

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors  
April 24, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

**Present:** Tara Auter, Ryan Brumfield, Nate Byram, Jakob Dazey, Kim Hoffman, Maruti Seth, Dean Shore and Matt Sims.

**Absent:** O. J. Harrison, Dylan Haun, Erik O’Kane, and Durrel Robinson.

**Attending:** Andrew Mudd, Dwayne Gaylor, Jeremiah Brady, 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 meetings of the Board of Directors of February 28, 2024, and March 12, 2024, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Nate Byram, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the February 28, 2024, and March 12, 2024, Board meetings as written.***

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

**Executive Session:** ***It was moved by Kim Hoffman, seconded by Nate Byram, and carried unanimously to recess into Executive Session to discuss the potential future lease with a hockey team. (5:35 p.m.).*** Non-Board Members were excused from the meeting.

The Board meeting reconvened into regular session at 5:40 p.m.

***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and unanimously approved to accept the lease with Barry Soskin for a professional hockey team based on the revisions in the lease presented.***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Hockey Team Agreement** – It was reported that the final agreement will be sent to Mr. Soskin this week.

**HVAC Bids** – The funding for the HVAC System has been secured. The new systems have been ordered and the initial payment will be needed by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Dean Shore reviewed the current financial report. The revenue from the city tax monies continues to be slightly reduced. ***It was moved by Matt Sims, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried to unanimously accept the February/March/April of 2024 deposits, debit card expenditures, bills paid and accounts receivable as presented.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

As reported earlier, the Arena has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. After discussion, it was the consensus to look to remodeling the restrooms at the northeast corner of the building. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and unanimously carried to seek bids for the renovation of the two northeast restrooms of the David S. Palmer Arena.*** Ms. Gaffney will prepare the publication for the newspaper for the bids.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT:**

It was reported that the last game of the Danville Pickup Hockey League had been held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Overall, several thousands of dollars were raised for First Responders, Toys for Tots, Vermillion County Restoration, Vermillion County Animal Shelter, the Cannon Place, and the Toby Ceader family. Danville Youth Hockey has elected a new Board of Directors for its upcoming season.

The Events Committee of the Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on May 1, 2024. A comedy show is scheduled at the Arena on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor LeStan Hoskins is again hosting a cheerleading clinic, a basketball clinic and two charity basketball games for May 11<sup>th</sup>. The American Bully Kennel Club will have its dog show at the Arena on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

The ice was melted the first week of April and we are scheduled to reinstall the ice the last of August.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** It was reported that the Board of Directors will need to elect new officers as the current term is expiring. Kim Hoffman will move into the role of Chairperson, Dean Shore has agreed to be the Treasurer, and Teri Gaffney will remain the Secretary. The position of Vice Chairman needs to be filled. The members were asked to be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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Dean Shore, Chairperson