

**Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium  
And Office Building Authority**

Minutes of the Board of Directors  
August 31, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

- Present:** Tara Auter, Carley Fredericks, Dylan Haun, Britny Hoag, Kim Hoffman, Ken Salomon, Maruti Seth and Dean Shore.
- Absent:** Bill Black, O. J. Harrison, and John Spezia.
- Attending:** Andrew Mudd, Jeremiah Brady, Janet Payne, Ron Schmink, and Teri Gaffney.
- Guests:** None.
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members.
- Roll Call:** The roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – No comments were received.

**BUSINESS:**

**Review of Bids for Ice Covering** - The various ice flooring systems that are available for purchase were reviewed by the Board Members. The 'Everblock' system is the recommended system. It was noted that this is the system used by the Blackhawks' team. The company believes that the system can be available in four weeks and the cost is \$97,858.75. The installation process will take approximately two hours to be installed by 5 to 6 people. It was noted that this is an emergent situation. ***It was moved by Maruti Seth, seconded by Ken Salomon, and carried unanimously to purchase the Everblock floor system at a price of \$97,858.75.***

The need for financing options for the ice floor project was also discussed. ***It was moved by Maruti Seth, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried unanimously to authorize Dean Shore to secure financing options for the purchase of the Everblock floor system.***

**Review of Ice Conditioner Maintenance** -

A maintenance agreement is needed for the new ice system. It was noted that it is very difficult to get anyone to work on this system as it is an ammonia system, and few vendors will work on such a system. Mr. Schmink will get confirmation in writing that others will not perform this maintenance due to the ammonia issue. Mr. Haun will be discussing the agreement with the company to clarify the status.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Signators on Bank Account** – At the last meeting, two signators were identified for the account that is being set up at Old National Bank for the purpose of receiving the funds deposited by Vermilion County Bobcats. It was suggested that this be amended due to the vacancy of the General Manager. ***It was recommended by Maruti Seth, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried unanimously to that Dylan Haun, Board Member, and Jeremiah Brady Accountant of the Authority, to be the signators of the account at Old National Bank.***

**Executive Session** – ***It was moved by Maruti Seth, seconded by Dean Shore, and carried unanimously to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation.***  
Jeremiah Brady, Janet Payne and Ron Schmink were excused from the meeting (5:57 p.m.)

The Board Meeting reconvened into regular session at 6:34 p.m.

Mr. Spezia has requested information from the Arena regarding the Hall of Fame as well as the Battle of the Border. Mr. Shore will contact Mr. Spezia to discuss the monies collected and monies due from the event. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

At the next meeting, it was suggested that discussion be held as to how to proceed with the search for a new General Manager. Ms. Gaffney will send the members a copy of the present Job Description of General Manager. The members will also discuss the appointment of an Interim General Manager.

As Mr. Spezia has indicated he will be resigning his position as Chairman and Mr. Dowers has resigned his position as Vice Chair, the Board will need to reorganize. The members will review the Bylaws and discuss this further at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for September 28, 2022. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the members to reschedule the September meeting to September 13, 2022, to accommodate the schedules of the members to assure a quorum would be present.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Teri Gaffney, Secretary