

MINUTES
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017
5:30 P.M.

Janice Bell, Chairperson, called the **Regular Meeting** of the Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 18, 2017, in 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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Janice Bell.

PRESENT: Janice Bell, Jesse Cross, Carolyn Anne Love, Tresea Moses, Diane Mullins, Minnette Page, Edna Solitario, Doug Wells, and Marcus Wilcoxson.

ABSENT: Chad Carden (resigned), Edwin Chappabitty, Paul Fisher, Robert Morford, and Brady Wyatt. **ALSO PRESENT:** John Hernandez, Bart McClenny, Mary Owensby, Jim Whiteley and Deb Baroff (all MGPA Staff) and Joshua Coody.

2. Arvest Wealth Management Report.

Joshua Coody, Client Advisor for Arvest Wealth Management, presented the third quarter ending September 30, 2017 Investment Review. His comments and recommendations are as follows: Account ***7960 – No changes are recommended, as this account continues to perform very well; *Cash* Account ***3016 – He asked if the board wants to move money from one or both of the other two accounts to bring this account to 5% of the total; and *Tactical* Account ***5440 – this account continues to underperform its benchmark. Coody suggested a committee look an alternative and contact him for further details. Board members Cross, Moses, Solitario and Wells volunteered to serve on the Investment Committee.

3. Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda included the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2017, and the June, July and August 2017 Financial Statements. **MOTION** by Solitario to accept and approve the Consent Agenda items. **SECONDED** by Mullins.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE: Bell, Cross, Love, Moses, Mullins, Page, Solitario, Wells, Wilcoxson, and Wyatt. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (10-0).**

4. New Business- Discuss and Take Appropriate Action

a. Vann & Associates

McClenny distributed a handout from the public relations firm Vann & Associates. Regarding the possible problems of funding from the City of Lawton in the upcoming fiscal year, staff feels the museum needs a strategic campaign through social media and general public relations avenues. The newly elected councilmen who may very likely become the majority, want to fund only “essentials” within the City, meaning they might not approve funding for the museum. Moses suggested inviting and including all Lawton arts organizations in any public relations campaign. Solitario suggested getting bids from a second public relations firm. **MOTION** by Page to acquire a bid from Vann & Associates. **SECONDED** by Solitario. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Bell, Cross, Love, Moses, Mullins, Page, Solitario, Wells, Wilcoxson, and Wyatt. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (10-0).**

5. Old Business-Discuss and Take Appropriate Action.

a. Red River Trading Post – SLA estimates

McClenny reported the architectural and engineering design services from SLA for the removal and re-installation of the Trading Post living history outdoor exhibit is estimated to be \$70,000 to \$90,000. The estimated construction costs are \$800,000 to \$900,000. The board agreed to not accept the project.

b. Status of MGPA Board of Trustees Vacancy

Bell read the resignation letter from Chad Carden who is relocating to Beaumont, Texas. There are currently two vacancies on the board. **MOTION** by Love to accept Clay Zelbst as a new member to replace Lance Janda. **SECONDED** by Page. **ROLL CALL ON MOTION: AYE:** Bell, Cross, Love, Moses, Mullins, Page, Solitario, Wells, Wilcoxson, and Wyatt. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **MOTION CARRIED (10-0).** Bell asked the board to be thinking about a replacement for Carden and discuss nominees at the November meeting.

6. Museum Director's Report.

Hernandez said the Oklahoma Museum Association's (OMA) annual conference held in Lawton and hosted by the MGP was a great success. The opening night reception was held in the newly renovated Louise D. McMahon (LDM) hall and was catered by The Silver Spoon. Attendees appeared to have a good time and the silent auction netted over \$1,500 for the OMA. Hernandez said the museum hosted a catered lunch for the McMahon Foundation in appreciation of their continued support and to show them the LDM Hall. The foundation board members were very pleased with the room and renovated area.

Hernandez reported the recent storm blew over the Elk sculpture in the courtyard. He contacted Dynamic Signs to lift and secure the Elk in concrete footings.

7. Institute President's Report. – No report

8. Comments/Audience Participation.

McClenny reported that a proposal from Coast Audio Video for new security cameras to include installing two outdoor units is estimated at \$16,600. The proposal includes all hardware (recorder, HD TV, etc.) and labor for a complete system. Cross asked what kind of warranties are included. Moses said she would like to show her associates the proposal/estimate for their feedback.

9. Adjournment.

Janice Bell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Owensby, staff for
Paul Fisher, Secretary
Museum of the Great Plains Authority (MGPA) Board of Trustees**

Janice Bell, MGPA Chair