

Missouri Sheriffs' Retirement System

Board of Directors' First Quarterly Meeting

**1739 Elm Court, Suite 202
Jefferson City Missouri**

February 4, 2022

Present were Chairman J. Kent Oberkrom, Members Kevin Bond and Kenny Jones; via conference call: Members Jim Arnott and Dwight Diehl; Central Bank Representatives Joanne Scheperle, David Meyer and David Roehl; Statehouse Strategies Representatives Angie Schulte, Chris Moody and Jay Reichard; Kevin Merritt, Executive Director of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association; Stuart Miller, Retired Sheriff of Audrain County and Sheriff Scott Munsterman of Johnson County. Also present were Sheriffs' Retirement System Executive Director Jeff Padgett and Staff Diane Stieffermann.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Kent Oberkrom.

Opening Remarks:

- Chairman Kent Oberkrom made the opening remarks.

Minutes:

- Member Kevin Bond moved and Member Kenny Jones seconded a motion to approve the open and closed minutes of the December 3, 2021 Board Meeting. The motion was approved by all members.

Investment Report – Central Bank:

- Joanne Scheperle, Representative of Central Bank, reviewed the investment portfolio report and presented the information. A copy of the Investment Report is filed with these minutes. Member Kenny Jones moved and Member Kevin Bond seconded a motion to accept the Investment Report. The motion was approved by all members.
- **Investment Policy** - The Investment Policy will be discussed at a separate meeting due to changes made at the December 3, 2021 meeting. These changes were made relative to the lawsuit settlement.

Report on System Operations:

- **Deposits** - Executive Director Jeff Padgett presented a report (copy is filed with these minutes) showing total contributions as of January 31, 2022 which is down \$1.5 million from last year.
- **Financials** – The System remains in good financial condition and expenses are consistent with expectations.
- **Budget Status** - Budget expectations were met for CY2021.
- **Account Balances** - Executive Director Jeff Padgett presented the Board with a draft of the Comparative Income Statement Report as of December 31, 2021 (copy of report is filed with these minutes) showing total assets as \$53 million. Jeff Padgett indicated total income as of December 31, 2021 was \$6 million; total operating expenses were \$3.9 million with a total net increase of \$2 million.

Member Kevin Bond moved and Member Kenny Jones seconded a motion to approve the System Operations Report. The motion was approved by all members.

2022 CPI Increase for Retirees, Survivors:

- The cost of living documentation from the U.S. Department of Labor was provided to each Board member. A copy of this documentation is filed with these minutes.

Member Dwight Diehl moved and Member Kevin Bond seconded a motion to approve the 5% cost of living increase for all retirees and survivors effective March 1, 2022. The motion was approved by all members.

Litigation Update:

- Executive Director Jeff Padgett provided the Board with an update on the lawsuit settlement with regard to the postcards that were mailed by the Claims Administrator. Jeff Padgett also provided a summary of the Claims Administrator's deadlines. Final Approval Hearing will be February 24, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. The Claims Deadline will be March 7, 2022.

Legislation Status:

- Representatives from Statehouse Strategies Angie Schulte and Jay Reichard gave an overview and status of Senate Bill 1054 that was introduced in the Missouri State Legislature (sponsored by Senator Mike Bernskoetter) that will, if passed and signed into law, provide additional revenue to fund the System. Discussion took place regarding this bill and revisions/amendments are anticipated to ensure long-term financial viability for the System.

Executive Director Jeff Padgett has met with Representatives Hovis and Pike this legislative session. It was discussed that there will need to be other ways to generate revenue for the System.

The Statehouse Strategies representatives recommended hiring constitutional attorney, Mr. Chuck Hatfield, with regard to legal advice to pursue small fees on civil services.

The motion was made by Member Kenny Jones to hire Mr. Chuck Hatfield and seconded by Member Kevin Bond. The motion was approved by all members.

Executive Director Jeff Padgett will work with representatives from Statehouse Strategies to set up a meeting with Mr. Hatfield.

Other Business:

- **MAPERS Conference** is scheduled for July 13-15, 2022 at Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach. More details to follow. Website is momapers.org/conference/
- **Next Board Meeting** - The date for the next Board Meeting will be June 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriffs' Retirement System office in Jefferson City, MO.

Adjournment:

- Member Kenny Jones moved and Member Dwight Diehl seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by all members. The meeting was adjourned.