



Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meeting

September 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Directors' Meeting of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority was held on September 8, 2016 at Urban Erie Community Development Corporation; 2046 East 19th Street; Erie, PA. Legal Notice of the meeting was given through an advertisement appearing in the Erie Times-News. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Bagnoni, Mr. Barney, Mr. Paris, Mr. Sample, Mr. Yaple. Mr. Breneman, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Wachter are also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Barney makes a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Paris seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 2016

Mr. Paris makes a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Yaple seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

We're glad to be here. This is another momentous event for ECGRA. Unfortunately, our Executive Director is under the weather, but we shall persevere.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Yaple makes a motion to table the report to the next board meeting. Mr. Paris seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- b. Regional Assets Committee – No report.
- c. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- d. Update from County Council – No update.
- e. Update from County Executive's Office – No update.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Watcher: You will see Resolution 19 reads on the agenda as, "Resolution to authorize the executive director and solicitor to enter into negotiations and execute on an agreement with Ridge Policy Group." I contacted them yesterday and they provided me with their standard contract. I reviewed it and have no concerns. It has a 30-day out-clause so that you can get out. It is not a strict 12-month agreement. It is at the rate of \$5,000 per month. So we submitted a substitute resolution late last night that resolves to approve an agreement for governmental relations services, and the form is attached hereto, subject to minor modifications by the executive director and solicitor if we catch anything at the last minute – although I don't think we will – and in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per month. So that resolution has been amended to effectuate the adoption of that particular agreement. And that agreement is uploaded on the SharePoint site. If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Paris: And just for those who weren't there when we interviewed two candidates, they were both very qualified. Afterwards we sat down and talked about it and we recommended hiring Ridge Policy Group.

Yaple: We scored them and talked it over. Both were very qualified – one more so in one area, which was evident in the scoring.

Wachter: It's my understanding that the scoring was a sliding five-point scale.

Paris: Correct.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 18, 2016 – Resolution to enter into agreements with twenty-one (21) Erie County Community Assets. Mr. Wachter reads the resolution. Mr. Yaple makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Bagnoni seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
- b. Resolution No. 19, 2016 – Resolution to approve an agreement with Ridge Policy Group. Mr. Sample reads the resolution. Wachter: I will note that one of those changes that is on here is that the agreement does say \$7,000 a month. That is not accurate. It is a \$5,000-a-month agreement. Mr. Paris makes a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Yaple seconds the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paris moves to adjourn.