

Minutes of a special meeting of the Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium
and Office Building Authority Board of Directors via video conference
April 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Board Chairman Greg Green called the meeting to order, then read the roll call.

Roll call:

Tara Auter, present

Bill Black, present

Catlin Crozier, present

Scott Dowers, present

Greg Green, present

Gil Saikley, present

Dean Shore, present

John Spezia, present

Also participating were General Manager Joe Dunagan and Board Attorney Bill Townsley.

The minutes of the board's Feb. 25, 2020 meeting were not yet available for board consideration, due to the fact that the recording secretary's notes from the meeting were located at the office of her temp service, which was closed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

During the Audience Comments portion of the meeting, the following Danville Dashers officials spoke to the board: Diane Short, Barry Soskin, and Cary Ross. The following citizens also spoke to the board: Dennis Michelson, Tony Goss, Jerry Short, and Mary Goss. All of those speaking expressed support for renewal of the lease agreement between the Arena and the Dashers.

Other citizens chose to e-mail their comments for board members' consideration. Those written comments were forwarded to board members for their consideration ahead of this meeting. Copies of those e-mails are part of these minutes of the meeting.

General Manager Joe Dunagan previously provided a written General Manager's Report to board members. Board members had no questions about the report.

No Executive Session was held.

No Old Business was discussed.

In New Business, Mr. Green made the motion to change the order of items on the agenda. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Shore made a brief presentation to the board on investing the funds from the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation \$3 million bequest that the Arena has received in interest-bearing accounts. Mr. Crozier made the motion to accept Mr. Shore's recommendation. Mr. Dowers seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Green spoke in favor of renewing the Dashers' lease agreement and also of opening discussions with other interested parties about renting the Arena for professional hockey in the 2021-22 season. Other board members also weighed in on this matter. Mr. Crozier made a motion to allow the second year of the Dashers' lease to take effect in a few days. Mr. Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried five to three on a roll call vote. Mr. Spezia made a motion to direct Arena management to actively pursue negotiations with any qualified individuals and organizations interested in renting the Arena for professional hockey in the 2021-22 season. Mr. Black seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Spezia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Green
Board Chairman/Acting Secretary