Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium
And Office Building Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 22, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ryan Brumfield, Nate Byram, Jakob Dazey, O. J. Harrison, Dylan Haun, Kim Hoffman, Erik O'Kane, Maruti Seth, and Dean Shore.

Absent: Matt Sims.

Attending: Molly Gregory, 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 April 24, 2024, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Nate Byram, seconded by Maruti Seth, and carried to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the April 24, 2024, Board meeting as written.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hockey Team Agreement – It was reported that the agreement has been presented to Mr. Soskin for signature.

HVAC – The units have been ordered and $500,000 is due to Blackie's by the end of May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

DCEO Grant – At the April 24, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors, it was agreed to seek bids for the renovation of the two northeast restrooms of the David S. Palmer Arena. The notice of bids was published in the local newspaper and two bids were received. The bids were opened:

- McDowell Builders - $22,173 ($11,500 - Men's Restroom; $10,623 - Women's Restroom)
- Country Carpentry - $22,875 (for both restrooms)

After review of the bids, ***it was moved by Maruti Seth, seconded by Jakob Dazey, and carried unanimously to award McDowell Builders the renovation of the two northeast restrooms of the David S. Palmer Arena.*** The final paperwork will be submitted to DCEO for approval prior to the start of the project.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The Management Report that was contained in the Board material was highlighted by Ms. Gaffney. Information regarding vending machines in the Pro Shop area was discussed and the Arena will work with V4Hockey Vending. Scheduling software for the Pro Shop will also be pursued.

Work continues with the U of I hockey teams to be the site of some of their games in the 2024-25 season. The staff is completing the repair work on the Zamboni and Olympia as well as the dasherboard work. Several painting and cleaning projects throughout the Arena are planned through the summer.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was reported that Kim Hoffman will move into the role of Chairperson beginning with the August meeting, Dean Shore has agreed to be the Treasurer, and Teri Gaffney will remain the Secretary. The position of Vice Chairperson will need to be filled.

Tara Auter and Durrell Robinson have both resigned from the Board of Directors. Both seats will need to be appointed by the mayor. The members were asked to submit potential names for appointment to Mr. Shore.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

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Dean Shore, Chairperson