

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors
February 26, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jason Baer, Ryan Brumfield, O. J. Harrison, Kim Hoffman, Erik O’Kane, Alex Rosdail, Dean Shore, Matt Sims, and Stephanie Yates.

Absent: Jakob Dazey, 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. Stephanie Yates was welcomed to the meeting as the newest appointee to the Board.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of January 22, 2025, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Jason Baer, and carried to approve the Minutes of the meeting of the January 22, 2025, Board meeting as written.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC – It was reported that the HVAC project is continuing. Installation in the arena is complete. However, the units installed for the conference rooms and office areas had an electrical issue when they were turned on and the panels were all blown out. Blackie’s is continuing to try to secure new panels. There is approximately \$1,000,000 that will be due once the project has been completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Dean Shore reviewed the financial report for the month of January of 2025. ***It was moved by Kim Hoffman, seconded by O. J. Harrison, and unanimously approved to accept the January 2025 deposits, debit card expenditures, bills paid and accounts receivable as presented.***

Events: Kim Hoffman reported that the Committee is preparing for the Comedy Show that is scheduled for March 1st. There will be three comedians from Joe Rogan’s Comedy Mothership of Austin, Texas. Jesse Tuttle will MC the show. The Committee is still seeking sponsors. There will be a food truck on site for the event. The Minutes of the Committee meeting of February 13, 2025, were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS: The discussion regarding a proposed by Monyok Leadership for a website upgrade was deferred.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

The Management Report that was contained in the Board packet was highlighted by Ms. Gaffney. It was noted that the Dasher Hockey team has a new coach in place and has endured many transportation issues. The Dashers beer has continued to sell well at games.

The new doorframe and doors at the Pro Shop entrance have been completed. Monies for that project were through the Vermilion Healthcare Foundation.

It was reported that the State of Illinois recently passed legislation that went into effect on January 1st entitled *Large Event Facility Act*. This legislation applies to venues that have a capacity of 3,500 or more. It requires that all such facility recycle. There will be a webinar in April that better describes our role. It was suggested that we reach out to *Midwest Fiber* in Champaign for assistance on a recycling program.

A number of activities planned at the Arena were highlighted by Ms. Gaffney.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Vice Chair Appointment – The Board of Directors has a vacant seat for Chairperson. ***It was moved by Matt Sims, seconded by Ryan Brumfield, and unanimously approved the appointment of Jason Baer as Vice Chairperson of the Board for the remainder of the Board year.***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Matt Sims, and unanimously carried to recess into Executive Session to discuss lease of real property and Compensation Ranges/Management. (5:40 p.m.)

The Board meeting was reconvened into regular session at 5:45 p.m.

It was moved by Kim Hoffman, seconded by Erik O’Kane, and unanimously approved to authorize the General Manager to provide a pay increase between 3% to 6% during the Performance Review process for management employees.

It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Matt Sims, and unanimously approved of a 6% pay increase for the General Manager.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Kim Hoffman, Chairperson