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**Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority met at 3:00 p.m., February 7, at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4001 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV. The meeting was properly noticed and posted in compliance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order

Chairman Bob Lucey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Vick Wowo

Board Members Present:

Nat Carasali
Lee Dillard
Ed Lawson (via telephone)
Bob Lucey (via telephone)
Rick Murdock
Mayor Hillary Schieve (via telephone)
Vick Wowo
Bill Wood (via telephone)

Board Members Absent:

Mark Sterbens

RSCVA Executive Staff Present:

Phil DeLone, President/Chief Executive Officer
Robert Chisel, Director of Finance
Ben Kennedy, Legal Counsel

RSCVA Executive Staff Absent:

B. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC

Richard Jay, chairman of the Business Advisory Council of SOS Washoe, spoke on behalf of SOS Washoe in favor of building a high school on the Wildcreek property.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Member Vick Wowo made a motion to approve the February 7, 2019, Special Board Meeting agenda. Seconded by Member Rick Murdock. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. PRESENTATIONS

D1. Appointment of Board Member Under NRS 244A.601(1)(d)(4)

Ben Kennedy, Legal Counsel for the RSCVA, drew the boards attention to the letter contained in the board materials from Virginia Valentine, CEO of the Nevada Resort Association (NRA), nominating Mr. Lee Dillard, Vice President and General Manager of Harrah's Reno, for reappointment to the RSCVA Board. Mr. Kennedy stated that Mr. Dillard's term was up in January 2019 and under NRS 24A.601(1)(d)(4), the NRA has nominated Mr. Dillard for another two-year appointment. Mr. Kennedy opened the floor for discussion and reminded the board that this item would be voted on by elected officials only.

Member Nat Carasali recommended that the elected officials reappoint Mr. Lee Dillard to the RSCVA Board of Directors.

Vice Chairman Ed Lawson stated his concern with the fact that the NRA only presented one name for the vacant position.

Member Vick Wowo agreed that Mr. Dillard be reappointed; however, he asked if the appointment should be pushed back to give the NRA time to submit additional names.

Chairman Lucey asked Ben Kennedy, Legal Counsel for the RSCVA, for clarification on the process.

Mr. Ben Kennedy said that statute indicates that the elected officials are entitled to a list of nominees, nominees being plural, meaning two or more. However, the elected officials are not required to consider two nominations. He stated that the elected officials have considered one nominee in the past and that it is up to the discretion of those three officials that are voting. He went on to say that the board can put the nomination to a voted today or request that the NRA supply additional names for consideration.

Mayor Schieve stated that she would make the motion to reappoint Lee Dillard, with the stipulation that the NRA supply the board with two or more names for consideration moving forward.

Chairman Bob Lucey joined the meeting in person at 3:09 pm.

Vice Chair Ed Lawson stated for the record that he opposes the nomination for the fact that the RSCVA board elected officials have asked that two or more names be presented for consideration.

Chairman Lucey agreed that the board had requested two or more names be submitted when considering a board appointment. However, he added that he spoke with the NRA board and its members, at which time the membership discussed at length the nomination to the RSCVA Board of directors. He stated that the NRA membership decided to put forth Mr. Dillard's name as this is a reappointment of a sitting member, not an open seat.

MOTION: Mayor Schieve made a motion to approve to reappoint Lee Dillard to the RSCVA Board of Directors, with the stipulation that the NRA supply the board with two or more names for consideration moving forward. Seconded by Chairman Lucey. With a nay voted from Vice Chairman Ed Lawson. **Motion carried 2 to 1.**

D2. Board Review and Possible Approval of the Cooperative Agreement to Transfer Wildcreek Golf Course and Related Assets to Washoe County and Authority to Proceed.

Chairman Lucey brought the boards attention to the Cooperative Agreement for Wildcreek Golf Course Property (the "Agreement") by and among the RSCVA, Washoe County and Washoe County School District included in the board information packet.

Ben Kennedy, Legal Counsel for the RSCVA, clarified that this agreement has been approved by the Washoe County School District and will go before the Washoe County Commissioners at the upcoming board of county commissioners meeting on February 19, 2019, at 10:00 am. He stated that the board is being asked to approve the agreement, to authorize Mr. Phil DeLone, in conjunction with legal counsel, to finalize any remaining details and to execute the agreement and any related exhibits.

MOTION: Member Nat Carasali made a motion to approve the agreement to authorize Mr. Phil DeLone, in conjunction with legal counsel, to finalize any remaining details and to execute the agreement and any related exhibits. Seconded by Member Vick Wowo. **Motion carried unanimously.**

E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Board member Lee Dillard thanked the elected officials and the board for its vote and kind comments. He stated that he looks forward to serving a second term on the RSCVA Board of Directors.

Chairman Lucey reminded the board that the Wildcreek Cooperative Agreement would be presented to the Washoe County Commissioners at the upcoming board of county commissioners meeting on February 19, 2019, at 10:00 am.

F. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR BY THE PUBLIC

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.