



Minnesota Ballpark Authority Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021

Following the March 13, 2020 Declaration of Peacetime Emergency by Governor Walz, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority (MBA) held a board meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:34 a.m. remotely via Zoom Meetings, according to Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. MBA Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher had concluded that an in-person meeting and the regular meeting location for the MBA was not practical or prudent because of the health pandemic declared under the Emergency Order and according to current guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC. The public was able to monitor the meeting through an on-line link or phone number.

Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher called the board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 14, 2021 to order at 9:34 a.m. The roll was taken. Commissioners David Ybarra, Joan Campbell, and James R. Campbell were present. Commissioner Paul Williams was excused.

Commissioner James R. Campbell moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Joan Campbell and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

APPROVED

Commissioner Joan Campbell moved approval of the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes seconded by Commissioner David Ybarra and approved unanimously – 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS

APPROVED

Chair's Report – Chair Margaret Anderson Kelliher reported that prior to the board meeting, MBA Commissioners met in a closed session for the performance evaluation of Executive Director Dan Kenney. The report and a resolution resulting from that meeting will be discussed and voted on later in the meeting.

Chair Anderson Kelliher and Executive Director Kenney recently met virtually for an annual meeting with Minnesota Twins Executives to review their financial audit for 2019. The financials were found to be in good order.

Executive Director's Report – Executive Director Dan Kenney reported that the Hines North Loop Green Project off 5th Street will start major construction in April of this year. As outlined at the October MBA Board meeting, a gas line serving the ballpark had to be relocated and that was

completed in December by CenterPoint Energy. A Construction Cooperation Agreement and Operational and Maintenance Agreement are being negotiated now and should be completed in the next few months.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Target Field Operations Update – Matt Hoy, Senior VP, Operations, Minnesota Twins. Mr. Hoy reported that except for ballpark operations and maintenance staff, Twins employees will continue to work remote until at least April of this year. The winterization of the ballpark is complete. Target Field is still in line to host the 2022 Winter Classic at Target Field since the 2021 Winter Classic was cancelled due to COVID. The Twins, Dodgers and Colorado Rockies are the first three teams to complete a WiFi upgrade that was done in collaboration with MLB. One of the next major upgrades at the ballpark will be the replacement of the scoreboard and video control room equipment. The timeline for this work is yet to be determined. Ballpark video cameras recently caught a vandal on tape who was responsible for substantial damage to windows and glass panels at Target Field and other buildings in Downtown Minneapolis. Because of the video footage, police were able to identify and apprehend the person. Major League Baseball is in discussion with the players union regarding the return of fans to the ballparks. The Twins are planning to start on time in Fort Myers with COVID 19 regulations in place.

Dan Starkey, Senior Director, Ballpark Development and Planning – Mr. Starkey gave a Power Point presentation summarizing the history of CapEx investments to Target Field since 2011 and future investments being considered. The most imminent and significant will be the replacement of video control room equipment and video screens throughout the ballpark.

Financial Report – Brenda Juneau, MBA Finance Coordinator. Ms. Juneau reported on the MBA Financial Report through November 30, 2020. The 2019 Annual Financial Report is complete and available on the MBA website. Executive Director Kenney requested \$630,000 from Hennepin County for 2020 administrative costs, which was \$70,000 less than the adopted budget. That was paid in December along with the Twins annual rent payment. Hennepin County also pre-paid an additional \$5 million on the ballpark debt. There is approximately \$130 million left on the principal.

Summary of Conclusions of Performance Evaluation

Resolution 21-MBA-168

Purpose:

To authorize the Chair to execute an amendment to the employment agreement with the Executive Director of the Authority.

Background:

On August 18, 2006, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority entered into an employment agreement with Dan Kenney, Executive Director of the Authority. Among other terms and conditions, the agreement states that each year of the Executive Director's employment, the Authority shall review and may adjust the Executive Director's base salary in its sole discretion. This resolution authorizes the Chair to enter into an amendment to that agreement.

Action Requested:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority authorizes the Chair to enter into an amendment to the Employment Agreement with the Executive Director with the following terms:

1. Base Salary: Increase the annual base salary to an annual base salary of \$178,798.03, effective January 1, 2021.
2. Employment Term: Extend the term of employment through August 21, 2022.
3. All other terms and conditions of the employment agreement to remain the same.

APPROVED

There being no further business, Chair Anderson Kelliher moved to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS. The board meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for January 14 2021 was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2021