

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors
December 3, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jason Baer, Ryan Brumfield, Jakob Dazey, Kim Hoffman, Erik O’Kane, Amie Pounds, Alex Rosdail and Stephanie Yates.

Absent: O. J. Harrison, Dean Shore, and Matt Sims.

Attending: Molly Gregory, 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 not present.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of September 25, 2025, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Ryan Brumfield, and carried to approve the Minutes of September 25, 2025, Board meeting as written.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hockey Team Update – It was reported that Bo Cheesman has been continuing his negotiations with the League..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: The financial information for the months of September 2025 and October of 2025 was reviewed. ***It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Erik O’Kane and carried to accept the Profit/Loss Statements for the months of September and October of 2025 as presented.***

Events Committee: The Minutes of the Events Committee of October 15, 2025, were available for review.

A Night of Comedy Show, which was held on November 29, 2025, was very successful. A financial report for the evening, reflecting expenses and income, was distributed to the members which reflected a positive return for the evening. One of the comedians has requested to return to the Arena.

Jakob Dazey reported on the meeting with Scott Harden of Grandstand and the rodeo organizer. It is hoped that the proposal will be received soon. A special meeting of the Board will be called to act upon the proposal.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Internet/Phone Proposal: A proposal for a new phone and internet service at the Arena was reviewed. Members requested clarification on the speed of the proposed internet service. After discussion, ***it was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Erik O'Kane, and carried to table action on the Internet/Phone Proposal until clarification on the internet speed is received.***

MANAGEMENT REPORT: The new compressors have been installed in the dehumidifiers. The safety shirts, neck protectors and gloves that have been purchased to better protect the employees when installing/removing the glass in the arena were discussed.

The reunification plan that was implemented by District #118 recently was reviewed as well as the activities of that day.

It was reported that there is renewed interest in the basketball court. The present condition of the court was reviewed. The court had previously been identified as surplus property. ***It was moved by Erik O'Kane, seconded by Jakob Dazey, and carried to begin the process to republish the sale of the surplus property.***

The members were asked to consider Arena activities that could occur on the floor when the ice is not in place. A multisport rink surface would provide a floor surface that various activities could occur, including inline hockey, pickleball, roller derby, volleyball, and basketball. The flooring offers better shock absorption, slip resistance and impact protection in an effort to reduce the risk of injuries for athletes of various sports. The multisport surface would not need to be covered for other activities, such as concerts or comedy shows. This would allow more opportunities to sell the arena floor for activities when ice is not in place. Initial estimates for a multisport flooring system are \$120,000 to \$135,000.

It was moved by Amie Pounds, seconded by Ryan Brumfield, and carried to request Administration to explore the early payment of the loan with Iroquois Federal. Ms. Gaffney will provide more information on the debt at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None reported.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: As there was no need for an Executive Session, this was deferred.

NEXT MEETING: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The members were reminded that a special meeting will be convened to discuss a proposal for a rodeo.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Kim Hoffman, Chairperson

