Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium
And Office Building Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 12, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Tara Auter, Nate Byram, Jakob Dazey, O.J. Harrison, Kim Hoffman, Erik O'Kane, Durrel Robinson, Dean Shore and Matt Sims.

Absent: Ryan Brumfield, Dylan Haun, and Maruti Seth.

Attending: Andrew Mudd, 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: Deferred.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments received.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC Bids: At its meeting on February 28, 2024, the Board of Directors opened the following bids for the HVAC system:

Blackie's Automatic Engineering -
- Option #1 - $909,501.00
- Option #2 - $820,751.00
- Option #3 - $749,871.00

Air King - $1,061,827.00

C-U HVAC, Inc. - $1,610,400.00

Reliable Mechanical - $1,725,000.00

GHR reviewed all of the bids that had been presented. References had been requested from each vendor and were included in the packet of information that had been distributed to the members.

Air King reviewed a number of large projects that it had completed. It was stated that it will take at least 30 weeks to obtain the units for the Arena.

C-U HVAC indicated that it too would have an approximate 30 weeks to obtain the units. It was noted that its bid was higher, but it was quoted as exactly what was installed at the present time.

Blackie's gave an overview of area projects that it has completed. He discussed the use of a Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) system for the office/conference rooms areas of the Arena. Rob Black indicated that he believed it would be much more efficient for that side of the building.

It would take approximately three to four weeks to obtain that system. The units for the Arena itself would be on the same timetable as quoted by the other vendors.

After discussion, ***it was moved by Durrell Robinson, seconded by Erik O'Kane and unanimously carried to accept the Option #1 bid from Black's Automatic Engineering in the amount of $909,501.00.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As there was not a need for an Executive Session, this was deferred.

OTHER BUSINESS – It was announced that there will be no Board meeting on March 24, 2024. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will occur on April 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Dean Shore, Chairperson