

MINUTES
Spokane Public Facilities District
Board of Directors – Via Webinar
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 12:30 PM

ITEM #1 TO ORDER

Board Chair Larry Soehren convened 809th Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE

In attendance virtually was Board Chair Larry Soehren along with board members Marty Dickinson, Nate Greene, Mick McDowell, and Travis Tramp. District personnel attending in-person included CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, and Paul Christiansen. District Personnel attending virtually included Jessica Deri, Matt Meyer, Stephanie Huff, Andrew Dolan, Nic Lawrence, Holly Williams, Jeni Daniel, Kay Riplinger, Ellie Mauer, and Jene Iceberg. Guests attending virtually included Andrew Brenner with Lydig, Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, Ryan Nackers with Levy, Dusty Kurtz with West Coast Entertainment, and Toby Hatley with Hatley and Associates.

ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA

Board Chair Soehren presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2021**
- **Approval of Axiom Division 7, Pay App #4**

Mr. Gaffaney reviewed Axiom Division 7 Pay App #4 for August in the amount of \$ 156,669.64 for ongoing Arena roof work. One more Pay App is expected.

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

- **Approval of Daktronics Invoice**

Mr. Christiansen reviewed the Daktronics invoice for video display and production at The Podium in the amount of \$ 533,607.98. All equipment has been delivered, and tech training completed.

Ms. Tramp moved to approve the as presented, Mr. McDowell 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. Brenner presented a slideshow of ongoing work at The Podium starting with aerial views.

The majority of efforts currently are inspections and testing of systems and the fire alarm testing is going well.

The Certificate of Occupancy expected third week of November.

The building address and custom bike racks are installed.

The large “O” signage in protective wrap is being placed on the building exterior and underneath the signage is a large fenced outdoor storage area.

Racks for cover master rolls that go on top of rubber flooring are in place.

Restrooms finishes are underway.

6’ crash pads and final large art pieces will install later this week.

Final finishes expected next week and full occupancy from the city expected the end of September.

Board Chair Soehren remarked he Mr. Gephardt, and Mr. McDowell.

Vice-Chair Dickinson stated the PFD Board is formally appointing Mr. Soehren and Mr. McDowell to remain on the District Project Committee (30) days beyond the date The Podium is turned over to the District.

CEO Update/Ms. Curran:

District Staff: Staff returned to work Tuesday, September 6.

Paul Christiansen joined as Director of Sports and Jamie Gwinn joined the District Tuesday, September 7.

A few other positions remain open, have been posted, and the District is searching for candidates and interviewing.

The Kraken: Yesterday The Kraken made an announcement requiring proof of vaccination. Refunds offered until September 15, and September 20 any tickets will be on public on-sale.

Hydrovision: This conference from Portland cancelled today. It previously had been moved from July to September. It is a great loss to our community with an expected \$ 15 million in economic impact, and hotel stays for a two week period.

SRHD/Dr. Valesquez/Covid: The Spokane Regional Health District presented the state of Covid September 2020 to September 2021 reporting our area is up over 300%. The District is following Governor mandates and is starting to see more groups/promoters requiring staff vaccinations in order to book conferences/meetings.

Thank you to Board Chair Soehren and Board Member McDowell for (17) years of valuable service to the District, its many projects, and to the staff. Ms. Dickinson added both have demonstrated courageous leadership, implemented upgrades to facilities like the FICA, imparted knowledge in all areas of the District building and development of The Podium. Their contributions will leave a lasting legacy. An appropriate acknowledgement will be scheduled when the District is able to officially open The Podium.

ITEM #5 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Soehren opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion.

The next SPFD Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, September 22 at 12:30 PM.

ITEM #6 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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.