

Minutes
FPDC Board of Directors
Thursday June 20, 2024
Municipal League Conference Room
11:30 a.m.

Call to Order at 11:30: President Dan Baldwin

Board Members Present:

- Dan Baldwin
- Michel Williams
- Gary Grittner
- Lyle Magorien
- Greg Kenzy
- Jody Clarambeau
- Kris Edwards
- Kale Urban
- Shad Ludemann

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

- Dave Bonde
- Sunny Hannum
- Mayor Gloria Hanson

Review & Approval for Filing of April 30 & May 31, 2024 Financials:

Dave said there wasn't much difference between the two months. Loans are up to date with \$53,000 in the Revolving Loan Fund. He will discuss the P & L Budget when he presents the 2025 Budget under New Business.

A motion was made by Greg and seconded by Michel to accept the review of the financials. Motion carried by voice vote.

Review & Approval of the Minutes of April 30 and May 28, 2024 Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Kale and seconded by Kris to accept the approval of the April and May, 2024 minutes.

Reports:

- **City of Fort Pierre** – Mayor Hanson & Staff
Water restrictions have been in place due to repairs on the water treatment plant. Sunday at 10 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 p.m. they will once again be in place. The Council approved a surcharge for the new water storage plant to pay the cost of \$5 million over 20 years. A minimum of \$8.50 a month for residential and \$13.50 for commercial is projected.

At the July 1st meeting of the City Council, the agenda will include a resolution to approve the water storage project and reconsideration of awarding a bid on the pedestrian bridge for the

Tatanka Trail. The AMTRAK promoter continues to promote a South Dakota line due to the interest here.

4th of July preparations are underway. Robbie Calkins will be the honorary parade marshal. Parade entry forms are online or City Hall. Entries need to be lined up by 9:30 to be in the judging for awards.

Roxanne was named Finance Officer of the Year by the SD municipal League. Gloria has attended an ambulance meeting. AMR has a new location near ConAg with sleeping space and room for 8 ambulances.

Island Drive is closed and the new side of the bridge will be open for 2 lane traffic by the end of July. Fort Volunteer is done and waiting for turf. Work continues on the Casey Tibbs turnout restrooms.

Riverwalk Landing marina and First Fidelity will both be doing ribbon cuttings. Pierre Chamber will be doing the ribbon cutting

– **Tourism & Promotion Council:**

Sunny reported that Fort Pierre Tourism is doing a monthly calendar and the June calendar is in the board packet. She has had requests for a full summer calendar and has done a list of events for the summer and fall which she has also put on the web calendar. Verendrye BBQ and Trader Days have separated with the BBQ in Lilly Park on August 9 & 10 and Trader Days downtown on August 10.

Sunny did a zoom session with Placer AI this week and gave them Fort Pierre Tourism & Promotion Council's contact information.

FPTPC decided not to do their social media influencing campaign this year because value for the cost not proven. They have printed additional rack cards for distribution.

– **FPDC Committees:**

- Housing – To meet at 4 p.m. June 20 at the Log Cabin
- Business Resources & Retention – to be scheduled
- Education – will be scheduled in the fall
- Downtown Committee – will not meet in July as the first Thursday is July 4th

New Business:

1. Approval of the 2025 budget request to the City of Fort Pierre:

The budget request has to be submitted by July 8 and Dave has to meet with the Council July 15. He and Sunny usually go over the figures before he meets with Anderson Nill for their recommendations. There will be a slight increase in the request of \$1,714 due to an increase for accounting expense of \$150, equipment \$20, and a payroll increase for Sunny of 4%. The latter is also reflected in "Payroll Tax Expenses."

Next year's budget will be \$96,202 but \$26,600 in memberships will bring the request down

to \$69,602. The Tatanka Trail Payment has been moved out of Expenses into “Other Expenses.” These payments were set up \$1,000 in 2023, \$2,000 in 2024 and \$2,000 for 2025.

A motion was made by Jody and seconded by Kale to submit the proposed budget to the City. Motion carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

1. Action to make available \$1,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund toward a contract extension to Realizing Rural to administer the Child Care Grant.

A discussion followed about the use of the additional money for the contract and clarification of who was in charge of the Child Care grant.

A motion was made by Gary Grittner to hold \$1,000 for contract extension in abeyance if needed. Motion was seconded by Greg. Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Status of HIFP Grant Application:

Gloria said the City had asked to withdraw the application. Reason: There was no support from City Council related to establishing a TIF.

Other Business:

- Summer Schedule for Board Meetings:

Executive Committee will meet July 23rd but there will not be a full board meeting.

- SD Housing Conference: Dave will attend June 25 & 26

- Sunny will be out of the office June 24-27 and July 22-26

- Results of the Virtual Job Fair: Ten businesses registered two of which were Fort Pierre businesses, Peaceful Pines and River Bluff Custom Homes. There were 12 applicants of which three were hired. They are also doing this in Rapid City and may try it again here.

- Web/Facebook Live: Sunny said she had some difficulty in getting an appointment for the June Facebook Live interview. She had one with Dakota Emporium but then he declined. She has one tomorrow at 1 p.m. with Fort Dog Spa that was rescheduled from last week. She continues to get good mileage out of Facebook posts (7,400 views; 595 followers). The zoom session with Placer AI was interesting proving that they can trace peoples shopping habits and determine where there are gaps in the local economy for certain types of businesses. Cost would be prohibitive for FPDC at \$9,000.

- Bad River Furniture has been listed with Fischer Rounds and the sale price raised \$10,000.

- Memberships are at 124 paid and 7 trade, \$26,600 in dues received.

Around the Table:

- Greg: Street projects underway. He is working in town.

- Lyle: Camper business is good but could use better weather

- Kris: Small portion of new bridge had to be removed.

- Dan: Staffing for the school is good except for social studies. Can always use more kitchen help.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Shad and seconded by Greg to adjourn at 12:35 p.m. Motion carried.