

**MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS (MGP) AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

Janice Bell, Vice Chair called the **Regular Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:30 p.m., March 15, 2023, in the Louise D. McMahon (LDM) Hall. Notice of the meeting and the agenda are posted at City Hall and the entrance to the Museum of the Great Plains, as required by Law.

1. Call to Order with Roll Call.

PRESENT: Janice Bell, Yuri Schendel, JoAnne Gaasbeck, Ellouise Love, Robert Morales, Marie Pihulic, Ryan Studebaker, and Eva Williams. **ABSENT:** Carey Monroe, Linda Chapman, Sharon Cheatwood, Joe Williams, and Victoria Zelbst. **ALSO PRESENT:** MGP staff Bart McClenny, Kevin Lawrence, Mary Owensby, Jim Whiteley, Trevor Williams, and Stacy Reyna.

2. New Business.

a. Consider approving February 15 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Love to approve the February 15 Minutes. **SECONDED** by Gaasbeck. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE** Bell, Schendel, Gaasbeck, Love, Morales, Pihulic, Studebaker, and Williams. **NAY** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (8-0).**

b. Consider approving February Financial Report.

MOTION by Morales to approve the February 2023 financial report. **SECONDED** by Pihulic. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE** Bell, Schendel, Gaasbeck, Love, Morales, Pihulic, Studebaker, and Williams. **NAY** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (8-0).**

c. Consider approving payment to Historical Applications, Inc. in the amount of \$10,162.00 (Invoice #15).

MOTION by Studebaker to approve payment to Historical Applications for \$10,162. **SECONDED** by Schendel. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE** Bell, Schendel, Gaasbeck, Love, Morales, Pihulic, Studebaker, and Williams. **NAY** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (8-0).**

3. Reports – *no action needed*

a. Discuss American Assoc of Museums (AAM) Accreditation Renewal.

McClenny stated our accreditation was renewed and received a packet. Discussed AAM concerns that can be addressed within the next 2 years, by 2025.

b. Discuss status of Office Repairs.

Lawrence stated that the City of Lawton approved the cheaper of the three quotes for carpet, which was awarded to Color Splash. Color Splash ordered the carpet, will be received within the next two to three weeks and will start on both offices.

c. Discuss Fountain and Pond Maintenance.

McClenny stated that a small track hoe was rented and operated by Bill. It was used to scoop out the mass and sludge out of the pond. Discovered there was a drain hole at the bottom. The pond will be refilled after repairing the cracks.

d. Discuss Staff transport/retrieval of Exhibit Repairs to/from Science Museum Minnesota (St Paul).

McClenny stated that Science Museum Minnesota has completed items that need to be sent back to MGP. MGP has items that need to be sent to them to be refurbished or repaired. Lawrence stated that he calculated the cost of MGP shipping the take apart bison would cost \$2,763.00 for the crate, shipping up there and back would be \$3,497. SMM would charge \$450 to send the completed items to MGP. Total is at \$6,700. Lawrence stated if he and Bart took care of this it would cost \$2,000, that would include hotels, gas, and food. SMM would not be able to come to MGP because of the equipment they need wouldn't be available here. McClenny stated that he will look into the concerns about insurance and liabilities.

e. Discuss February 18 Neurodiversity Event.

Lawrence stated that 36 people attended, by far the most participants. Had a discussion with Jennifer Randall Executive Director of the Human Services for Disabilities. She is also on the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma, she attended the event, loved the interaction, and thought it was great, she suggested that we request a grant from her organization.

f. Discuss Developmental Disabilities Council of OK (OKDDC) Refund Grant.

Lawrence stated that he will be asking for \$5,000 and in-kind would be our workers time. We would pay upfront for our certifications and exhibits, then be reimbursed after we get certified by OKDDC. If we go this route, that will make MGP the 2nd place in Ok to be certified by IBBCS, and the 6th location for a cultural city as the first museum.

g. Discuss March 4 Boy Scout Badge Event.

Lawrence stated that Ian and Jim provided classes to the Apache Boy Scouts Troop 4022. Had 8 come in and learned how to do collections and leather making. We charged \$20 a head, totaling \$160, and spent \$140 on it. The more we have this event the less we would have to spend.

h. Discuss Members-Only Night, March 31 (OMN preview).

Lawrence stated that we are holding a members-only night after OMN switches exhibits. The Marvel of Science is our third and it will be from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for members and their kids to see the new interactive exhibit.

4. Upcoming meetings.

a. April 19, MGPA

5. Comments, Audience Participation.

Gaasbeck asked when the Trading Post will be done. McClenny stated that originally it was going to be done this fall but we are on track to be under budget. Projecting January 2024.

6. Adjournment – 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Reyna for Mary Owensby, Secretary
For Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA)

Carey Monroe, Chair MGPA Board