

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District**  
**Board of Directors –via Webinar**  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 12:30 PM**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened 805th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

**ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE**

The board meeting was held via webinar with in-person attendance by Board Chair Larry Soehren and board member Mick McDowell. Board members attending virtually included Marty Dickinson, and Travis Tramp. Nate Greene joined virtually at 12:32pm. District personnel attending virtually included CEO Stephanie Curran, Monte Koch, Matt Meyer, Ryan Wilson, Jessica Deri, Mike Gaffaney, Stephanie Huff, Brittany Garwood, Jene Iceberg, Kay Riplinger, and Andrew Dolan. Guests attending virtually included Colin Anderson with Integrus Architecture, Ashley Blake with the Spokane Sports Commission, Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Patti Dickinson with LCD Expo, Intisar Surur from McBride Public Affairs, Tom Stebbins with Vision Marketing, and Toby Hatley with Hatley and Associates.

**ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2021**
- **Approval of Witherspoon-Kelley May 2021**

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Mr. Tramp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Approval of Axiom Division 7 Pay App #2**

Mr. Koch reviewed the Axiom Division 7 Pay App #2 in the amount of \$ 128,714.35. Axiom has finished TPO on the lower roof on the east, south, and west. The project is on schedule with minimal weather interference.

Mr. McDowell moved to approve the Axiom Division 7 Pay App #2 as presented, Ms. Dickinson seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Finance Committee**

No Report

**Operations Committee**

No report

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

**Project Update:**

Mr. Anderson with Integrus presented a slideshow of ongoing work at The Podium along with aerial views. Dean Avenue is coming along with asphalt install, pouring concrete pads in the art placement areas, and preparing for landscaping.

The entry/stair-ramp combo is near completion.

The ceiling, trim, and stairs on Mezzanine 2 in the media area and 50-yard line/VIP area is coming along.

Finishes and carpet are well underway.

Sealant coat and gluing work is being performed this week on the track.

The Project is on time, on budget, and exceeding 90% completion.

**CEO Update/Ms. Curran:**

**Stadium:** The SPS (Spokane Public Schools) and PFD Interlocal Agreement is near completion, and expected to be presented at the next board meeting. Real Estate work is underway, and a meeting has been scheduled with STA to discuss the shuttle program. SPS has an August 1 date for validation. And, Ms. Curran is in conversations with the USL regarding terms.

**Shock:** The second Spokane Shock game was held at the Arena was last weekend and they are doing well. Future games are Saturdays July 16, and July 31, and Friday, August 13. They are winning and playoffs are in August. The league has been very supportive.

**American Rescue Plan:** Visit Spokane, the Sports Commission, and PFD are putting together a proposal regarding lost lodging tax.

**Visit Spokane (VS):** In conversations with Jamie Rand, VS Director of Marketing, to assist the District with branding and the District re-opening campaign.

**Re-Opening Plan:** Ongoing internal discussions regarding upcoming events and staffing. Fourth quarter looks strong overall.

**Washington State Women's Commission:** This meeting was hosted through the Governor's office addressing labor and childcare. Ms. Curran stressed the need for available childcare evenings and weekends for the hospitality/entertainment industry.

**Seattle Kraken:** The Seattle Kraken, in partnership with the Spokane Chiefs, will play a preseason game in Spokane, Sunday, September 26 vs. the Vancouver Canucks. This is part of a (3) preseason game schedule in Spokane, Kent, and Everett. Spokane will be the Kraken's inaugural game. Public onsale is Friday, July 16.

**Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA):** Ms. Deri was in Baltimore with Visit Spokane at a PCMA conference. In attendance were over (450) attendees/event planners. The PFD and Visit Spokane implemented a pop-up shop featuring local faire resulting in high foot traffic and receiving positive feedback from attendees. This educational conference was the first step of the PFD and VS partnership with PCMA that was procured with CARES funds. More information including leads and site visits will be presented in Q3 reports at an upcoming board meeting. Chair Soehren remarked the show and shop were impressive and would be memorable for attendees.

Chair Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion. There was none.

The next SPFD Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, July 28 at 12:30 PM, and held at the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena and offered via Webinar.

**ITEM #6 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:44 pm.

Michelle McIntyre  
Clerk of the Board

Approved by the  
Board of Directors