

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

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Dickinson convened 838<sup>th</sup> 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, Mike Gaffaney, Paul Christiansen, Jennifer Kletke, Matt Meyer, Steve Marsh, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included CEO Stephanie Curran, Jessica Deri, Kaila Jones, Melissa Coulter, Jose Angel, Nic Lawrence, Kay Riplinger, Andrew Dolan, Holly Williams, and Tina Gallegos. Guests attending in person included Ryan Ford and Andrew Brenner with Lydig, Scott Taylor and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park, Ryan Nackers and Harold Froewiss with Levy, Ashley Blake with Spokane Sports, and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment. Guests attending virtual included Chairwoman Carol Evans with the Spokane Tribal Business Council, Dean Feldmeier with the DoubleTree, Ryan and Katie Harnetiaux with USL Spokane, Matthew Hulette with McCullers Sports, Kip Hill with Spokesman Review, and Gary Roberts.

**ITEM #3 SPOKANE TRIBE**

Board Chair Dickinson introduced Chairwoman Carol Evans with the Spokane Tribal Business Council. Chairwoman Evans provided a history of the Spokane Tribe and described the historic connection to Spokane, downtown, and Spokane Public Schools.

The Spokane Tribe requests that they {Spokane Tribe} be considered for naming of the Stadium and referenced the SPS Naming Criteria and that the city, and river are all named after Spokane Tribe. In addition, Spokane Tribe indicated they had been notified of naming, however, had not been notified prior to a proposal going to SPS. (For background; letters to tribal organization asking for input were sent March 31, 2023 and prior to the SPS Board reviewing any proposal).

Board Chair Dickinson thanked Chairwoman Evans for her time to address the PFD Board and reiterated the need of education or an interpretation center at the Stadium.

The PFD has a major tenant, USL Ryan and Katie Harnetiaux and they have rights to sell sponsorships. The PFD would be happy to connect the Spokane Tribe with USL.

**ITEM #4 CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Dickinson presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes for March 22, 2023**

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

- **Approval of Hawley-Troxell Invoices for February 2023**

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

**ITEM #5 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Resolution 23-01 WA State DRS Social Security Absolute Coverage**

Ms. Kletke stated the original request sent in November 2022 was denied and the PFD is proceeding to option #2. Paperwork for this request had been prepared by DRS. The PFD is following their instructions.

Mr. Read moved to approve the Resolution 23-01 WA State DRS Social Security Absolute Coverage, Mr. Bruya seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Committees:**

**Finance:**

**February Financials:**

Mr. Marsh reviewed February month-end. Vice Chair Read noted that 'Notes' are to budget. If comparison to last year is needed, that could be added.

Discussion about expenses with Mr. Gaffaney noting some emergencies to replace failed equipment. The Board agreed and expect these type of expenses to occur. The PFD will be diligent in maintenance and clearly document and communicate unexpected equipment.

**Operations:**

The Operations Committee met with Levy to review proposed Concessions prices. Levy had previously met with the Spokane Chiefs.

Levy provided documentation of inflation, food costs, and market analysis reports along with proposed price increases.

Vice-Chair Read inquired if there is any indication that increases would deter purchases. It could but has not in the past. Mr. Pier noted the proposed is a realistic approach and the Chiefs are in agreement with the proposal.

Mr. Bruya moved to approve the Levy Proposed Concession Price Increases as reviewed, Mr. Sladich seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Project:**

Mr. Christiansen reviewed the Lydig Pay App and indicated there is \$111k left in contingency that will go into projects that had been set aside at initial planning.

Mr. Read moved to approve the Lydig Pay App in the amount of \$468,672.77 (and with tax) final total of \$510,853.32 as well as the use of the \$111k contingency, not to exceed \$135k, for discussed remaining projects, Mr. Bruya seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Blake reviewed PNQ that had occurred in March over two weekends with 12k visitors and 18k hotel rooms and stated acoustics from last year to now are remarkably improved due to upgrades within the last year.

Mr. Christiansen added that this year was the first time basketball was added and proved successful. In addition, basketball has brought in inquiries and new business for The Podium.

Mr. Meyer stated the Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena announced Foo Fighters for an August 4 date. Thus far, the PFD is the only Arena show in their tour.

West Coast Entertainment announced the new Broadway line-up.

**ITEM #7 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board Chair Dickinson opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

Mr. Pier stated Chiefs finished second in attendance and receive a Business Award from WHL.

**ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 01:51PM.

Michelle McIntyre, Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Directors