

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE VERMILION COUNTY METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION AUDITORIUM AND OFFICE BUILDING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: 02/25/2020 at the David S. Palmer Arena

Time: 4:30p

1. Board members present:

Tia Awodeha, Tara Auter, Bill Black, Catlin Crozier, Scott Dowers, and Greg Green. Also participating were General Manager Joe Dunagan and Board Attorney Bill Townsley.

2. Board members absent:

John Spezia, Gil Saikley, and Dean Shore.

Time	Item
4:42p	Welcome - Greg
4:46p	A motion to accept as presented the minutes of the board’s monthly meeting on Jan. 28, 2020 was approved on a six to nothing roll call vote - Greg
4:52p	Public Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. A former Arena employee, Tracy Larsen, stated her issues with missing vacation pay and unpaid hours. Stated that she had turned in hours and information to Maryellen, but was never given anymore information about it. Stated that she’s owed a “significant amount” of money. B. A concerned citizen, Beth Stahl, questioned the credentials of the new security guards. She stated that she didn’t feel they were qualified to be security guards and wanted to know their backgrounds, if they had passed a background check, and a drug screening. She felt as if the security that was there before was better than the current security team. C. Three other former Arena employees, Kim Baxter, Sheryl Allhands, and Melissa Allhands, stated that they would like Joe Dunagan to resign from his position. They stated that he would like to get rid of the Danville Dashers, that he had attempted to hit one of them with his vehicle, and was letting other employees go without any reason. They stated that he was not approachable, is biased, and isn’t doing what was best for the arena.
5:26p	Discussion and vote on proposed budget – Greg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussed what to do with the Julius W. Hegeler II bequest money that the arena received. Stated that they were interested in investing the money into different types of funds, but were unsure in which funds they should invest. B. Discussion was tabled until the options were discussed further.

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5:39p	<p>Discussion and vote on Ice System Replacement – Bill</p> <p>A. Discussed the ice system replacement and there were no issues. All board members wanted to move forward and saw that as a necessity.</p> <p>B. A motion to move forward with the ice system replacement project with B32 Engineering Group of Hudson, Wisc., as project engineer and consultant was approved on a six to nothing roll call vote.</p>
5:42p	<p>New Business - Joe</p> <p>A. Recap of Ice Racing Event. Event went well, aside from the ventilation issues that were had at the event. Everyone was pleased with the turn out, but were not pleased with the ventilation system issues and how badly the event tore up the ice. Spoke a little bit about whether they would allow ice racing to return, but no vote was taken and no decision was made.</p> <p>B. Potential Upcoming Events. Discussed bringing in a few concerts and possibly wrestling in the off season of hockey. Had a few ideas on who to bring to the arena, but no decision was made and no vote was taken.</p>
6:04p	<p>General Manager’s Report (see attached) – Joe</p> <p>A. Spoke about an issue with a security guard and allegations that he was being “abusive toward his significant other” during a game.</p> <p>B. Joe passed out handouts (see attached) regarding the significant other’s autism and explained that the security guard was attempting to calm her and prevent any issues.</p>
6:13p	<p>Upcoming Event Schedule (see attached) - Joe</p>
6:22p	<p>Announcements</p> <p>A. Spoke about the upcoming events scheduled at the arena (see attached)</p> <p>B. Confirmed next month’s meeting date and time for March 24, 2020 @ 4:30p.</p>
6:31p	<p>Adjournment - Greg</p>