

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors
March 19, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jason Baer, Ryan Brumfield, Jakob Dazey, Kim Hoffman, Erik O’Kane, Maruti Seth, Dean Shore, and Matt Sims.

Absent: O. J. Harrison, Dylan Haun, Alex Rosdail and Stephanie Yates.

Attending: Teri Gaffney and Jeremiah Brady.

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 February 26, 2025, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Jakob Dazey, and carried to approve the Minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2025, Board meeting as written.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

HVAC – It was reported that the boards that have to be replaced may not be available until July and August. The company is to return next week to complete the repairs on the west side. Blackie’s is continuing to work to find a source for the boards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Dean Shore reviewed the financial report for the month of February of 2025. ***It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Matt Sims, and unanimously approved to accept the February 2025 deposits, debit card expenditures, bills paid and accounts receivable as presented.***

Budget Comparisons: The Budget Comparison for the month of February 2024 to February 2025 was reviewed.

Events Committee: The Minutes of the Events Committee meeting of March 12, 2025, was reviewed. The members discussed the recent Comedy Show and discussed opportunities to increase attendance at similar events in the future. It was recommended that we look to avoid scheduling events when other community events are planned. The members of the Events Committee encouraged participation by others at the meetings.

Mr. Brumfield indicated that he has spoken to the promoter of Kevin Nealon as well as Ratt to discuss coming to the arena. Ms. Gaffney will pursue a meeting with Edwards Marketing and Grandstand to gather more information on opportunities with those organizations. They are the groups that brought Kevin Costner to us.

It was the overall consensus we would like to host two major events each year if possible.

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The Committee also discussed hosting a 'meet & greet' for community leaders. However, after discussion, it was the consensus to not do this until the HVAC system was fully in place.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was reported.

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. Coach Paul MacLean has returned to Danville after being here with the Dashers in the 2028-19 season.

The NJCAA banquet was recently held at the Arena and was quite successful. The Danville Flyers will hold its final game of the season on March 22 for the annual Terry Rosdail Memorial Hopkins Cup. The proceeds for the event will go towards the benefit of a teammate's child. The funds raised will help to ease the financial strain of medical expenses.

OTHER BUSINESS: None reported.

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. (5:50 p.m.)

The Board meeting was reconvened into regular session at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Jason Baer, and unanimously approved to authorize Attorney Mudd the authority to take any action necessary, including termination of the existing agreement with the Dashers Hockey team in accordance with the current lease.

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kim Hoffman, Chairperson