

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors
June 1, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Tara Auter, O. J. Harrison, Kim Hoffman, Erik O’Kane, Ken Salomon, Dean Shore, and Matt Sims.

Absent: Bill Black, Dylan Haun, Durrell Robinson, and Maruti Seth.

Attending: Andrew Mudd, Jeremiah Brady, Dwayne Gaylor, and Teri Gaffney.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: The roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of May 3, 2023, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Kim Hoffman, seconded by Erik O’Kane, and carried to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of May 3, 2023, as presented.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events Committee: Ken Salomon reported that the Committee met last week. The Committee is working on some smaller events for the future. They have secured Dueling Pianos for August 25, 2023. This event has been at Turtle Run Event center in the past. We are free to set the ticket prices as we desire. We will have alcohol and desserts available for this event. There is no update on the Scotty McCreery event to date. The promoters had looked at securing Rodney Carrington but after review of the numbers it was determined to not pursue that.

Finance – Dean Shore reviewed the current financial report. The hotel/motel/liquor tax check was higher than the previous months. ***It was moved by Matt Sims, seconded by Ken Salomon, and carried to accept the April/May deposits, debits, credit card charges and bills paid as presented.***

OLD BUSINESS:

Arena Signage – The Facility Manager, Dwayne Gaylor, has been working with the sign company. A call will be scheduled with the sign company and Dean Shore will participate in that call.

Electricity Supplier Information – Mr. Gaylor reported that he has been reviewing our options for the next electricity supplier. We will work with APPI to secure the contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

A policy for *Personal Protective Equipment* was reviewed. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried to approve the 'Personal Protective Equipment' policy as presented.***

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Teri Gaffney reviewed the Management Report. We have received confirmation that all documentation was received for the B2B grant and we are now awaiting a decision by the State of Illinois.

An overview of the pricing at area arenas for pickup hockey, public skate, stick & puck, and skate rental was given. After discussion, ***it was the consensus of the members to increase the pricing of pickup hockey and stick & puck from \$8 to \$10.*** The price for public skate will remain at \$8 and skate rental will remain at \$2.

The Pickup Hockey League is looking to host monthly games on the ice in partnership with the Arena. More information will be coming on that project.

The status of the HVAC system was reviewed. It was reported that six of the eight units are no longer functioning. Bids for replacement systems have been received and they range from \$1,250,000 to \$1,720,800. The Board members discussed funding options for the project. Mr. Shore and Ms. Gaffney will meet to discuss the next steps.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Executive Session – As there was no need for an Executive Session, this was deferred.

NEXT MEETING – The Secretary will review the calendar to determine the next Board of Directors' meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Dean Shore, Chairperson