



MBA Audit Committee Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2012

Chair Joan Campbell called to order the meeting of the MBA Audit Committee for November 6, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Steve Cramer and Commissioner Paul D. Williams were present.

Audit Exit Meeting with State Auditor's Office

Randy Vogt, Staff Specialist from the Minnesota State Auditor's office, presented the required communication letter of the MBA financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2011. Mr. Vogt said that the State Auditor's office performs tests of the MBA's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, their objective is not to provide an opinion on compliance with provisions. Nothing came to their attention that is materially inconsistent with the financial statements.

No significant difficulties were encountered in dealing with management in performing their Audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require the Auditors to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the Audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements, none of which were material.

Schedule of Findings and Recommendations

No material Audit adjustments were identified during the 2011 Audit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance

Mr. Vogt stated that the State Auditor's office does not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. They did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. The results of their tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

Mr. Vogt stated that anytime a government entity is audited by the State Auditor's office they conduct the Audit in accordance with the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit guide for local government and the results indicate that the MBA complied with the six categories of compliance as stated in this guide.

The results of the tests indicate that, for the items tested, the Minnesota Ballpark Authority complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

One comment was noted that while the Minnesota Ballpark Authority has followed the Hennepin County travel policy since its inception in 2006, the MBA should adopt a formal travel policy. This will be taken up at the next board meeting.

Overview of Minnesota Ballpark Authority Investments

John Villerius from Hennepin County Budget and Finance presented an overview of the MBA investments. The Minnesota Ballpark Authority funds are commingled with Hennepin County cash and investments. Hennepin County has the highest credit rating possible, giving the County advantage in the current economic market. Having full liquidity of funds is a significant advantage for the MBA investing with Hennepin County.

There being no further business, Chair Campbell moved to adjourn. The meeting of the MBA Audit Committee for November 6, 2012 was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.