Minutes of the Board of Directors Fargo-Moorhead Convention & Visitors Bureau Wednesday February 26, 2025

Members Present: Doug Peters, Clare Hughes, Kember Anderson, Emily Nielsen, Nicole Steen Dutton, James Stinsman, Ramon Sosa, Kimberly Busch, Kira Odenbach, Derrick LaPoint

Members Absent: Casey Sanders-Berglund

Others Present: Charley Johnson, Visit FM. Erin Shapiro & Megan Even, Plains Art Museum

- Chair Doug Peters called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made (Nicole), seconded (Emily), and passed approving the February 5 Minutes.
- Erin Shapiro and Megan Even gave a presentation seeking a capital grant from the Board in the amount of \$500,000 for the \$13M "Connections" capital project at the Plains Art Museum. After discussion, James moved, Kira seconded, and the Board approved a grant in the amount of \$510,000. To be payable in three \$170,000 installments over three years.
- The CEO and Board discussed nominations for the annual awards to be presented at the upcoming annual meeting. After brief discussion, a motion approving the slate of winners as presented was made (Nicole), seconded (Clare) and approved by the Board.
- Chair Doug Peters gave the Board an update on the status of search for a new CEO, saying he expected a SearchWide rep to be in town in April to interview staff and stakeholders.
- The CEO updated the Board on work by the committee to manage the RFP process for the Convention Center project approved by voters in November.
- The meeting was adjourned. (Clare moved, Nicole seconded)

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 am on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. PLEASE NOTE: EID BAILLY AUDITORS WILL BE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM THAT WEEK, THE MARCH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CLUBHOUSE HOTEL.

There will be a Teams Link, as well.