

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District**  
**Board of Directors - Via Webinar**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 12:30 PM**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened the 794<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

**ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE**

In attendance via webinar was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with members Marty Dickinson, Nate Greene, Travis Tramp, and Mick McDowell. District personnel included CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Monte Koch, Ryan Wilson, Stephanie Huff, Brittany Garwood, Jessica Deri, Matt Meyer, Jene Iceberg, and Kay Riplinger. Guests included Andrew Brenner with Lydig Construction, Meg Winchester with Visit Spokane, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Colin Anderson with Integrus Architecture, Eric Sawyer and Ashley Blake from the Spokane Sports Commission, Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Stuart Boylan with LCD Expo, Toby Hatley with Hatley and Associates, Tom Stebbins with Vision Marketing, and Scott Taylor with The Car Park.

**ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2020
- Approval of Expenditures – January 2021  
PAYROLL VOUCHERS: #4041-4044, #4046-4047, #4051, #4024-4029, #4031-4033, #4036, #4038, #4040 + 2 WIRE TRANSFERS; ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS: #108872-10879, #108900-108929, #109016, #109018, #109021-109025, #109036, #109041-109047, #109059-109069, #109072-109073, #109078-109079
- Approval of Witherspoon-Kelley Invoices – January 2021
- SnoValley Process Invoice as reviewed by Mr. Koch.

Mr. Koch replied to Ms. Dickinson's inquiry regarding age of ice plant equipment. Current equipment is the original from 1995, and the new equipment has a shelf life of at least (15-20) years if not longer. Board Chair Soehren noted he and the Project Committee have been a part of discussions throughout this process.

Ms. Dickinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee**

Mr. Greene reviewed Financials for January 2021, -\$335,000 with some revenue from the vaccination site.

**Operations Committee**

Ms. Curran reviewed an interim Levy Concessions Menu for the Convention Center noting the food items and prices are the same as the previous menu as there is an approved gymnastics event in early March in the Exhibit Halls. An expanded concession menu will be presented at a later date.

**Project Committee/Sportsplex/The Podium:**

**Lydig Pay App:**

Mr. Koch reviewed Lydig Pay App #28 for January in the amount of \$ 585,953.98 previously approved by the Project Committee. There is a credit noted in this Pay App due to an error in the December Pay App.

Mr. McDowell moved to approve Lydig Pay App #28 for January 2021, Mr. Greene seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Project Update:**

Mr. Brenner presented a slideshow of ongoing work at The Podium.

Roofing work includes s fall protections system.

Lower level restrooms are advancing and the mechanical room piping and sprinkler work is has begun.

Bleacher installation and ticket office windows are wrapping up.

Duct stubs are awaiting duct socks. This distributes air over the fieldhouse and absorbs the impact of volleyballs and basketballs.

The 16” gutters and 9” downspouts capable of withstanding a (50) year rainfall. This system connects to the underground storm water drain system and to the Northbank Park.

Cataldo waterline work to start soon.

**CEO Update:**

**Arena:** Ice for the Chiefs is set and players are in town.

**Convention Center:** Gymnastics in early March in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall.

**SRHD:** The SRHD (Spokane Regional Health District) has formed an events industry group to review venues and safe re-open plans.

**Washington Event Coalition:** Working on a proposal for the Governor’s office.

**Bond Refinance:** Will be presented to the Finance Committee and the Board at a future meeting.

**CHAS:** Vaccine shipments were delayed in late February due to national weather. Missed appointments were re-directed to the next day the site was open and ran smoothly.

**Levy:** The Levy Regional Team is onsite this week for venue tours with District Managers and there will be an F & B page turn meeting later this week.

**Legislative:** The State Capital Budget request for The Podium Fire Suppression System has been submitted. The District is sponsored by Representatives Ormsby and Riccelli with support from Senator Billig.

**Shuttered Venues Act (SVOG):** Awaiting release of application from the SBA (Small Business Administration).

**Oak View Group (OVG):** The OVG owns the Climate Pledge Arena and the future Kraken NHL team, and is a partner with Live Nation. Ms. Curran and Mr. Meyer have been in discussions regarding deal points to bring events to our area that previously have not booked in Spokane and other mid-markets. Details will be brought to the Finance Committee and to the board by the March 10 meeting.

**ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Meyer addressed Ms. Dickinson’s inquiries about vaccinations at the Arena. The National Guard will be running all of the stations supplemented by providers. The National Guard has been a consistent partner since the vaccination site opened.

Mr. Pier reported the players have been at home in isolation, will report in on Saturday, get tested, and will be in isolation again. The Chiefs are following the testing protocols from the Governor and SHRD. The first game is in Seattle on March 19 and first Spokane game is on March 26. Games are without fans and will be televised and on radio.

The next SPFD Board Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 12:30p.m. Via Webinar.

**ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:59 pm

Michelle McIntyre  
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the  
Board of Directors