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Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY

Friday, December 9, 2022, 8:00 AM

Meeting Location

Bureau of Reclamation Building, 500 Date Street, Boulder City, NV

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Stoldal, Chairman
Michelle Schmitter
Dr. Doris Dwyer
Anthony Timm
Robert Ostrovsky
Jan Petersen
Courtney Mooney
Daniel Markoff

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Sarah Cowie, excused
Mercedes de la Garza, excused
E'sha Hoferer, unexcused
Seth Schorr, excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Myron Freedman, Division of Museums and History, Administrator
Harry Ward, Attorney General's Office, Deputy Attorney General
Catherine Magee, Nevada Historical Society, Reno, Museum Director
Daphne DeLeon, Division of Museums and History, ASO
Daniel Thielen, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City, Museum Director
Tracey Sprague, Lost City Museum, Overton, Museum Director
Josh Bonde, Nevada State Museum, Carson City, Museum Director
Cary Allison
Hollis Gillespie, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Museum Director
Christopher MacMahon, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Museum Director
Todd Moore, Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, President
Madelyn Pecorino, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Store Manager
Sean Pitts, East Ely Depot Railroad Museum, Ely, Museum Director

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2,3,4)
2. The Chair took Item 6, public comment announcement (taken out of order). There was no public comment. (6)
3. The Chair took Item 7, public notification. He noted one outstanding item from yesterday, 14c. Anthony Timmons stated they are planning a January meeting. (7)
4. The Chair took Item 15a-d, board policy private funds. Bob Ostrovsky stated it would be 9 o'clock for this item. (15a-d)
5. The Chair took Item 16a-b, museum reports. Discussion took place on the Nevada Historical Society board report from Director Magee and several action items. She gave an update on the Q, attendance, items damaged from the roof leak. She gave an update on free admissions. Bob Ostrovsky moved for approval of free admission request. Jan Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Anthony Timmons made a motion to approve the Ledbetter Donation. Doris Dwyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Magee explained the request for fund replacement of archival housing materials and insurance deductible damage. Dan Markoff moved to accept. Jan Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Stoldal moved to Lost City and a discussion was held on repairs and a curator. Chair Stoldal moved on to Carson City. An update was given on the coin press, online items and membership. (16a-b)
6. The Chair went back to Item 15c. Cary Allison from Morgan Stanley gave a presentation. Bob Ostrovsky asked about stock portfolio and a discussion was held. He proposed a 50-50 portfolio and made a motion to modify the investment directions to 50% stocks and 50% bonds. Anthony Timmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bob Ostrovsky detailed a change they were recommending to the policy portion and made a motion to add the language to the policy. Anthony Timmons seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (15c)
7. The Chair went back to 16c-d, Nevada State Museum in Carson City and their action items, donation acceptance of Carson City Downtown Business Association. A discussion was held and Dan Markoff made a motion to accept. Courtney Mooney seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The donation acceptance of La Rocca Trust was discussed. Dan Markoff made a motion to accept. Doris Dwyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair took the donation of the Russell Trust and a discussion took place. Dan Markoff moved to accept. Bob Ostrovsky seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair took the acceptance of a donation from Visit Caron City and a discussion took place.

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Bob Ostrovsky moved to accept. Jan Petersen seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair moved to donations from Raven Trust and a discussion took place. Dan Markoff moved to accept. Doris Dwyer seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair moved to accept a donation of \$3,500.00 and a discussion was held. Bob Ostrovsky moved to accept. Dan Markoff seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Chair moved to the report on Las Vegas. A discussion was held regarding the first quarter of Fiscal 2023, recent activities, any issues. A discussion took place. Myron Freedman recommended to schedule a finance committee meeting to review Springs Preserve agreement. The Springs Preserve was discussed. A \$500.00 donation from the International Women's Forum was discussed. Robert Stoldal made a motion to approve the donation. Bob Ostrovsky seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (16c-d)

8. The Chair took Item 5, meeting logistics (taken out of order). A discussion took place regarding a 12-passenger van at the museum. (5)
9. The Chair went back to Item 16e, Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City. A discussion took place regarding a donation, store remodel design request and Great Western Steam Up P&L report. Dan Markoff made a motion to accept the donation. Bob Ostrovsky seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Myron Freedman recommended tabling the store remodel design request until the next meeting. Dan Markoff made a motion to table. Bob Ostrovsky seconded. Motion carried unanimously. (16e)
10. The Chair took Item 16f, Boulder City. A discussion took place regarding a travel request, the report and PastPerfect. Bob Ostrovsky moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for travel expenses. Dan Markoff seconded. Motion carried with one no vote from Anthony Timmons. A discussion took place regarding a lithium battery fire, the process of fixing the building and who is going to pay for it. (16f)
11. The Chair took Item 16g, Ely. A discussion took place. (16g)
12. The Chair took Item 17, private funds budget adjustments-current year. Myron Freedman stated there were none. (17)
13. The Chair took Item 18, board member comment on non-agenized items. Christopher MacMahon reported on the expenditure to improve the cars and they would have a report for the March meeting. (18)
14. The Chair took Item 19, future museum board agenda Items. Discussion took place regarding the finance committee, membership, update on fiscal year 24 for railroad cars, rental agreement between Friends. Anthony Timmons reinforced his request to put the draft artifacts loan policy on the agenda. (19)

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15. The Chair took Item 20, public comment announcement. There were no public comments. (20)
16. The Chair adjourned the meeting.