



Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees
February 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes

The Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) Board of Trustees Annual Meeting was held on September 17, 2020 via zoom.

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia on Thursday, March 12 in response to COVID-19. Therefore, the FMA chose to use electronic communications in accord with Item 4-0.01.g. of Chapter 1289 (2020 Acts of Assembly). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operation of the FMA and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities. Board members participated remotely using a ZOOM platform.

Members of the public were able to register to witness the meeting online via live-streaming and were provided the opportunity to provide public comment at the outset of the meeting using the zoom link provided in the online meeting public notice.

The online internet public notice for the meeting noted that this meeting would be conducted using an electronic process due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and as a precaution to reduce the risk and spread of the novel coronavirus. The online meeting public notice also furnished the Agenda and Board materials as well as information regarding the availability of online live-streaming of the meeting at the noted link.

Online viewers were furnished a telephone number to call to notify staff of any interruption of the live streaming of the meeting in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g. of Chapter 1289 and Section 2.23708.2 of the Code of Virginia; and no interruption of the live streaming was noted during the meeting.

Members Present: The Honorable James P. Moran, Chair
Ms. Mary Bunting, Vice-Chair
Dr. Edward Ayers
Ms. Benita Byas
Mr. Brian Jackson
Dr. Rex Ellis
Mr. Destry Jarvis
Mr. Jay Joseph
Dr. Maureen Elgersman Lee
The Honorable Martha M. Mugler
Mr. John Reynolds
Mr. John Begala for Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Secretary Matt Strickler, Natural Resources

Members Absent:
The Honorable Mamie E. Locke

Staff Present: Mr. G. Glenn Oder, Executive Director
Mr. John Hutcheson, Secretary/Treasurer
Ms. Donna Swiney, Assistant Secretary
Ms. Jan Bomar
Dr. Françoise Bonnell
Ms. Rachel Dancy
Ms. Denise Dooley
Ms. Veronica Gallardo
Mr. Lance Hawn-Schmidt
Ms. Amber Inwood
Ms. Debbie Koon
Ms. Tammy Mills
Dr. Yolanda Spooner
Ms. Jenn Stokes
Mr. David Stroud
Ms. Jenn Taglieri
Ms. Phyllis Terrell
Mr. Aaron Whittington

Others in Attendance: Mr. Joshua Saks, Natural Resources
Ms. Katheryn E. Surface Burks, Office of the Attorney General
Ms. Eola Dance, National Park Service ("NPS")
Mr. Braxton M. Williams, Office of the Attorney General

The Honorable Jim Moran called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. He welcomed the members to the virtual meeting and reminded the members it was a public meeting and should be conducted in the same manner as an in-person meeting. He also gave instructions on public comment.

Ms. Donna Swiney called the roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes from November 19, 2020 Meeting

Mr. Moran called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting.

MOTION: I move that the FMA Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting as circulated prior to the meeting (APPENDIX I).

So moved: Dr. Elgersman Lee
Seconded: Mr. Reynolds
Unanimously approved.

Special Presentation

5. African Landing Memorial Art Project Presentation by Brian Owens, Artist

Executive Director Glenn Oder shared the site plan for the art project. The African Landing Memorial artist, Brian Owens, presented his concept design. Chairman Moran stated that the consensus was that this was a superb presentation and visitors will be impressed by this work of art, learning something new each time it is viewed. An augmented reality video, donated by Jack Ezzell, President of ZelTech and created by J and F Alliance Group, was shared.

MOTION: I move that the FMA Board of Trustees accept the Concept Design and authorize the Fort Monroe Authority to move forward with Phase II negotiations with Brian Owens.

So moved: Dr. Ellis
Seconded: Ms. Byas
Unanimously approved.

Closed Session

6. In accordance with VA Code 2.2-3711

- Acquisition or disposition of real property – 2.2-3711(A)(3)
- Consultation with Legal Counsel – 2.2-3711(A)(8)

MOTION: I move the Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees convene in closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to acquisition or disposition of real property located at Fort Monroe in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(1); and consultation with legal counsel, in accordance with Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia.

So moved: Mr. Joseph
Seconded: Dr. Elgersman Lee
Discussion: None.
Unanimously approved.

Reconvene

MOTION: I move that the Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees end the closed session to discuss matters pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia pertaining to acquisition or disposition of real property located at Fort Monroe; and consultation with legal counsel.

So moved: Mr. Joseph
Seconded: Mr. Reynolds
Unanimously approved.

MOTION: I move that we close the executive session and reconvene an open meeting. Each member will now be asked to certify that only those matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of

Virginia, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered by the Fort Monroe Authority Board of Trustees in executive session.

So moved: Mr. Joseph

Seconded: Delegate Mugler

Ayes: Chairman Moran, Dr. Ed Ayers, Mary Bunting, Benita Byas, Dr. Rex Ellis, Destry Jarvis, Jay Joseph, Maureen Elgersman Lee Delegate Mugler, John Reynolds.

Nays: None.

Unanimously approved.

Reports and Briefings

7. Executive Director's Report – Glenn Oder, Executive Director

The Executive Director's Report was provided in the Board package (APPENDIX II). Director Oder gave an update on staffing and shared that the strategic planning process is going well.

8. Financial Report – John Hutcheson, Secretary/Treasurer, Deputy Executive Director

Deputy Executive Director John Hutcheson reviewed the Financial Report included in the Board package (APPENDIX III) and gave an update on the budget status.

9. Chairman's Report – The Honorable James P. Moran, Chairman

Chairman Moran shared that the Governor of Virginia will visit Fort Monroe on Friday, February 19th to make a significant announcement regarding the history of Fort Monroe. This announcement will contribute to the historic narrative of this property and will provide additional credibility to the education and public programming initiatives of the FMA and the NPS.

Chairman Moran reported that the Real Estate Team maintains virtually 100% occupancy of the residential structures.

10. National Park Service Report – Eola Dance, Acting Superintendent

The National Park Service Report was provided in the Board package (APPENDIX IV). Ms. Eola Dance, Acting Superintendent, reported on the new staff member, participation in Black History program month, and expressed appreciation for the collaboration in telling all stories with the FMA.

11. Fort Monroe Foundation Report – Ed Ayers

The Fort Monroe Foundation Progress update was provided in the Board package (APPENDIX V). Dr. Ayers reported that Mary Ellen Stumpf announced her retirement. The Foundation will explore best options of moving forward with professional advisors. The Foundation will work with Mike Westfall to begin at

capacity to allow good partners with fundraising necessary for the Memorial Art Project and to conduct the other work needed to support the Authority.

12. National Center for Freedom – Glenn Oder, Françoise Bonnell

The National Center for Freedom update was provided in the Board package (APPENDIX VI). Dr. Bonnell reported on what is upcoming for year three. There will be fewer number of programs done very well. One signature program that was developed titled "Evolution of Freedom" with the theme of "Music". The second initiative is under education programming supporting teachers with professional development workshops.

Old Business

13. Moving Properties to the Marketplace – Jay Joseph

Mr. Joseph reported that the FMA with the Office of Attorney General continues to work with the two separate developers. The FMA team and the Attorney General's Office are making good progress. It is hoped to bring the agreements to the full Board in the next several months.

14. Legislative Update – Glenn Oder

Director Oder thanked Delegate Mugler and Senator Locke for carrying HB2009, which sets up the Chamberlin property to revert back to the Commonwealth, to Richmond which passed without opposition and is headed to the Governor's Office for his signature.

15. Strategic Action Plan – Mary Bunting

The Strategic Action Plan update was provided in the Board package (APPENDIX VII). Director Oder reported that after working with citizen groups and the Board, there are nine items which line up with the legislative mandate for Fort Monroe. Steering group meetings are taking place. The written report will be used at the April Annual Board Retreat.

New Business

16. 2021 Annual Board Retreat Discussion – Glenn Oder

Director Oder reported that the staff have had meetings to plan the April Board Retreat. After some discussion, it was decided to have the Board Retreat one day on April 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a break in the middle and will include a strategic planning focus and other topics of importance to Fort Monroe. To be as efficient as possible, the question is what do we need to talk about as opposed to what we would like to talk about.

17. Board of Trustees Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

Adjournment

Next Meeting is Annual Board Retreat, April 15, 2021

MOTION: I move the Board adjourn.

So moved: Mr. Joseph

Seconded: Dr. Ellis

Unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Swiney", is written over a horizontal line.

Donna Swiney, Assistant Secretary