

Minutes of a monthly meeting of the Vermilion County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium
and Office Building Authority Board of Directors via video conference
June 23, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

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

Roll call:

Tara Auter, absent
Bill Black, present
Catlin Crozier, present
Scott Dowers, absent
Greg Green, present
Bob Iverson, present
Gil Saikley, absent
Ken Salomon, present
Maruti Seth, present
Dean Shore, present
John Spezia, present

Also participating were General Manager Joe Dunagan, Operations Director Don Wright, and Board Attorney Bill Townsley.

Mr. Spezia made the motion to accept as presented the minutes of the board's monthly meeting on Feb. 25, 2020. Mr. Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote. Mr. Black made the motion to accept as presented the minutes of the board's monthly meeting on May 26, 2020. Mr. Iverson seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote.

During the Audience Comments portion of the meeting, Danville Dashers General Manager Diane Short advised board members that she had sent them an e-mail containing ideas on how to begin replacing the seats at the Palmer Arena.

No citizens e-mailed comments for board members' consideration.

Mr. Green presented the Finance Committee report. He said that the committee held a preliminary discussion about possible furloughs and/or salary reductions, if the Arena financial situation deteriorates as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. In a subsequent board vote conducted by e-mail, Mr. Crozier made the motion to approve the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 from the reserve account to pay bills. Mr. Iverson seconded the motion. The motion carried ten to nothing on an e-mail vote.

Mr. Shore made the motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Mr. Crozier seconded the motion. The motion carried eight to nothing on a roll call vote.

Mr. Green presented the Building and Grounds Committee report. He said that the committee endorsed acceptance of the four proposed change-orders for the Arena ice system replacement project. In a subsequent board vote conducted by e-mail, Mr. Spezia made the motion to accept the four proposed change-orders. Mr. Dowers seconded the motion. The motion carried eleven to nothing on an e-mail vote. The committee also continued to discuss the proposed construction of a storage building adjacent to the Arena. Mr. Green presented the Planning and Marketing Committee report. The committee reviewed a new rate sheet for various sales opportunities (e.g., banners and dasher boards) at the Arena. The committee also discussed money owed to the Arena by the Danville Dashers for banner sales this past season.

Mr. Crozier presented the report of the ad hoc committee charged with nominating new board officers. He said that Mr. Spezia has agreed to serve as interim board chairman and that Mr. Dowers previously agreed to serve as board vice chairman. The offices of treasurer and secretary remain unfilled for the time being. Mr. Crozier made the motion to nominate Mr. Spezia as board chairman and Mr. Dowers as board vice chairman. Mr. Shore seconded the motion. The motion carried six to one on a roll call vote, with Mr. Spezia abstaining from the vote.

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

No Executive Session was held.

In Old Business, Mr. Dunagan and Mr. Wright said that the ice system replacement project continues and is perhaps ahead of schedule. Mr. Green said that Arena personnel continue to work toward the possible construction of a storage building adjacent to the Arena. Any leftover Hegeler bequest funds could be applied to the cost for the building.

In New Business, board members discussed various ideas for filling the vacant board treasurer and secretary positions. And those discussions will continue under the reorganized board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Green
Board Chairman/Acting Secretary