Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium
And Office Building Authority

Minutes of the Board of Directors
May 13, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: O. J. Harrison.

Attending: Andrew Mudd 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 meeting of the Board of Directors of April 22, 2026, were reviewed. ***It was moved by Alex Rosdail, seconded by Stephanie Yates, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2026, Board meeting as written.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No comments were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: The financial information for the month of April 2026 was reviewed. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Jakob Dazey, and unanimously carried to accept the Profit/Loss Statement for the Month of April 2026 as presented.***

Information on the net income received from the April rodeo was distributed. It was noted that the in-kind donations of T.J. Ribbe and Rachel Shore were not included in the sponsorships. In summary, a net income of $42,240.92 was realized from the event. The Board members noted that they continue to receive positive comments from the event.

Events: No report received.

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS – Article II, Section 1 of the Bylaws were reviewed. It was recommended that the Bylaws be revised to state that the term for the Chairman and Vice chairman be for two years and that upon the expiration of the term that two names of Board members shall be nominated to be elected. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and unanimously carried to approve the revision to the Bylaws as stated below:***

ARTICLE II - Officers

SECTION 1. As soon as practicably possible after the appointment of the initial members, the Board shall organize for the transaction of business, select a chairman, vice-chairman and a temporary secretary from its own number, and adopt by-laws and regulations to govern its proceedings. The initial chairman and his successors shall be elected by the Board from time to time for the term of his office as a member of the Board or for the term of three years, whichever is shorter.

> The term for the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be for two years. At the expiration of the Chairman and Vice Chairman's two-year term, the Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman to fill the vacancy. Two names of Board members shall be nominated to be elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman. A majority vote shall be required to be elected Chairman and Vice Chairman. Should both positions become vacant at the same time, the Board shall elect a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. *(proposed new language to be added)*

After discussion, it was the consensus of the members that a committee be formed to review the Bylaws as it has been a number of years since they were reviewed/revised. Amie Pounds and Jason Baer volunteered to be on the committee along with the Board attorney. Ms. Gaffney will forward a copy of the Bylaws to all members of the Board for review.

ELECTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Ms. Hoffman has served as Chair of the Board of Directors since 2024.

It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Erik O'Kane, and unanimously carried to elect Jakob Dazey as the Chair of the Board of Directors for a two-year term (abstain – Dazey).

It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Jason Baer, and unanimously carried to elect Dean Shore as Vice Chairman for a two-year term (abstain – Shore).

It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Erik O'Kane, and unanimously carried to elect Alex Rosdail as Treasurer for a two-year term (abstain – Rosdail).

OLD BUSINESS:

Hockey Team – It was reported that the formation of the hockey team is progressing. It is anticipated by Mr. Cheesman will be leasing the office space.

Financing Options for Flooring – This item is deferred to the next meeting for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grandstand Proposal – Grandstand and T & A Bucking Bulls have expressed an interest in the Arena being the site of the 2026 rodeo finals in September. The Arena is available on the dates they have requested. The price for the services of Grandstand for the finals is $41,000 and would include a laser light show. They will need to extend the chutes an additional 10 feet. Some of the ideas the Board members discussed were allocating additional funds for billboard advertising going east and west on I74 and securing placemat advertising for restaurants. Dean Shore volunteered to talk with Lamar about billboard advertising. ***It was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Erik O'Kane, and unanimously carried to approve the agreement with Grandstand Concerts LLC for the compensation of $41,000.*** It was noted that one-half of the compensation would need to be paid at the time of the signing of the agreement. The final installment would be paid to Grandstand on the first day of the event.

Contract Proposal – Streaming Agreement – A proposal for a streaming service was reviewed. Mr. Mudd has been working with the company and is still working with them to clarify a few points, including notice to the public that they may be photographed as well as photographing people under the age of 18. It was suggested that we will need additional signage in the arena as well as including information on the tickets. It was learned that the agreement with Black Bear was suggested by Mr. Cheesman for his team's games. ***It was moved by Dean Shore, seconded by Jakob Dazey, and carried to authorize legal counsel to finalize negotiations with Black Bear for a streaming service at the Palmer Arena.***

Logo Design Proposal – The Board Members reviewed the eleven (11) logo designs. After extensive discussion, ***it was moved by Jakob Dazey, seconded by Kim Hoffman, and carried to accept the fourth design (page 21 of the packet) as the new logo of the David S. Palmer Arena (abstain – Pounds).***

MANAGEMENT REPORT: Ms. Gaffney highlighted the Management report for the members. The dehumidifier is scheduled to be replaced the first of June. A number of projects are planned over the summer months by the Facilities team to prepare for the rodeo and the ice going back in. Steps that are being taken to prepare for the DHS Graduation were reviewed. It was noted that the event is going to be held later in the day this year. DHS has hired six (6) Danville Police Officers in addition to the Arena's security team for the event.

Administration is looking to build bollards in front of the Arena in the future as an additional safety layer as well as obtaining additional outside cameras.

OTHER BUSINESS: MH Accounting will be working to develop an engagement letter with the Arena to begin setting up the new Quickbooks account. A new Chart of Accounts is being developed.

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, June 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Kim Hoffman, Chairperson