

**MINUTES**  
**Spokane Public Facilities District - Board of Directors Meeting Via Webinar**  
**& at Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena Board Room | Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 12:30pm**

**ITEM #1 TO ORDER**

Board Chair Read convened 861<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Spokane Public Facilities District at 12:41 PM.

**ITEM #2 ATTENDANCE**

In attendance was Board Chair Paul Read, Vice Chair Marty Dickinson, and Board Members Harry Sladich, and Cami Eakins. Board Member Ed Bruya attended virtually. District personnel attending in-person included, CEO Stephanie Curran, Mike Gaffaney, Matt Meyer, Jennifer Kletke, Jessica Deri, Steve Marsh, Paul Christiansen, Andrew Dolan, and Ryan Gallagher. District personnel attending virtually included Nic Lawrence, Tina Gallegos, Melissa Coulter, Angela Sandborn, Antwone Whaley, Holly Williams, Kamie Gylling, Chelsey Buffman, and Jose Angel. Guests attending in person included Scott Taylor and Aiden Hubbard with The Car Park, Chris Varallo with Kutak Rock, Senator Andy Billig, Mark Miles, and Dave Pier with Brett Sports and Entertainment, and Justin Kobluk with West Coast Entertainment, and Dustin Cleaver with USL Spokane.

Board Chair Read thanked staff and partners for all their efforts. He remarked when celebrating his 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary last week, he and his spouse were walking downtown and along the Centennial Trail, and the view of the PFD Northbank and venues along the river are impressive.

**ITEM #3 CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Chair Read presented the Consent Agenda items.

- **Approval for Minutes for June 24, 2024**
- **Legal Invoices for Kutak Rock for June 2024**

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

**ITEM #4 DISTRICT BUSINESS**

**Finance:**

No report

**Operations:**

No report.

**Project:**

Ms. Curran noted touring the Club area and remarked that the project is coming along well. She added if any board would like to view after the meeting, let her know.

**ITEM #5 SPOKANE CHIEFS/BRETT SPORTS WRAP-UP**

Mr. Pier stated the he, along with Chiefs President Mark Miles, and Andy Billig would present a report of the year in review covering the 2023/2024 Spokane Chiefs season.

Mr. Miles reviewed Chiefs mission Statement developed in 1994.

*“The Spokane Chiefs organization provides the community with affordable family entertainment by creating a safe, fun, exciting, and friendly atmosphere while exceeding guest expectations.”*

Mr. Miles expressed appreciation for the PFD and everyone in the room today, noting partnerships assist in achieving the mission statement, and highlighted the effective teamwork with Chiefs and PFD Ops, and Mr. Meyer in scheduling.

**Recap of season:** The Chiefs made the play-offs which is part of their 5-year plan, and was third in attendance in the league. Last year there was (34) home games.

The Chiefs are working on another event with the Kraken, continue to focus on player education (for each year a player is on the team, they get a year of education and books), and charitable efforts. He reviewed the draft this and next year with the next three to five years expected to be strong.

There is a new head coach for the Chiefs which will be announced later.

Mr. Pier reviewed outside events such as WSU and sponsorships such as Modelo Cantina at the Arena (in the former Dry-Fly area), STCU at the Podium.

Suites/Club, renewing in the next months.

**Club Sponsorship:** Finishing up details on a new sponsor for the Club. Representatives will be in town July 25.

**Revenues to PFD:** Mr. Miles and Mr. Pier reviewed revenues generated by the Chiefs and to the PFD with a total of \$ 3,343,543.00 and added the FICA sponsorship is to market.

Looking Ahead: The 2024-25 schedule similar to last year and looking to a deeper run in the playoffs. Will announce the Club sponsor, and teams in games (outside of Chiefs) in the near future.

Memorial Cup: Mr. Miles stated the Chiefs will be bidding for the 2026 Memorial Cup; bids are due in September, and an announcement expected in December. The bidding process has just started and he added they will work with Spokane Sports and Visit Spokane as well as other partners.

Looking to schedule a PFD Board/DMT night at Spokane Indians similar to last year.

The Board and Ms. Curran thanked the Chiefs for their thorough and thoughtful presentation.

#### **ITEM #5 MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **CEO Update:**

Traffic: Was able to meet with The Mayor and a city staff member about traffic. The PFD has hired a vendor to perform a traffic study. The next meeting is the week of 7.23 including PFD managers, and city officials.

Stadium/Water: With the high temperatures this summer and our first outdoor venue, the PFD is working on a plan for water. The current system was set to SPS guidelines. New system scheduled to be implemented by the 7.27 game. The Stadium is the only PFD venue to allow attendees to bring an empty water bottle.

Spokane Falls Blvd.: The city is having conversations to make that street two-way. Area businesses have been included in meetings. The city introduced the idea to the PFD a few weeks ago. The intent is to connect to the U-District.

Fire Marshal: *From the last meeting- work is ongoing.* Mr. Christiansen stated Fire Marshal requested we hire a Fire Engineer to classify storage project and send that proposal to Fire Marshal Dahl. Working with a Fire Marshal in Kansas City to classify the project.

Premium Sponsorships and Sales: This position has been offered and accepted by Freddie Mercer; formerly with the TicketsWest/Paciolan. He will start July 22.

Chair Read: Any update on the Clean Buildings Act progress? Mr. Gaffaney stated they are about to hire ATS for work at the Convention Center and FICA. Meetings are ongoing with EEI (meetings started in 2022).

Ms. Curran expressed appreciation to Senator Billig who was instrumental in providing funds to the PFD in the last Capital Budget Ask.

She added that if the Climate Commitment Act fails late this year, those funds will no longer be available.

#### **ITEM #6 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board Chair Read opened the Board Meeting for Public Discussion. No Public Discussion.

#### **ITEM #8 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board Chair Read adjourned the Board to an Executive Session at 1:21PM per RCW 42.30.110 (i) regarding Real Estate for approximately (45) minutes with no action expected.

#### **ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:49PM.

Michelle McIntyre, Clerk of the Board

Approved by the Board of Directors at following meeting.