

## Minnesota Ballpark Authority Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2006

Chair Steve Cramer called the meeting of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority for Friday, September 15, 2006 to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken, and Commissioners Vekich, Wade and Chair Cramer were present. Commissioner-designate Sykora was also present. Commissioner Campbell was absent. Interim legal counsel Howard Orenstein was present.

Chair Cramer moved to move discussion item, Stadium Development/Oversight up on the agenda. Commissioner Wade moved approval to adopt Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Vekich. The motion was approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell)  
**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wade moved approval of the minutes of the August 4, 2006 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Vekich. The motion was approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell)  
**APPROVED**

### Public Comment

There was no one present to give public comment.

### Discussion Item

- Stadium Development/Oversight

Bill Lester, Executive Director of the MSFC introduced Mike Duckett, Executive Director of the Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District – Mike Duckett spoke of his background highlighting his experience:

- Miller Park in Milwaukee, and Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Miller Park District Board, consisted of 13-Member Volunteer Board
- The importance of establishing Agreements early and setting priorities
- Lessons Learned in building the two stadiums
- Meaningful Roles and Processes
- Protecting the public's interest
- Expect the unexpected; challenges, difficult decisions that arise

### Chair's Report

- Agreements, adoption and approach

### Executive Director's Report

- Discussed the two positions to be filled 1) Administrative Manager and 2) Administrative Assistant
- Space planning and operational issues – Well underway with finding a location, toured Grain Exchange, will refine space plan within the next week.
- On-going coordination of activities between City of Minneapolis and County. Working with Lee Sheehy and Rick Johnson on a public design input process.
- Activities which are forthcoming next month is the kick-off of the Design Advisory Committee, lead by Chuck Ballentine

### Action Items

**06-MBA-15** To engage outside counsel for the Ballpark Authority.

Commissioner Wade moved approval of the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority authorizes the engagement of the McGrann Shea law firm to act as general counsel for the Authority; and that the chair and executive director are authorized to execute necessary documents related to that engagement.

Attorney Kathleen Lamb from McGrann Shea law firm graciously accepted the opportunity to work with Minnesota Ballpark Authority.

Commissioner Vekich seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell) **APPROVED**

**06-MBA-16** To authorize applications for grants and other activities in support of appropriate efforts to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the new ballpark.

Commissioner Vekich moved approval of the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the executive director is authorized to apply for grants on behalf of the Authority to assist in ballpark design and construction activities related to attempts to qualify for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification; and that such grant applications may also include other governmental or non-governmental entities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the executive director may, on behalf of the Authority or in partnership with other governmental or non-governmental entities, make such efforts as are appropriate within the budget and timetable for the ballpark to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, consistent with the ballpark authorizing legislation.

Commissioner Wade seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell) **APPROVED**

**06-MBA-17** To authorize the Executive Director to issue RFPs for insurance and risk management services, as well as auditing and financial services

Commissioner Vekich moved as amended approval of the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority authorizes the Executive Director and Chair to engage Aon Risk Services, Inc. of Minnesota to secure cost competitive directors and officers insurance, commercial general liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, automobile liability insurance, and other basic insurance related to the operations of the MBA; and that the Chair and Executive Director are authorized to execute necessary documents related to this coverage.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Minnesota Ballpark Authority directs the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional insurance brokerage services, including risk management consulting services, and auditing and financial services related to the construction and ownership of the ballpark.

Commissioner Wade seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell) **APPROVED**

## Financial Report

Chair Cramer reported the Authority had spent \$480 through the end of August 2006.

Next Meeting Announcement – October 20, 2006

There being no further business, Commissioner Wade moved to adjourn. Commissioner Vekich seconded the motion and approved unanimously – 3 YEAS 0 NAYS 1 ABSENT (Campbell). The meeting of Minnesota Ballpark Authority for September 15, 2006 was declared adjourned at 2:25 p.m.