

MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021
5:30 P.M.

Jill Ryans, Chair, called the **Regular Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:38 p.m., January 20, 2021, at the Museum of the Great Plains' Louise D. McMahon Hall. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at City Hall and the entrance to the Museum of the Great Plains, as required by Law.

1. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **ABSENT:** Minnette Page, Mary Ann Hankins, and Carey Monroe. **ALSO PRESENT:** Bart McClenny, Mary Owensby, Deb Baroff, Trevor Williams, Jim Whiteley (MGPA staff) and former IGP President Tom Noel

2. Consent Agenda – *The following item is considered routine by the board and will be enacted with one motion. Should discussion be desired on an item, that item can be removed from the consent agenda prior to action and considered separately.*

a. November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Wilcoxson to accept the consent agenda item. **SECONDED** by Schendel. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **NAY** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (11- 0).**

3. New Business

a. Quarterly investment update, Sean Garibay, Arvest Wealth Mgmt.

Sean Garibay, Arvest Wealth Management discussed Museum of the Great Plains portfolio performance. Ending Value as of January 15, 2021 is \$1,337,500.00. Sean reported there is an increase of a little over 7% and averaging a little over 5%. Mr. Garibay included a detailed hard copy of the report for all board members to review. **MOTION** by Moses to accept the Quarterly investment report. **SECONDED** by Schendel. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **NAY:** None **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

b. October through December 2020 Financial Statements

McClenny reported that the museum is doing well financially. We are \$97,000 more in the black than usual due to federal relief programs. **MOTION** by Zelbst to accept the October-December Financial Statements. **SECONDED** by Moses. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **NAY:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

c. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)/NAGPRA contract

McClenny reported the bureau finalized the review. Two workers came to the museum and worked for two weeks. A second person will be here well into February. The BOR is paying for the work for their collection, and it is moving along nicely. Pewewardy asked who the tribal rep is for the collections. McClenny replied that the collections belong to the Federal government since they were found on federal property. There are people going through the collections and when and if they identify human remains, they will contact the tribal representatives.

4. Old Business

a. FMGP (Friends group) status

McClenny reported the status has not changed and we will not hear anything from the IRS until February or March.

b. “2021 Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence” (ONE) Award Nomination

McClenny reported that the museum is not one of the finalists.

c. Nominations for At-Large trustee vacancy

McClenny reported that the governance meeting was last held in October and we still have a vacancy. Robert Morales’s name was nominated and Zelbst said he would be a great addition to the board. **MOTION** by Wilcoxson to accept the nomination of Robert Morales to join the board as a trustee at large. **SECONDED** by Zelbst. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **NAY:** None **ABSTAIN:** None **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

d. Trading Post renovation

1. Phoenix Restoration, Historical Applications, & Herring Construction bids

McClenny reported we have 3 bids for the trading post renovation. Bill Bailey’s (Historic Applications) bid is \$484,000. Herring Construction’s bid is \$1,088,160 and Phoenix Restoration’s bid is \$1,785,409.50. McClenny provided all board members with hard copies of the 3 bids to look over and discuss. McClenny asked the board members to accept one of the bids. Zelbst said by law we need to accept the lowest bid from the most qualified bidder. McClenny said that Bill Bailey will give us the most authentic quality for the renovation. **MOTION** by Zelbst that Bill Bailey is qualified to do the

renovation to the trading post and to accept his bid. **SECONDED** by Cheatwood. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Jill Ryans, Clay Zelbst, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Kassidy Legako, Ellouise Love, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Marcus Wilcoxson and Yuri Schendel. **NAY:** None **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (11-0).**

a. SLA Architects

McClenny reported that we have an architect firm for the project, but they are no longer needed. We received a \$90,000 grant to get us to this point, and we only need \$10,000. Bart will contact the foundation to see what they want us to do with the \$80,000 that is left.

b. McCasland Foundation

McClenny reported that If we can keep the \$80,000 from the McCasland Foundation that will be great. He will go back to some of the museum's big donors to fund the trading post renovation project.

e. Mayor's tour of the collections December 2, 2020

McClenny reported that the mayor toured the collections for 90 minutes and seemed very interested and happy with the visit.

5. Institute of the Great Plains (President's comments)

Several students from Cameron University are interested in going to the Grandfield dig site, but because of COVID, Cameron has restrictions on transporting students. However, as soon as he gets authorization, they along with Dr. Mike Dunn will continue the project.

6. Upcoming meetings

Upcoming committee meetings were announced.

7. Comments and/or Audience Participation - None

8. Adjourn – 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Gaasbeck, Secretary

Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) Board of Trustees

Jill Ryans, MGPA Chair