

Board of Directors Meeting

Missouri River Historical Development Inc.

Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, Iowa

Sept. 15, 2015

Members present: Dave Bernstein, Carolyn Ellwanger, Ron French, Larry Jensen, Treyla Lee, Jim Marshall, Bruce Miller, Mark Monson, Steve Ponder, Dale Tigges, Doug Young

Interim members present: Bob DeSmidt, Roxanne Gould, Stacy Harmelink, Gerardo Hernandez, Dakin Schultz.

Members absent: Larry Clausen, Mike Collett, Linda Linduski, Scott Pack, Jackie Smith, Gloria Welte, Charese Yanney.

Others present: Barb Orzechowski, attorney; Curt Beason, attorney; Tommie Clark, KTIV; Ashlee French, KTIV; Don Klynsma, Henjes, Conner and Williams P.C.; Mike McCormick, Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center.

Audit: Don Klynsma, with Henjes, Conner and Williams, P.C., presented the audit through June 30, 2015, which puts MHRD in line with Iowa Racing and Gaming reporting timetables. Klynsma said everything was in order and in keeping with past audits. Mark Monson said the audit would be accepted at the October meeting.

Dave Bernstein made a motion to accept the agenda; Steve Ponder seconded. Motion carried.

Carolyn Ellwanger made a motion to approve the July minutes. Treyla Lee seconded. Motion carried.

Hard Rock Hotel and Casino: Ashlee French offered a slideshow recap of the casino's first year. She said there are currently 560 employees and, in its first year, the casino was nominated as "Casino of the Year." Additionally, the hotel is one of only four Iowa properties to receive four diamonds from AAA. Hard Rock had the highest nongaming revenue of any casino in the state; there were more than two million admissions.

Closed session: Jim Marshall made a motion to go into closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the government body in that litigation, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c) Steve Ponder seconded.

In a roll-call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Members absent and not voting: Larry Clausen, Mike Collett, Linda Linduski, Scott Pack, Jackie Smith, Gloria Welte and Charese Yanney.)

Closed session discussion followed.

Treylla Lee made a motion to come out of closed session. Dave Bernstein seconded. In a roll-call vote, all members present voted in favor of the motion. (Members absent and not voting: Larry Clausen, Mike Collett, Linda Linduski, Scott Pack, Jackie Smith, Gloria Welte and Charese Yanney. Stacy Harmelink and Steve Ponder left during the closed session.)

Mark Monson said there were no action items as a result of the closed session.

Grant Review: Mark Monson said there were 36 applications totaling \$5.5 million. The committee is in the process of scoring grants and will make recommendations in October. The grantees will be named Oct. 14 at a ceremony at the Encounter Center.

Bylaws: Mark Monson said the Executive Committee has been working on changes to present to the board. Racing and Gaming has recommended that board members serve six years, then take a three-year break before they are considered for reappointment. Currently, legal counsel is researching what the standard is among other nonprofits in Iowa.

Interpretive Center: Mark Monson detailed the events slated for the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Mike McCormick, from the center, showed a video that was created showcasing the center. A tour of the facility was offered to all members and guests.

There being no further business, Carolyn Ellwanger made a motion to adjourn. Doug Young seconded. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,
Bruce Miller
secretary