

**MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Clay Zelbst, Vice-Chair, called the **Regular Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:30 p.m., August 19, 2020, 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: Clay Zelbst, Minnette Page, Blaine Adair, Sharon Cheatwood, Joanne Gaasbeck, Mary Ann Hankins, Kassidy Legako, Carey Monroe, Tresea Moses, Cornel Pewewardy, Yuri Schendel, and Marcus Wilcoxson. **ABSENT:** Jill Ryans, Juanita Pahdopony, and Robert Morford. **ALSO PRESENT:** Bart McClenny, Mary Owensby, Deb Baroff, Trevor Williams, and Jim Whiteley (MGPA staff) and Thomas Noel (IGP).

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. July 15 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Wilcoxson to accept the consent agenda item. **SECONDED** by Page. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Zelbst, Page, Adair, Gaasbeck, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Cheatwood and Hankins. **MOTION CARRIED (10-2).**

3. New Business

a. June 2020 Financial Statement

MOTION by Page to accept the June financial statement. **SECONDED** by Moses. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Zelbst, Page, Adair, Cheatwood, Gaasbeck, Hankins, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (12-0).**

b. July 2020 Financial Statement

MOTION by Page to accept the July financial statement. **SECONDED** by Hankins. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Zelbst, Page, Adair, Cheatwood, Gaasbeck,

Hankins, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (12-0).**

c. Outdoor water leak

McClenny reported there is a water leak near the south fence line which has been leaking for some time and is endangering a tree. He contacted Billie Whipp who is the acting Parks and Recreation Director to make her aware of the delays in repair.

4. Old Business

a. FY2021 employee holidays

McClenny presented a list of dates for employee holidays. **MOTION** by Monroe to accept the staff holiday dates. **SECONDED** by Cheatwood. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Zelbst, Page, Adair, Cheatwood, Gaasbeck, Hankins, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (12-0).**

Regarding a tabled discussion from the July meeting about Columbus Day and a request from Pewewardy to replace the holiday with Indigenous Peoples' Day, **MOTION** by Page for the museum to accept the City of Lawton's Resolution No. 18-03, which proclaims the second Monday of October each year to be Indigenous Peoples' Day in order to honor our nation's Indigenous History and Legacy. **SECONDED** by Zelbst. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Zelbst, Page, Adair, Cheatwood, Gaasbeck, Hankins, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (12-0).**

b. Oklahoma Business Relief Program grant

McClenny reported our accountant advised us of this grant for which we applied and was approved. Once these funds are received that equates to about \$125,000 the museum has received from federal and state programs. Due to COVID, the museum's membership, admission and other income are about one half of normal, so these funds have been tremendously helpful. Part of those funds is an SBA loan in the amount of \$10,000.

c. Friends group status

McClenny stated our attorney discovered a perpetual organization called "Friends of the Museum of the Great Plains" was formed in 1964; therefore, this group will need to be dissolved before the new friends group can adopt the name. A legal notice will appear for fourteen days in the Lawton Constitution seeking current or former trustees. If no one comes forward, the MGPA will name a director to dissolve the 1964 Friends group. **MOTION** by Zelbst to agenda naming a director to dissolve the original Friends of the Museum of the Great Plains. **SECONDED** by Page. **ROLL**

CALL ON MOTION: AYE: Zelbst, Page, Adair, Cheatwood, Hankins, Legako, Monroe, Moses, Pewewardy, Schendel, and Wilcoxson. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Gaasbeck {temporarily left meeting}. **MOTION CARRIED (11-1).**

d. Trading Post project

McClenny reported we are waiting on a third bid for the project. The first bid received in the amount of \$1.8 million was from a Dallas firm, a second bid from William Bailey from Colorado for \$484,000, and a third bid will be forthcoming from Scott White in Lubbock.

e. SMM exhibit remediation

McClenny explained that Science Museum Minnesota (SMM) has been closed since March but plans to reopen in September. After reopening, hopefully they can start working on the museum's list sent to them in January 2020.

f. Roof leaks

McClenny said Whipp is working with City staff and Ford Roofing regarding the roof. The roof was repaired in 2015; however, the leaks remained and more have appeared even after the windows were caulked. It may be a design problem.

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

Thomas Noel reported there are no new projects. After the Friends group is in place, the assets of the Institute will be transferred to the group.

6. Upcoming committee meetings

a. September 16, Museum of the Great Plains Authority

7. Comments and/or Audience Participation - None

10. Adjourn – 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Owensby, Exec Asst
For **Juanita Pahdopony, Secretary**
Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) Board of Trustees

Jill Ryans, MGPA Chair