

ENHANCE IOWA BOARD MINUTES

Marshalltown Public Library
105 W Boone Street
Marshalltown, Iowa

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Tammy Robinson, Chairwoman
Jake Anderson
Eric Bookmeyer
Mike Broshar
Lisa Hein
Mark Kapfer
Derek Lumsden
Charese Yanney

Board Members Absent

Emily Damman
Stefanie Kohn
Kate McGann
Senator Bill Dotzler (Ex Officio)
Senator Brad Zaun (Ex Officio)
Representative Chris Hall (Ex Officio)
Representative Skyler Wheeler (Ex Officio)

Staff Members in Attendance

Nicole Shalla
Jessica O'Riley

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:00. Eight voting members were present. The agenda was approved. The minutes from the February 14, 2018 meeting were approved.

CONTRACT AMENDMENTS & CONTINGENT AWARDS

There were no contract amendment requests.

BETTPLEX

Ms. Shalla reported that the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) sent a letter to the Board requesting clarification of the complex boundaries at the BettPlex. The boundaries will determine which sales would be eligible for the sales tax rebate. Ms. Shalla noted that she and Ms. Hanks-Bents discussed the two options available to the Board. Option A only includes the outdoor fields with the concession stand associated with those fields. Option B includes the outdoor fields as well as the indoor sporting facility. There was discussion about the activities that would occur in the indoor facility and the definition of "baseball and softball complex". On motion of Mr. Lumsden and seconded by Mr. Bookmeyer with Mr. Kapfer abstaining, the Board amended the BettPlex's baseball and softball complex sales tax award to clarify that the boundaries of the baseball and softball complex only include the outdoor fields.

PROSPECT MEADOWS UPDATE

Ms. Shalla noted that Prospect Meadows first quarterly update is included in the Board book. There has been no draw on the Hall Perrine matching grant. There was some discussion about seeing more progress in the next report and a request that project representatives make the next report in-person as well as written.

REPORTS

Tourism Report

Ms. O'Riley noted that she would be visiting writers in Milwaukee and New York in the upcoming month.

Legal Report

Ms. Hanks-Bents was absent.

Comment to Notices of Intent to Award

Ms. Shalla reported no comment had been received.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Due Diligence Committee Reports

Mills County Fair Board (15-CAT-011)

Ms. Yanney updated the Board on the visit she, Mr. Bookmeyer, and Mr. Lumsden made to Malvern to tour the community center at the fairgrounds. All three members noted that the facility could not serve as a storm shelter. Ms. Yanney stated the committee is recommending the grantee return \$30,000. There was some discussion about the amount of CAT funds to be returned. On motion of Ms. Yanney and seconded by Mr. Lumsden, the Board voted to direct staff to send a default letter to the Mills County Fair Board pursuant to section 9.2(b). The Mills County Fair Board can cure the default by returning \$30,000 to the Community Attraction and Tourism Program within 30 days.

The Board recessed at 10:29.

The Board reconvened at 11:24.

Negotiation Team Reports

No reports.

CAT Review Committee Recommendations

Traer Historical Museum // Traer Historical Museum History NOW

On motion of Mr. Broshar and seconded by Mr. Kapfer, the Board awarded a CAT grant to the Traer Historical Museum for the Traer Historical Museum History NOW project in the amount of \$26,000. The award is contingent on completed fundraising within 30 days, a notice of intent to award being issued and the negotiation of mutually acceptable contract terms.

City of Sibley // Sibley Aquatic Center

On motion of Mr. Broshar and seconded by Ms. Hein, the Board awarded a CAT grant to the City of Sibley for the Sibley Aquatic Center in the amount of \$250,000. This award is contingent on a notice of intent to award being issued and the negotiation of mutually acceptable contract terms.

Sioux County Conservation Board & Sioux County Conservation Foundation // Sioux County Nature Center

On motion of Mr. Broshar and seconded by Ms. Hein, the Board awarded a CAT grant to the Sioux County Conservation Board and the Sioux County Conservation Foundation for the Sioux County Nature Center in the amount of \$600,000. The award is contingent on completed fundraising within 60 days, a notice of intent to award being issued, and the negotiation of mutually acceptable contract terms.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Yanney stated that each project needs good capital campaigns, which includes donations from private citizens. Projects with “ownership” of local citizens are more successful and there is some concern that with recent awards the Board is moving away from this.

CLOSING BUSINESS

The next Enhance Iowa meeting is tentatively set for April 11 at the Sheldon Crossroads Pavilion. Ms. Shalla noted that she needs to know ASAP whether a Board member will miss the meeting because there could be issues with quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Broshar and seconded by Ms. Hein with no objections, the meeting adjourned at 11:31.