#### **MINUTES**

# Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar & at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 12:30pm

#### ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Dickinson convened 837th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

## ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance was Board Chair Marty Dickinson, Vice Chair Paul Read, and Board Members Harry Sladich, and Ed Bruya. District personnel attending in-person included CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Paul Christiansen, Jennifer Kletke, Matt Meyer, Jessica Deri, Melissa Coulter, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included Kaila Jones, Nic Lawrence, Kay Riplinger, Andrew Dolan, and Tina Gallegos. Guests attending in person included Chris Varallo with Hawley-Troxell, Scott Taylor with The Car Park, and Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment. Guests attending virtual included Dave Pier with Brett Sports & Entertainment, Ashley Blake with Spokane Sports, Jae Atkins, Paul Kautzman with GSL/WIAA.

Board Chair Dickinson requested a Moment of Silence in honor of an extraordinary community leader Rich Hadley who has recently passed.

## ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Dickinson presented the Consent Agenda items.

• Approval of Minutes for February 22, 2023

Mr. Sladich moved to approve the February 22 minutes as presented, Mr. Read seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

• Approval of Hawley-Troxell Invoices for January 2023

Mr. Read moved to approve the Hawley-Troxell January 2023 invoice, Mr. Sladich seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

## ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS

#### **Committees:**

## Finance:

<u>Purchasing Policy</u>: Ms. Coulter, the PFD Purchasing Manager provided an overview of the PFD Purchasing Policy, proposed revisions, and timeline noting that policies have not been updated since 2009. The board reviewed a comparison of the current policy and the proposed policy purchasing matrix. The

Mr. Read moved to approve the purchasing policy and matrix as presented, Mr. Sladich seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

# January Financials:

The Finance Committee met today to review Financials with Mr. Marsh including January month end and a preliminary report of February.

Mr. Christiansen noted that Middle School Basketball last weekend was highest attendance in the Podium to date and expected attendance for PNQ the next two weeks will be even higher.

Stadium Concerts: Mr. Meyer presented an overview of planning for Stadium concerts starting this Fall.

#### **Project:**

Mr. Bruya and Mr. Sladich noted ongoing meetings with the USL and McCullers Sports regarding naming of the Stadium including PFD Board Committee, CEO.

USL Spokane owner Ryan Harnetiaux has proposed-

"For consideration by both the PFD Board and SPS Board, we propose the following: "The North Bank Presented by The Kalispel Tribe of Indians".

For consideration by PFD Board and consultation with SPS Board, we propose the following Field Name: "Northern Quest Field" or "Kalispel Field"

Discussion; the word 'Stadium' was originally included in verbiage in the "The North Bank 'Stadium' Presented by The Kalispel Tribe of Indians" and would prefer 'stadium' to stay in the name.

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Board Chair Dickinson noted that GSL has Northern Quest Casino in banners and promotion adding that verbiage including 'casino' not be included. Further, the board is acknowledging there are three partners involved to respect and balance in this process PFD, SPS, USL.

Discussion; the word Spokane was initially stated in the PFD Naming Guidelines and consideration has been given to the area of Spokane the Stadium is built upon; the North Bank. This also aligns with SPS naming in respect to historic locations and persons.

Mr. Varallo stated the board may introduce reasonable deviation from the original guidelines and consider North Bank. Mr. Bruya added

Board Chair Dickinson moved to approve the Stadium Naming proposal as presented today providing the word 'Stadium' be added and be subject to the approval of Spokane Public Schools Board of Director's and pending a final agreement and lease being reached between the PFD and USL. In addition, added verbiage may include 'as presented by', Mr. Sladich seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

The PFD Board concluded that North Bank is a reasonable substitution for the word "Spokane" as it is a nod to the importance the North Bank neighborhood plays in the economic development of Spokane. In addition, the PFD Board believes the word Spokane will always be used in the marketing and promotion of events.

Ms. Curran will send the above PFD Board approved proposed naming to Spokane Public Schools Board of Director's for consideration.

**Operations**: No report.

## ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS

## **CEO Update**

Visit Spokane: Offer has been made to a CEO candidate.

Stadium Opening: Ongoing meetings lead by Dr Mark Anderson, SPS Board Advisor.

<u>Self-Defense Training</u>: All PFD staff attended self-defense training presented by police officials.

#### ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board Chair Dickinson opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

#### ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 01:51PM. Michelle McIntyre, Clerk of the Board Approved by the Board of Directors

The SPFD Board's minutes are intended to be a reasonable summary of the Board's deliberations and actions. The minutes are not a verbatim record of everything said at the meeting. The minutes include all actions taken by the Board.