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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUGUST 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the South Elgin Countryside FPD Firefighters' Pension Fund Board of Trustees was held on Friday, August 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at Fire Station #21 located at 1090 West Spring Street, South Elgin, Illinois 60177, pursuant to notice.

CALL TO ORDER: Trustee Rothecker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Trustees Michael Rothecker, William Luchsinger, Allen Etheridge, Mary Van Winkle and Steve Wascher

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Falduto and Dave Harrington, Sawyer Falduto Asset Management, LLC; Attorney Jeff Goodloe, Puchalski Goodloe LLC; Veronica Perez, Amanda Secor, Eric Endriukaitis and James Ritchie, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP (L&A)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: *June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting:* The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 21, 2021 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Luchsinger and seconded by Trustee Wascher to approve the June 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes: The Board reviewed the closed session meeting minutes. A motion was made by Trustee Luchsinger and seconded by Trustee Wascher to keep all closed session meeting minutes confidential subject to future semi-annual review of closed session meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT – LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP: *Monthly Financial Report and Presentation and Approval of Bills:* The Board reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for the two-month period ending July 31, 2021 prepared by L&A. As of July 31, 2021, the net position held in trust for pension benefits is \$22,056,852.24 for a change in position of \$594,888.34. The Board also reviewed the Cash Analysis Report, Revenue Report, Expense Report, Member Contribution Report, Payroll Journal and the Vendor Check Report for the period May 1, 2021 through July 31, 2021 for total disbursements of \$56,536.72. A motion was made by Trustee Etheridge and seconded by Trustee Van Winkle to accept the Monthly Financial Report as presented and to approve the disbursements shown on the Vendor Check Report in the amount of \$56,536.72. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Rothecker, Luchsinger, Etheridge, Van Winkle and Wascher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Additional Bills, if any: There were no additional bills presented for approval.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Rothecker discussed the upcoming IPPFA MidAmerican Pension Conference with the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: This item was not discussed.

INVESTMENT REPORT – SAWYER FALDUTO ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC:
Quarterly Investment Performance Report: Mr. Falduto presented the Quarterly Investment Performance Report for the period ending June 30, 2021. As of June 30, 2021, the second quarter net return is 5.2% versus the second quarter account benchmark of 5.1%. The investment return for the quarter is \$1,068,860 for an ending market value of \$21,871,570. The current asset allocation is as follows: fixed income at 37.9%, equities at 61.2% and cash equivalents at 0.8%. Mr. Harrington reviewed the Market Commentary, Equity and Fixed Income Portfolios, Credit Rating Report and Transaction Ledger Report with the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Luchsinger and seconded by Trustee Rothecker to accept the Quarterly Investment Performance Report as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Rothecker, Luchsinger, Etheridge, Van Winkle and Wascher
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Review/Update Investment Policy: The Board discussed the Investment Policy and determined that no changes are required at this time.

Investment Advisory Agreement – Amendment Notification dated June 30, 2021: The Board reviewed the Investment Advisory Agreement Amendment to the Fee Calculation and Collection Schedule dated June 30, 2021 provided by Sawyer Falduto. A motion was made by Trustee Rothecker and seconded by Trustee Wascher to approve the Investment Advisory Agreement Amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Post Consolidation Services: Mr. Falduto reviewed services that Sawyer Falduto Asset Management will be offering post consolidation. Further discussion will be held at the next regular meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: There were no communications or reports.

TRUSTEE TRAINING UPDATES: The Board reviewed the Trustee Training Summary and discussed upcoming training opportunities. Trustees were reminded to submit any certificates of completion to L&A for recordkeeping.

Approval of Trustee Training Registration Fees and Reimbursable Expenses: The Board discussed the upcoming IPPFA MidAmerican Pension Conference. A motion was made by Trustee

Rothecker and seconded by Trustee Wascher to approve the registration fees for trustees interested in attending the IPPFA MidAmerican Pension Conference. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AYES: Trustees Rothecker, Luchsinger, Etheridge, Van Winkle and Wascher

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/WITHDRAWALS FROM PENSION FUND:

Resignations – Matthew Dalbke: The Board noted Matthew Dalbke separated service from the South Elgin Countryside FPD Firefighters' Pension Fund effective August 5, 2021 and no contribution refund request has been received. No further action is needed.

APPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT/DISABILITY BENEFITS: There were no applications for retirement or disability benefits.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: *Review Preliminary Actuarial Valuation:* The Board reviewed the preliminary Actuarial Valuation prepared by L&A. The final report will be reviewed by the Board at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Luchsinger left the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Board Officer Elections – President & Secretary: The Board discussed Board Officer Elections and nominated the slate of Officers as follows: Trustee Rothecker as President and Trustee Luchsinger as Secretary. A motion was made by Trustee Wascher and seconded by Trustee Van Winkle to elect the slate of Officers as stated. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

FOIA Officer & OMA Designee: The Board discussed maintaining Office Manager Britta Eggebrecht as the FOIA Officer and OMA Designee. A motion was made by Trustee Rothecker and seconded by Trustee Wascher to maintain Office Manager Britta Eggebrecht as the FOIA Officer and OMA Designee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IDOI Annual Statement: The Board noted that the IDOI Annual Statement is in process and the final report will be sent to the Board for review upon completion.

Acknowledge FPIF Notice of Transfer Date, Adopt Resolution of Notice and Execute Exhibits: The Board discussed the resolution of notice received by FPIF. A motion was made by Trustee Rothecker and seconded by Trustee Wascher to acknowledge the transfer date as December 1, 2021, adopt the resolution of notice drafted by Attorney Goodloe and to authorize Trustee Rothecker and Trustee Luchsinger to execute the associated exhibits on behalf of the Fund. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Trustee Luchsinger joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Review/Approve – Letter of Direction to Schwab: Attorney Goodloe discussed the Northern Trust proposed letter of direction to Schwab. The Board will address this item at the next regular meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – PUCHALSKI GOODLOE LLC: *Legal Updates:* Attorney Goodloe provided legislative updates pertaining to Article 4 Pension Funds; including recent court cases and decisions, as well as general pension matters.

Trustee Luchsinger left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Trustee Luchsinger joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Board discussed rescheduling the fourth quarter regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Rothecker and seconded by Trustee Wascher to reschedule the November 12, 2021 regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. to October 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Annual Independent Medical Examination – Jeremy Montgomery: This item was not discussed.

CLOSED SESSION, IF NEEDED: There was no need for closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Luchsinger and seconded by Trustee Van Winkle to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.



Board President or Secretary

Minutes approved by the Board of Trustees on 10-15-21.

Minutes prepared by Veronica Perez, Pension Services Administrator, Lauterbach & Amen, LLP