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**SANTA ROSA ISLAND AUTHORITY
BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
JUNE 13, 2018**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Authority Members
FROM: Executive Director
DATE: June 21, 2018
RE: Minutes of June 13, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting

A budget workshop meeting was held on Wednesday June 13, 2018, immediately following the Committee Meeting to discuss the 2018/2019 SRIA Budget. Members present were Mr. Jerry Watson, Chair, Dr. Thomas Campanella, Ms. Brigette Brooks, Ms. Janice Gilley, Ms. Tammy Bohannon, and Ms. Karen Sindel. Mr. Watson, Chair, called the meeting to order and presented the following item.

Item # 1 – Budget FY 2018/2019

Ms. Dottie Ford, Director of Finance, handed out the budget to each Board Member, and introduced her assistant, Vickie Johnson.

She explained the following changes:

Page 8 – addition of \$40,000.00 to Environmental Services for the Animal Control Officer's salary.

Page 11 – took some money from Mardi Gras and Songwriter's Festival – both were notified.

Ms. Gilley said she doesn't see where money could be "stashed" as some have voiced concerns over in the past. She said she sees where the SRIA does have the renourishment loan, and where we are putting aside some for future nourishment, she very comfortable with the numbers she sees and stated Ms. Ford and her staff always do a good job and receive clean audits.

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Ms. Sindel agrees.

Mr. Watson praised Ms. Ford for always being available to answer any questions.

Ms. Bohannon wants more funding for Songwriters and enforcement of cleaning ROW's.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Campanella asked if we couldn't give more to Songwriters since we cut Mardi Gras.

Ms. Schrock pointed out that Visit Pensacola has a grant process in place for exactly this type of thing, or they could come before our Board for a sponsorship.

Mr. Ghio said the only reason Mardi Gras had been cut was because the SRIA has purchased barricades and they don't need to rent anymore.

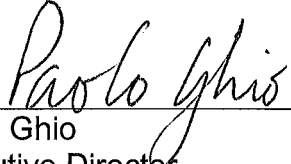
Upon motion of Ms. Tammy Bohannon seconded by Ms. Janice Gilley, the Board approved keeping the Songwriter's Festival amount at the 2018 level. (5-1) Ms. Brooks voted in the negative.

Ms. Brooks said she had many questions: How long has the SRIA been doing this, How much has it grown, How does it compare to other events, and Why move from \$25,000 to \$8,000?

Discussion followed regarding funds budgeted for Bands on the Beach and Trolleys, where the SRIA has no other funding option, yet Songwriter's Festival has many opportunities for funding.

Ms. Schrock pointed out what a successful event the Memorial Day weekend is, pre-sales from 50 states and 6 countries, and they receive no funding from SRIA.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Paolo Ghio
Executive Director

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