

September 29, 2021, Special Meeting of the S3R3 Board

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Minutes - Special Meeting (held via teleconference)

Attendance

S3R3 Solutions Members physically present: None

S3R3 Solutions Members present via teleconference: Breean Beggs, Greg Birchell, Bill Butler, Al French, Larry Krauter, Johnnie Perkins, Scott Simmons

S3R3 Solutions Members absent: None

S3R3 Solutions Staff physically present: Todd Coleman; Executive Director, Sueann Herkel; Executive Assistant

S3R3 Solutions Staff present via teleconference: Taudd Hume; Legal Counsel

S3R3 Solutions Staff absent: None

Guests physically present:

Guests present via teleconference: Greg Figg, Bill White

Meeting called to order 5:01 PM

Welcome and Introductions:

Board Chair Al French requested roll call of Board, quorum present.

Public Comment/Courtesy of the Floor:

No public comment taken due to Governor's Proclamation.

Action Item Number 1 – Authorize a Contract with TO Engineers for the West Plains Transportation Plan

Board Chair Al French requested comment on the action item. Executive Director Todd Coleman began with an explanation of how the key stakeholders in the West Plains will unite to evaluate, plan, and prioritize the future transportation network to move freight and people within the West Plains. Representatives from each of the stakeholders will make up a technical advisory committee to inform the transportation plan. An executive advisory committee will oversee the project and is anticipated to include Johnnie Perkins from the City of Spokane, Larry Krauter from Spokane International Airport, Albert Tripp from the City of Airway Heights, Mike Gribner of Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Lois Bollenback from SRTC and a member of the S3R3 Solutions Board. Project deliverables will include a network plan for the West Plains, with project prioritization. This project is intended to inform the SRTC Unified Project List and to create a path for future funding. Greg Figg of WSDOT commented this study is much needed in the West Plains. Board Chair Al French thanked WSDOT for allocating \$260,000 towards the study (the remaining \$50,000 to be contributed by S3R3 Solutions) and commented this study will give us a tool to secure federal and state funding. Treasurer Krauter made it clear we cannot slow development in the West Plains to wait for this study to be completed, we must continue to grow the West Plains and find solutions to our immediate transportation impacts. After hearing no further comments, Board Chair Al French called for a motion for approval to authorize a contract with TO Engineers in the amount of \$287,000.00. Board Vice Chair Bill Butler motioned for approval, Board Treasurer Larry Krauter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

None

At 5:32 PM the September 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting was adjourned