



City of Loves Park, City of Rockford, City of South Beloit, County of Winnebago,
Village of Cherry Valley, Village of Machesney Park, Village of Rockton, Village of Roscoe;
Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Rockford Park District

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Riverview Ice House

324 N. Madison Street, Rockford, IL

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Winnebago County Tourism Facility Board was called to order by Board Chair Scott Olson at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Steve Johnson, Mayor Greg Jury, Mayor Tom McNamara, Mayor David Schroeder (Proxy Jim Claeysen), Winnebago County Chairman (Proxy Jas Bilich), John Groh President & CEO Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Jay Sandine Executive Director Rockford Park District, Bobbie Holzwarth RACVB Board Representative, and Scott Olson Rockford Park District Board Representative. (88.6% representation)

Absent: Mayor Tom Fitzgerald, Mayor John Peterson, and Mayor Mark Szula.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Jury, that the Board **approve** the following item on the Consent Agenda:

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Approved 5(ayes) 0 (nays) 0 (abstain) 3(absent) (88.6%) by voice vote.

Financial Update: Hotel Tax Receipts

RPD Chief Financial Officer, Penny Christians reviewed hotel tax revenues received through February 2023, and reviewed information on the Reclaiming First bond debt service. The annual audit of accounts is underway, and results will be shared at the next meeting of the Board in June, 2023.

Tournaments and Events update from RACVB and RPD Teams

UW Health Sports Factory Manager, Milton Phillips provided a review of the programs and tournaments taking place at that facility. The Courtside Grill restaurant in the building has been reopened for regular hours during the week and when tournaments or games are taking place. RACVB Vice President of Sales & Service, Lindsay Arellano; Manager of Mercyhealth Sportscore1, Derek Papich; and Manager of Mercyhealth Sportscore 2, Louis Mateus reviewed a list of the RACVB and RPD joint efforts for tournaments and events since the last meeting. The team provided an overview of upcoming events and tournaments, and reviewed leads developed from attendance at industry conferences.

RPD Updates

Mr. Sandine announced that Superintendent Danielle Potter will be assuming responsibility for operations of the Sportscore complexes in addition to UW Health Sports Factory which she currently oversees. Milton Phillips is the new facility manager for UW Health Sports Factory, and Derek Papich is the new manager of the Mercyhealth Sportscore1 complex.

He thanked the Board for their help in creating the Reclaiming First facilities, and for supporting their ongoing success. In closing he shared that Commissioner Olson will be retiring from the Park District Board in April and thanked him for his service on the Park District and the WCRTFB Boards.

Other Board Discussion

There were no other comments from the Board Members.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. McNamara, seconded by Mr. Jury that the Board **adjourn** the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Approved 5(ayes) 0 (nays) 0 (abstain) 3 (absent) (79.5%) by voice vote.

Board Co-Chair, Bobbie Holzwarth

Attest:

Board Assistant Secretary, Jennifer Peterson

BOARD APPROVED: