

Minutes
Decatur Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium
And Office Building Authority
April 15, 2015

Monthly Board Meeting

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Jon French 6/170

David Freyling 4/45

David Martin 7/117

Pat Murphy 17/98

Rodney Powell 24/53

Kisha Rucker 0/4

Members Absent:

Matthew Brown 4/38

Travis Jones 2/10

Eileen Milligan 9/54

Top number denotes number of meetings Board Member was absent. Bottom number denotes number of Board Meetings the member could have attended.

Officers and Staff present:

Christopher Brodnicki

Nick Burge

Michael Pritchett

Officers and Staff absent:

The regularly-scheduled monthly board meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by David Martin. Roll call was taken by Nick Burge and determination was made that a quorum was present. The affirmative vote of at least 5 members is required for the adoption of any ordinance or resolution. There were no resolutions voted on during this meeting.

II. Open to Public for Questions or Comments

None

III. Minutes

Chairman David Martin presented the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Board Meeting. David Freyling made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Kisha Rucker. The Chairman declared the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Financial Reports

A. Approval of bills for February 2015. Board members questioned bills from Bodine Electric of Decatur. Staff explained these expenses. Pat Murphy made a motion that the March 2015 bills be paid, Jon French seconded the motion. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

- B. Financial Statements. Board members discussed revenue and expenses. The Financial Statement for March 2015 will be placed on file.
 - a. Board members discussed the Decatur Civic Center's financial status within the February, March, and April. The Decatur Civic Center's expenses amount to more than revenues. The Board advised management to watch the budget and operating activities closely and search for opportunities to improve.
 - b. Discussion on SpringStock. SpringStock was not financially successful as it lost approximately \$12,500.

V. New Business

- A. Hockeyville. The Decatur Civic Center has been put into a competition to make improvements to the ice rink. The Decatur Civic Center was entered into the competition by a DYHA representative. So far the Decatur Civic Center has made it to the top four in the competition and has already won \$20,000. If the Decatur Civic Center makes it to the semi-finals, it will receive \$75,000 and \$150,000 if it wins the final round.
- B. Head East. Head East is a classic rock band that will be at the Civic Center on April 25, 2015.

VI. Old Business

- A. Discussion of Capital Improvements. The application for Capital Improvements had been frozen and is still under review along with all of the other contracts in Governor Rauner's new administration.
- B. Decatur Blaze Hockey Schedule. General Manager, Chris Brodnicki and Assistant General Manager, Mike Pritchett met with Zach Pearson of the Decatur Blaze Hockey Team to discuss terms for a new contract and work out a schedule. Board Member, David Freyling was present for the meeting. The Decatur Blaze proposed the following changes to next ice season:
 - a. Later starting time for their Friday night games. Their current starting time is 5 PM on Friday nights. They would like a 7 pm starting time. That is in direct conflict with the Friday night public skate session, which started at 7:30 pm last ice season. The Board feels it is necessary to retain our Friday night 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm skating session.
 - b. 1 pm - 4 pm time slot on Sundays. Again, this conflicts with the public session time from last season, which was 2 pm – 4 pm. The Board feels it is necessary to retain the 1 pm - 3 pm slot for Sunday public session.
 - c. Locker room inside the Decatur Civic Center. The Decatur Civic Center does not have the space or the funds to make renovations to the current locker rooms or to build completely new locker rooms. The Board feels they are unable to fulfill this request at this time.
 - d. Ice season from September to mid-March. The current ice season is from the beginning of October to the beginning of March. DYHA was consulted about the longer ice season and they are in favor of starting earlier but are just fine ending the season at the beginning of March as it has been in the past. In order for it to be financially sound to extend the ice season the Decatur Civic Center would need to make more revenue in ice rental than what could be made renting the arena for trade shows and other events.

- e. Dashboard advertisements. The Decatur Blaze would like to pay a flat \$1,000 fee to be able to sell dashboard advertisements and keep whatever profits were gained from sales. The Board agreed to this request.

VII. General Manager's Report

The General Manager, Chris Brodnicki presented his written report in the board packet.

VIII. Assistant General Manager's Report

Assistant General Manager, Mike Pritchett presented his written report in the board packet.

IX. Closed Session

None.

X. Adjournment

There being no further or other business to come before the Board, Jon French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rodney Powell. Dave Martin declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 8 am at the meeting room of the Decatur Civic Center Authority.

Nick Burge, Secretary of the Board