

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition
Auditorium and Office Building Authority Board of Directors via video conference
April 28, 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, absent

Dean Shore, present

John Spezia, present

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

Mr. Black made the motion to accept as presented the minutes of the board's special meetings on Mar. 5, 2020, and April 15, 2020. Mr. Spezia seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote. 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.

No audience comments were made.

Mr. Green presented the lone committee report, that of the Finance Committee. He touched on topics including utilizing the last of the state grant funds, keeping expenses low while the Arena is closed to events and the public, and the need to withdraw money from the reserve account to pay bills.

Mr. Black made the motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Mr. Spezia seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote. Mr. Shore made the motion to approve the withdrawal of \$20,000.00 from the reserve account. Mrs. Auter seconded the motion. The motion carried on a seven to nothing vote.

No board member had a follow-up question to the General Manager's written report, submitted prior to the special board meeting on April 15, 2020.

Mr. Spezia made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Mr. Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Crozier made the motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote.

Under Old Business, Mr. Green and Mr. Dunagan updated board members on the state of the ice system replacement project. Demolition of the refrigeration system is complete.

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Under New Business, Mr. Black made the motion to approve a severance package for former Arena employee Tracy Larsen. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Green told board members that his understanding is that the Danville City Council has approved the nomination of three new members to the Arena board.

Mr. Green made the motion to appoint Joe Dunagan as the Arena's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) officer. Mr. Dowers seconded the motion. The motion carried seven to nothing on a roll call vote. Mr. Green urged Mr. Dunagan and any board members who have not undergone FOIA and Open Meetings Act training to do so at their earliest opportunity.

Mr. Dunagan said that he's soliciting quotes for a new telephone and voicemail system for the Arena.

Board members discussed the possibility of utilizing a portion of any remaining funds from the Hegeler bequest to erect a storage building adjacent to the Arena.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Green
Board Chairman/Acting Secretary