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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2020

**** This Meeting was preceded by Committee Meetings and followed by a Budget Workshop ****

1-3. A virtual Special Board Meeting of the Santa Rosa Island Authority was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, and was called to order at 5:24 p.m. Ms. Brigette Brooks, Chair, announced that Dr. Thomas Campanella and Ms. Liz Callahan were not present in the meeting. As this was a Zoom teleconference meeting, Ms. Brigette Brooks held a roll call for Board Members that are typically seated at the dais. Members present were: Ms. Karen Sindel, Mr. Jerry Watson, and Mr. Bubba Peters. Ms. Brigette Brooks asked all who were not speaking on an item to mute their telephones. Ms. Brigette Brooks explained the Visitors Forum process, emailing Mr. A.J. Powell at aj_powell@sria-fla.com, with their name, telephone number, street address, and the topic that they wish to speak about. They will have three (3) minutes to speak. Ms. Brigette Brooks then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of meditation.

4. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Brigette Brooks thanked all who were present in the meeting, and said she realized everyone is ready to get outside and enjoy all the Island has to offer. Ms. Brigette Brooks said she hoped all had a pleasant Memorial Day and it had appeared all who were out on the Island were following the CDC Guidelines.

Item # 1 – Discussion leading to a vote on holding future SRIA Committee and Board Meetings virtually or in person located in the SRIA Board Room. (Staff report by Paolo Ghio)

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated he had revisited the CDC Guidelines, grabbed his tape measure, and went into the Boardroom. Mr. Paolo Ghio asked the Board to consider a hybrid meeting. Here are his suggestions:

- Four (4) Board Members on dais with microphones, at six (6) foot intervals
- At least two (2) Board Members via Zoom

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- Only essential SRIA staff in Board Room, including himself, Mr. AJ Powell, and Jamee Thompson. There would be one microphone on the staff table
- The SRIA engineering and legal team would participate via Zoom, along with the rest of the SRIA staff that may have something to contribute
- As to the public (audience) area, all the chairs would be removed by Mr. AJ Powell, with the exception of eight (8) chairs, spaced six (6) feet apart, for the public to attend, if they wanted to participate
- There would be two (2) reserved spots for media, with tables, one (1) being for the Island Times, and one (1) for another media news team
- One (1) microphone at podium
- Wear masks into the building, but when settled in your spot, the mask may be removed
- Available sanitizing in Board Room includes alcohol based hand gel (for the room and the dais) and wipes, which will be used on the podium after every speaker

Ms. Karen Sindel asked Mr. Paolo Ghio to listen for updates to the Governor's Executive Order and update the Board if any restrictions are lifted.

Mr. Paolo Ghio said, "Consider it done."

Ms. Karen Sindel asked to handle the meeting advertising carefully, and how it would be handled if fifty (50) people showed up to participate in the meeting.

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated it would be handled as other agencies had handled this, only eight (8) people can be accommodated, and after one (1) leaves, another is allowed access. The rest will stay outside of the Board Room.

Mr. Mike Stebbins asked what would happen if more than four (4) Board Members showed up, if only four (4) are allowed on the dais. Mr. Mike Stebbins said that the Board hadn't voted to require 4 physical members for quorum, so if three (3) showed up, there would still be a quorum.

Mr. Paolo Ghio stated he was going to wait to see if the plan is accepted, and then he will reach out to each member to get their input as to whether they want to be virtual or not.

Mr. Mike Stebbins cautioned the Board to be careful if there is a vote, that

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they don't vote to require the physical presence of four (4) members. Mr. Mike Stebbins reminded all that we can be more restrictive than the Governor's Order.

Ms. Karen Sindel said that was understood.

Ms. Brigitte Brooks asked, based on Mr. Paolo Ghio's numbers, how many would that be in the Board Room.

Mr. Paolo Ghio responded it would be seventeen (17).

Upon amended motion by Ms. Karen Sindel seconded by Mr. Jerry Watson, the Board unanimously approved the plan proposed by Mr. Paolo Ghio, with the caveat that they are not looking to impose a minimum four (4) person quorum, and that a virtual meeting is still authorized by the Board. (4-0)

5. VISITOR'S FORUM

There were no speakers.

6. BOARD MEMBER'S FORUM

Mr. Jerry Watson said he appreciated the good job Ms. Vickie Johnson is doing under these adverse circumstances, and expressed she has the Board's support.

Mr. Bubba Peters stated he agreed with Mr. Jerry Watson, and included the entire staff while away from the office are doing a wonderful job. Mr. Bubba Peters then asked Mr. Ghio if there was a plan to reintroduce staff, and at what capacity is the SRIA operating?

Mr. Paolo Ghio explained not everyone was in the office every day, but some staff has always been in this building, and usually about 40-50% of staff was present. Mr. Paolo Ghio said that staff would come to the building to do what they needed to, and then go home to finish their work. Mr. Paolo Ghio that there has been an ongoing fulfillment of obligations and duties.

Mr. Bubba Peters complimented the SRIA staff for working on a hybrid level, and he appreciates it.

Mr. Jerry Watson thanked Mr. Paolo Ghio.

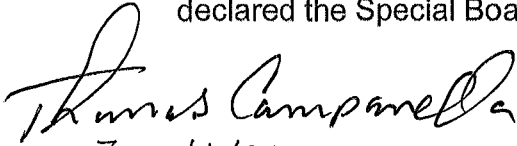
Ms. Brigitte Brooks thanked Mr. Paolo Ghio and said she appreciates staff and

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that Ms. Vickie Johnson is great. Ms. Brigitte Brooks said she agrees with Mr. Jerry Watson and Mr. Bubba Peters, and that the public appreciates the entire staff as well.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Brigitte Brooks declared the Special Board Meeting of the SRIA Board adjourned at 5:38 p.m.



Jerry Watson

Jerry Watson (Jun 10, 2020 11:43 CDT)

SECRETARY



CHAIRMAN

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