Minutes
FPDC Board of Directors
Tuesday, September 29, 2026
Municipal League Conference Room
11:30 a.m.

Call to Order: President Kale Urban

Board Members Present:
- Kale Urban
- Jody Clarambeau
- Dana Iversen
- Chad Stoeser
- Steve Hayes
- Rob Coverdale
- Callie Iversen

Board Members Absent:
- Michel Williams (excused)
- Lyle Magorian (excused)

Motion to Approve Chad Stoeser to the Board of Directors:

Motion made by Jody and seconded by Steve. Motion carried by voice vote.

Chad introduced himself to the Board Members as a longtime resident of Stanley County and a local farmer/rancher whose family are also involved in that industry and who operate Willow Creek Wildlife Inc. in Stanley County. Prior to purchasing Sioux Nation LLC in 2016, he and his partner had worked for the business. He has three kids and his oldest son just purchased Deis Irrigation. His younger son is enrolled at Mitchell Vo Tech. He is glad to do whatever he can to help develop Fort Pierre.

Review & Approve for Filing of July & August 2026 Financials:

Dave inquired whether the Board needed a complete set of financials each month or if only the Executive Committee needed to see the complete set of financials. Callie responded, as an accountant, that she only needed a balance sheet comparing the current year to the previous year, a budget vs. actual, and a balance sheet.

Dave reported that the Revolving Loan Fund has a current balance of $64,758 and all 4 loans are up to date. However, Fun Time Rentals will soon take a break until spring like they did last year.

Callie made a motion and Rob seconded the motion to approve the review of the financials for filing. Motion carried by voice vote.

Review & Approve of July & August 2026 Board Minutes:

Callie made a motion to approve the July & August minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Reports:

City – Callie

Two City employees had attended the WAPA meetings and Missouri River Energy Conference. She said Fort Pierre Tourism is currently asking for residents and businesses to complete a survey related to the Tourism Destination Development program grant awarded by South

Dakota Tourism to Fort Pierre. There will be a meeting at Drifters at 12 – 1:30 pm for Fort Pierre businesses and another meeting at 6 p.m. for Fort Pierre residents.

- **County** – Dana
  A big takeaway for the County had been winning the High School Finals bid for another 2 years. A group of five representatives for the Stanley County Fairgrounds attended the bidding event in Huron. They were Scott Deal, Dana Iversen, Sonny Harrowa, Phil Burtch, and Shane Kramme.

- **FPDC Committees:**
  - **Housing Committee** – Is not scheduled
  - **Business Resources & Retention Committee** met September 17th and their minutes were included in the board meeting packet. The meeting had covered what could be done to help businesses flourish and included workforce development. Potential businesses needed in the town were also discussed.
  - **Education Committee** – No meetings are scheduled but Dave and Sunny attended the Build Dakota Scholarship Road Show and Sunny promoted that event through emails, Facebook and the FPDC web site before and after it took place. Sunny has also been promoting the schools job internship, job shadowing and job interviews for Amber Garrett, SCHS CTE Teacher.
  - **Downtown Committee** will meet Thursday October 1st at 8 a.m. This committee just did fall decorations at the Log Cabin and jail. Several of the attendees are on the Verendrye Museum Board. Sunny has been working with one member of that board to do recording at the Scotty Phillip Cemetery for a future booklet on early residents buried there.

New Business:
None

Old Business:
None

Other Business:
- **Office Update (Facebook; Web Site, etc.):**
  Sunny reported Facebook had 72,098 views in the 28 days from August 24 – September 18. This was a 106% increase over the previous 28 days. Followers increased by 4.4% to 1,323. Posts receiving the most views were anything to do with the hill slide issue (18,973 views); SC School activities (12,591 views). The web site had 2.2K visitors with 508 to home page articles and the majority of visits to the business directory.

  The reason the FPDC Facebook page is getting so much attention is frequency of posts related to current events in Fort Pierre and Fort Pierre businesses. Chad reported they had been paying for professional services for their Facebook page advertising and had received multiple calls from a product recently advertised. Kale testified that Streetmasters had received the same results from their Facebook advertising.

  Sunny and Dave will be attending the Tourism Destination Development meetings related to business and resident surveys. Dave attended a GOED economic development roundtable this week. Sunny has been assisting with Scotty Phillip Cemetery grave site recording and also assisted the sculpture committee with a grant application for a Miller Fund grant under SDCF.

The ghost mural work on Rowe Hardware has been postponed due to health issues of the person who was to do the brick repair. FPDC had obtained a grant for this project and donor commitment. The timeline can be extended until early summer 2027.

- **6th Avenue Housing Project Update:**
  Dave reported that the lots had now been sprayed for weeds three times thanks to Sioux Nation. There are 5 lots: the first two lots on the west are committed to Governor's houses; the three lots on the east are also listed on the Real Estate multi listing site by Deb Young, Fischer Rounds.

  The Governor's houses were funded through the HOF loan from SD Housing. Central SD Enhancement District is screening potential buyers for these houses and they are projected to be ready by April 2027. Once the houses are placed on their foundation, ownership is transferred to the buyer. Quality Construction has assured Dave that they can be prepared for the houses with a two month notice.

- **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting:**
  A tree is committed from a Pierre resident and A-G-E will bring it to Fort Pierre the Monday before Thanksgiving. The tree lighting will be Friday, November 27th, from 4-7 p.m. Sunny is in the process of locating wagons and teams for wagon rides and has one currently committed. She will be putting out a request for soup and chili entries by November 1st for the cook-off.

- **Meeting with Casey's Manager:**
  Dave met with Casey's Manager and found out their issue had been a computer glitch which shut down everything. The manager said they were at full employment.

- **Recycling Business Is Interested in Locating to Fort Pierre:**
  Dave showed a couple of possible locations to the interested party from Rapid City who needs at least 4 acres. It's possible he could locate outside the City limits. Possible locations were discussed.

- **Auto Repo Business Interested in Locating to Fort Pierre:**
  Dave also showed locations to two representatives in July. This would be for repossessed rental cars. No further action taken.

- **Other Locations for Sale/Rent:**
  Bad River Furniture & BPro have had no activity. Shane's Pharmacy vacant space has been used for special needs Tai Kwando and will be used by a business startup for exercise classes.

Around the Room:

- **Jody** said it had been a good summer and they are ready for hunting season. They are remodeling a store in Watertown.
- **Rob** said the school had finished Homecoming week with a lot of successful activities.
- **Steve** said First Fidelity Banks had hired Kelly Glover to fill a position as community development coordinator for the banks. She was instrumental in bringing the hospital to Gregory and will be working on day care for some of their rural communities like White River.
- **Sunny** has been thinking about an idea for a business member monthly spotlight the last Friday of each month. This was an idea Michel Williams had come up with at annual retreat. Sunny will present it to Executive Committee next month to decide whether to recommend to the board.

Adjourned by President at 12:45