



## **Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Votes on New CEO**

### **Rick Evans named new CEO/Executive Director, to begin on March 13**

**March 10, 2017 (Minneapolis, MN)** – At its March 10, 2017 meeting, the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA) approved the hiring of Rick Evans as the new CEO and Executive Director of the MSFA. Rick’s professional background includes extensive experience in the private sector as a business executive and general counsel, as well as having served as an Assistant Attorney General for ten years and as the first executive director of the Minnesota Racing Commission. Rick will officially join the MSFA staff on March 13, 2017.

“I am pleased to announce that Rick Evans will be MSFA’s new CEO/Executive Director,” said Kathleen Blatz, interim chair of the MSFA. “Rick’s high integrity and broad experience will assist us in moving forward. He will bring a fresh perspective and stability to the authority and has a strong skill set that will benefit the public that we serve.”

“I am honored to have been asked to take the role of CEO/Executive Director,” said Rick Evans. “I look forward to working with the board members, the staff of the Authority, and our stadium partners. Most importantly, I look forward to serving the public in this important and challenging time.” Rick has more than 20 years of business experience with Metris Companies and Green Tree Financial. As the first executive director of the Minnesota Racing Commission, he oversaw the formative stages of the Commission and was responsible for implementing and regulating Minnesota’s pari-mutuel horse racing industry. Rick also served in the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office specifically working in the public welfare, criminal, legislative and administrative divisions, and served as chief counsel to the Department of Commerce.

Evans also brings his passion for supporting Minnesota youth. He currently serves on the board of the InnerCity Tennis Foundation, and as a member of the regional campaign committee for his alma mater, Northwestern University. Evans previously served on the board of the Children’s Home Society and the Washburn Center for Children.

Rick lives in Medina with his wife Karen, has a daughter Emily, a son-in-law David and a granddaughter Eliette.

#### **About the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (MSFA)**

The MSFA is a public body charged with the construction, financing, and long-term use of U.S. Bank Stadium as a venue for professional football and a broad range of other civic, community, athletic, educational, cultural, and commercial activities. U.S. Bank Stadium is home to the 2017 & 2018 X Games, Super Bowl 52, and the NCAA Men’s Final Four in 2019.

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