

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
721 E. HIGHLAND DR. SUITE D
March 22, 2022
11:30 a.m.**

Board Members Present: Ward Koeser, Jory Meyer, Larry Grondahl, Bill Gathman, Brandon Johnson, Lee Murphy, Katie Kringen and Taylor Olson

Others Present: WSC President, Dr. Bernell Hirning, Athletic Director Jayden Olson, Hunter Berg, Executive Director, Laurie Furuseth, Chief Financial Officer and Kim Gratz, Office Manager, Guest Mike Christen, Apartment Manager.

Via telephone: Rick Medalen and Melanie Stillwell (Joined meeting at 12:20 pm)

Members Absent: Jackie Lee

President Koeser called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. President Koeser called for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:

- 1. February 15, 2022, Board minutes**
- 2. Bank Transaction Reports**
- 3. Financial Statements (Housing, Supporting Foundation and WSC Foundation)**
- 4. Gaming Report**
- 5. Oil Income Report**
- 6. Investment Report**
- 7. Cash Balances**

Motion by Director Meyer, seconded by Director Gathman to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

A. WSC Update: Given by President Hirning

- 1. Strategy Session with Governor Burgum went very well**
- 2. Marketing Director and the two recruiters will be at the Board's April meeting**
- 3. Update on Sanford Medical Center:**
 - a. Meets with Sanford Board tomorrow**
 - b. Will update Foundation Board next month**
 - c. Plan to break ground in May 2022**
 - d. 2-3 year build out – to open fall of 2024**
- 4. Bookstore:**
 - a. Shipping on costs of display cases higher than expected. Director Grondahl will do some checking on more economical shipping options**

- b. Retool the ticket booth to use some of the space for display
- 5. Daycare:
 - a. June 2022 construction to start
 - b. Daycare Operator has been selected, but not made public yet
 - c. Operational by January or February of 2023
 - d. 100 spots for children
- B. Athletic Director – Jayden Olson
 - 1. Softball and baseball are underway.
 - 2. Casino Nite and Bronco raffle will be March 26, 2022.
 - 3. Meeting concerning possible redesignation of region for WSC Athletics
 - 4. Clay Target – considered Collegiate or Club?
- C. Apartments:
 - a. Mike Christen, IMM Apartment manager updated the Board on Badlands West Pet policy. Motion by Director Grondahl, seconded by Director Kringen to approve Badlands West to become a pet friendly apartment building. Motion carried.
 - b. Reviewed the housing budget and also the housing income for the fiscal year.
 - c. Community Service – Executive Director Berg was approached by the ND Department of Corrections to see if the Foundation would be interested in being part of this program. After much discussion, Director Taylor Olson will check into this to see if it is something the Foundation would want to get involved in.
- D. Alphabet Academy – The Purchase agreement has been signed. Just waiting to hear when the closing date will be.
- E. Southern Property – the fence and sandbags have been removed. Waiting for fill and then will be seeded to grass.
- F. Capital Campaign – Executive Director Berg has visited with numerous departments on campus to get input on ideas and is getting a clearer picture on how to proceed. Will keep the Board updated.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of FY23 Budget: After much discussion and upon the recommendation of the Finance/Audit/Investment Committee, motion to approve the FY23 budget by Director Grondahl, seconded by Directory Meyer. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of hiring a Donor Relations and Outreach Coordinator: After much discussion and on the recommendation of the Finance, Audit and Investment Committee, motion by Director Olson, seconded by Director Medalen to approve this hire. Motion carried.
- C. Foundation has sponsored two tables for Casino Night.
- D. Monument Signage: Review of the handout of the signage tentatively suggested for the monuments.
- E. Carpet Square Grant Request: WSC would like to purchase additional carpet squares to cover the gym floors for events. This would be 200 squares and two carts for

transporting from gym to gym for a total of \$15,702.00. Motion by Director Medalen, seconded by Director Olson to purchase the carpet squares and the carts. Motion carried.

- F. Joel Heitkamp Show: Motion by Director Grondahl to sponsor half the cost of Mr. Heitkamp's show in the amount of \$1,500.00, seconded by Director Olson. Motion carried.

Being there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Berg
Executive Director