

**Minutes**  
**FPDC Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, December 23, 2025**  
**Log Cabin**  
**11:30 a.m.**

**Call to Order at 11:35:** President, Kale Urban

**Board Members Present:**

- Kale Urban
- Steve Hayes
- Dan Baldwin
- Michel Williams
- Gary Grittner
- Greg Kenzy

**Board Members Absent:**

- Mike Peterson (excused)
- Lyle Magorien (excused)
- Jodi Carter-Clarambeau (excused)

**Others Present:**

- Dave Bonde
- Sunny Hannum

**Review & Approval for Filing of November 30, 2025 Financials:**

Dave reported that a new account had been set up at First Fidelity Bank for the “6<sup>th</sup> Street Project”. The account currently has \$149,000 in it and a check has been issued of \$1,000 for the down payment on Lot 16R in Block 47 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Revolving Loan Funds are up to date and the financials show \$92,000 in that account before a check was written and deposited in the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project account. No check books or deposit slips will be printed but instead cashier’s checks will be used for payments from that account.

A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Greg to accept the review of the November 30, 2025 Financials. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Review & Approval of Minutes for November 25, 2025 Regular Meeting:**

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Dan to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Reports:**

– **City Update:**

None Available

**FPDC Committees:**

- **Housing Committee/Sub Committee:** The Sub Committee has been working on the lot purchase and HOF grant especially the chair of that committee, Mike Weisgram, and Lyle Magorien. The Housing Committee will meet after the first of the year.
- **Downtown Committee** – met December 4 and will meet January 8 to avoid New Year's Day. Sunny reported that the committee had been waiting to hear back from the Pierre Fort Pierre Community Fund on a \$15,000 grant application for tuck pointing the historic Rowe Hardware. The response had been that PFPCF normally only funds grants under \$2,500. There had been a second deadline and she had thought of reapplying but one of the requirements had been for an approval letter from the owner of the building. She had several conversations with the owner and he prefers going ahead with the repainting of the “ghost mural” on his building without tuck pointing first but instead using a sign painter. That would be less expensive and could be funded out of the 2026 budget allocation from the City of \$1,500 (+account balance of \$642). The Downtown Group would like to seek seasonal decoration funding from Fort Pierre Tourism.
- **Business Resources & Retention** – Not scheduled but Dave has received an inquiry from a young entrepreneur that would like to set up a taxidermy business in Fort Pierre. He is looking at the former taxidermy shop on Deadwood.
- Education – will be meeting after the first of the year to discuss scholarships. Dave would like a report on the Build Dakota Scholarship program in Stanley County.

**New Business:****1. Selection of Business of the Year for 2025:**

Dave asked Kale to report on the Executive Committee's recommendation. Kale said the committee recommended Sioux Nation for their contributions to the school and community as well as business expansion this year which gained them national recognition.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Greg to accept the recommendation of Sioux Nation as Business of the Year. Motion carried by voice vote.

**2. Concurrence with Previous Board Action:**

The following motion was submitted for vote: “For the first two potential buyers who are qualified to purchase a Governor's House and if the house is placed on a Fort Pierre lot, the FPDC Board of Directors will waive the \$1,000.00 down payment toward the purchase of the house.”

A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Greg to approve the motion as it reads. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Old Business:****1. Motion for Executive Director Authorization:**

“If the FPDC Board President is not available, the Executive Director of the Fort Pierre Development Corporation is hereby authorized to sign all documents dealing with the purchase of Lot 16R, Fort Pierre, South Dakota.”

A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Greg to approve the motion as it reads. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Other Business:****1. Annual Meeting:**

To be held Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Chateau Conference Room with a social from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and Program at 6:00 p.m. Representative Mike Weisgram will share on goings on at Legislature and the Fort Pierre housing project. Pizza and wings will be served; there will be a cash bar.

**2. Board Member Terms:**

Dave shared a handout of current board member terms and said the only possible change would be due to Dan Baldwin's retirement as school superintendent but he would be left on the board until June. A discussion followed about appointed board members.

**3. 2026 Membership Campaign:**

Sunny provided a handout showing 35 paid members to date and \$10,475 collected in dues. There are 7 trade members and \$575 in scholarship donations as of 12/22/25. She said since the invoices went out, there had not been a day when membership checks had not been received. Higher dues had not seemed to affect renewals.

Steve asked if follow up was done on businesses who did not renew to determine why they had not renewed. Sunny responded that some people liked to wait into the New Year before paying so a second invoice is sent late January and that one is followed by phone calls. She said a complete report is always available upon board member request.

**4. Facebook & Web Site Update:**

Sunny reported that she timed the article about the housing project for the web site and Facebook to help with membership renewals. There had been 21,269 views on the Facebook page between November 17 and December 14. The post about the housing project had 4,945 views. The Facebook page has 1,005 followers. There were 702 visitors to the web site with the home page (article), business directory, property for rent and sale by owner, and property for sale getting the most visits.

A discussion followed about listing the Governor's houses and lots on the FPDC property listing as soon as the purchase is finalized. Sunny reported that those listings are getting a lot of views and at least one property has been sold and a couple have been rented in the last year.

**Around the Table:**

- Dan reported that school break is taking place and he is wrapping up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and winter sports
- Steve said banking is good and the doors are open
- Michel is planning an event January 3<sup>rd</sup> to thank customers. It will be a vendor event titled "Glam Jam" held at Duffy Center and her daughter has filled all the vendor slots. Total Beauty will have a fun day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. followed by the vendor event from 4 – 8 p.m. There will be food and a DJ.
- Gary said the County Commission passed a windmill ordinance that will discourage wind farms in Stanley County. It still has some changes to be added after the first of the year.
- Sunny reported that Hosanna Dance had an audience of 200+ to view the dance showcase at Duffy Center December 13<sup>th</sup>. The students performed at the Capitol December 19<sup>th</sup> and are

invited to perform at Peaceful Pines December 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be taking a studio break from December 24<sup>th</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup> and then begin work on a spring show (Narnia: Through the Wardrobe)

- Kale has been on a two week vacation and will be back at WW Tire for a half day Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Steve to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.