

**Minutes
FPDC Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Municipal League
11:30 a.m.**

Call to Order at 11:30: President, Kale Urban

Board Members Present:

- Kale Urban
- Michel Williams
- Steve Hayes
- Jody Carter-Clarambeau

Board Members Absent:

- Lyle Magorien (excused)
- Dan Baldwin (excused)
- Greg Kenzy (excused)
- Dana Iversen (unexcused)
- Mike Peterson (unexcused)

Others Present:

- Dave Bonde
- Sunny Hannum
- Mayor Gloria Hanson

Special Presentation to Gloria Hanson:

A special presentation was made to Gloria Hanson for her 12 years of service as Fort Pierre's Mayor. A photo was taken with board members and the executive director.

Gloria took a few moments to address the board as follows:

12 years ago we did not have Fort Pierre Tourism or occupancy tax. The Chamber pretty much only did horse racing and Fort Pierre Development Corporation (FPDC) filled in the void the Chamber left.

The only way to control property taxes was to grow the town because there is never enough money to take care of all the expenses. FPDC's job going forward is going to be very important. Some activities like ribbon cuttings could be turned over to the Chamber so FPDC could focus more on economic development. Water treatment is a vital part of the development. The Public Works Director's job needs to be filled because it's costing the City a lot of money to pay engineering companies to do that job.

Tatanka Trail and new hotels will happen and what FPDC is doing with housing is very important. There are a lot of million dollar vacation homes here and that needs to be encouraged.

Review & Approval for Filing of May 26, 2026 Financials:

Dave said that in planning the new budget, he and the accountant had looked at where FPDC is on the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for the year at 42 ½% which is really good. Because there isn't a quorum today, both May and June Financials will be approved at the July meeting.

Review & Approve May 26, 2026 Board Minutes:

Two sets of minutes, as well, will have to be approved at the July meeting pending a quorum.

Reports:

- **City:**
NA
- **Stanley County:**
NA
- **FPDC Committees:**
 - **Downtown Development Committee:** Is not meeting in July due to all the activities. Sunny will hear back on grants for which she has applied for the Rowe Hardware "ghost mural" some time after July 1. Decorations have been done around the visitor center buildings.
 - **Housing Committee:** Will be brought up to date on the 6th Avenue Lot Project
 - **Business Resources & Retention:** Downtown barber shop not open yet. A couple of businesses have looked at locating in Fort Pierre. New hotels progressing but bypassed doing a ground breaking. Looking at a ribbon cutting down the road.
 - **Education:** Dave has met with Rob Coverdale who will be starting on the board in July. This committee will most likely meet in the fall.

New Business:

1. 2027 City Budget Request:

A handout of the proposed 2027 FPDC Budget was presented to board members in attendance. The actual budget request being made to the City is \$71,108.00 which is less than the 3% increase they recommended last year. This is an action item and the board will have to vote on it next month when there is a quorum. That means the City will have already made their decision.

2. City Council Appointment to FPDC Board:

Dave has visited with new mayor, Greg Kenzy, about his replacement. Mayor Kenzy has not made his appointments yet.

Other Business:

- **Mike Peterson's Position on the FPDC Board:**
Dave has attempted to reach Mike to see if he wants to continue. If not, he will request a letter of resignation.
- **Lot Status of 6th Avenue Property:**
Sioux Nation continues to maintain a spraying schedule. Tilling will be done before winter.
- **Discussion w/Bridgett at SDHA Regarding HOF Dispersal:**
Dave and Mike Weisgram plan to meet with Bridgett in the near future to see if funds can be dispersed on an "as needed" basis.

Office Report:– **Membership:**

Sunny reported that membership fees collected as of 6/22/26 were \$27,675.00 representing 102 paid members and 7 trade. Two seasonal memberships came in June for \$250 each from East Pierre Landscape and Peaceful Pines. Two more are pending and have all received invoices in June. Of the 12 remaining members who have not yet renewed, a few who always pay late may still. It's highly possible FPDC will finish the summer with \$28,000 received in memberships.

– **Facebook:**

The FPDC Facebook page reached its highest performance since being set up with 43.8K views between May 25 and June 21, 2026. There are 1,126 followers with the two ribbon cuttings, 6th Avenue Project (6.0K views) and Connie Carlisle's History Award (3.6K views) receiving the most views. The Kiwanis Storybook Walk post got 11.K views.

– **Web Site:**

Had 1.2K visitors with 351 to the home page where new articles are published (bi) monthly. Property for Sale, Property for Rent or Sale by Owner, and the Business Directory continue to get multiple visits. Sunny has updated job listings and property listings this month.

– **Other:**

Sunny attended the Grow South Dakota Quarterly Round Table on Zoom where she heard reports from other ED around the state. She also was able to resolve the email issues with the help of Jon (FPDC webmaster) at Factor 360 and ChatGBT.

Around The Table:

- Steve reminded people of the First Fidelity Hot Dog Feed on July 2nd.
- Gloria said the Rotary Club is planning a music park in the little park by the Fort Pierre Swimming Pool.

Adjournment: President Kale Urban called for the meeting to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.