update

Mr. Drum reported Ms. Jenifer Freeman, General Manager of Aramark, was absent so he would make a few comments on her behalf. Mr. Drum said the Eric Church concert was an amazing food and beverage event, and the catering and concession sales exceeded expectations. He mentioned Aramark is a leader in plant-based meals and the stadium's chefs have been creating new menu items for the Green Sports Alliance event that will be hosted here from June 21 to 23, 2022. He then gave a "shout out" to Ms. Freeman and her team and said they have performed exceptionally well meeting the

demands of the many events and planning and preparing specialized menus. Their catering and concession operation has been great.

c. Legislative Update

Chair Vekich amended the agenda and added “Legislative Update” to the Report Items section. Chair Vekich asked Mr. Peter Glessing, Lockridge Grindal Nauen, PLLP, to comment on the legislative session. Mr. Glessing said the Minnesota legislative session adjourned on May 23rd, and a week prior to the end of the legislative session Governor Walz and the legislative leaders agreed to a budget framework for the \$9.4 billion surplus. The framework included \$4 billion in additional spending, \$4 billion in tax relief, and \$1.4 billion for a capital investment bill. The House and Senate conferees worked on the framework but negotiations stalled in the committees, and the bills did not pass. The legislature then adjourned, and they were unable to implement the budget framework. Mr. Glessing said although Governor Walz and the legislative leaders have discussed the need for a special session, he predicts that a special session would not be held. Mr. Glessing also commented that several legislators have announced their retirement.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Chair Vekich announced that the next MSFA meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at U.S. Bank Stadium in Club Purple.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 A.M.

Approved and adopted the 27th day of July 2022, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.



Angela Burns Finney, Secretary/Treasurer



Mary Fox-Stroman, Interim Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

To: MSFA Commissioners

From: Jay Lindgren

Date: July 27, 2022

Subject: Joint Powers Agreements for Stadium Security

Under the Stadium Management Agreement, ASM Global is responsible for security requirements at U.S. Bank Stadium events. Each event requires its own unique number of off duty, licensed Minnesota peace officers as part of the security detail. Historically, these policing services have been provided by Minneapolis police officers.

The MSFA has a unique opportunity to assist ASM in solving the current staffing challenges. Under Minnesota law, two or more local units of government may enter into “joint powers agreements” that allow one government unit to provide services to another. Using this statutory authority, the MSFA proposes to enter into one or more joint powers agreements with counties or cities to allow peace officers from those jurisdictions to provide law enforcement services at Stadium events.

The full incident command for emergencies will remain with the Minneapolis Police Department, but other officers can be of assistance. ASM will remain responsible for making all payments (directly or indirectly through the MSFA) in a manner consistent with the Management Agreement. ASM will also be required to indemnify the MSFA and insure against any risks that result from the addition of joint powers agreements.

Recommended Motion:

The Chair and Interim Executive Director are authorized to negotiate and enter into one or more joint powers agreements with other Minnesota governmental units to provide security at the Stadium. The Chair and Interim Executive Director are further authorized to negotiate and enter into any required agreements with ASM Global regarding these arrangements.