

July 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

7:30 – 9:00 AM

Minutes – Board Meeting (held via teleconference only)

Attendance

S3R3 Solutions Board Members present Breean Beggs, Al French, Larry Krauter, Scott Simmons

S3R3 Solutions Board Members absent: Greg Birchell

S3R3 Solutions Staff present: Sueann Herkel, Executive Assistant; Taudd Hume, Legal Counsel; Rick Romero, Interim Executive Director

S3R3 Solutions Staff absent: Karen Corkins, Project Manager

Guests physically present: Dan Bisbee (Spokane County Treasurer’s Office), Stephanie Bishop (City of Spokane), Steve MacDonald (City of Spokane), Julia McHugh (Citizen),

Guests present via teleconference: Marcia Davis (City of Spokane)

Meeting called to order 7:34 AM

Welcome and Introductions:

Board Chair Breean Beggs requested a roll call, quorum present.

Public Comment/Courtesy of the Floor:

Public Comment was requested by Board Chair Breean Beggs. He advised that there will be a three-minute limit. Attendee Julia McHugh reminded the board regarding the contaminated wells in the Palisades Neighborhood and Deep Creek as well as drainage issues in the West Terrace neighborhood. She would like the board of S3R3 Solutions to consider the development within S3R3 boundaries and how it affects outlying neighborhoods. Board Vice Chair Al French commented that since contaminated water has become a national issue, several governmental agencies are working towards a resolution.

Action Item No. 1 – Consent Agenda

Board Chair Breean Beggs called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Action Item No. 1 which included minutes for the June 8 regular Board Meeting and minutes from the June 30, 2023 Special Board Meetings, and financials for May of 2023. Board Treasurer Larry Krauter motioned for approval for the minutes, Board Vice Chair Al French seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Action Item No. 2 – Resolution 2023-01, Expressing Appreciation for Breean Beggs

Board Vice Chair Al French read Resolution 2023-01 which highlighted and acknowledged Board Chair Breean Beggs’ intricate involvement, leadership and positive outcome of his time on the S3R3 Solutions’ Board. Board Vice Chair motioned for approval, Board Treasurer Larry Krauter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Board Treasurer added his comments to include his personal thanks to Board Chair Breean Beggs for his stellar leadership and recognized his sacrifice for the work done for the benefit of many.

Action Item No. 3 – Board Officer Positions

Because of Board Chair Breean Beggs’ appointment to the Spokane County Superior Court, the S3R3 Board finds it necessary to appoint the following individuals as officers of S3R3 Solutions for the duration and under the conditions specified in Article 4 of the S3R3 Solutions bylaws:

Chair: Al French

Vice Chair: Larry Krauter

Treasurer: Scott Simmons

Secretary: Greg Birchell

Board Treasurer Scott Simmons motioned for approval, Board Treasurer seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates, Presentations

Steve MacDonald, the Community and Economic Director for the City of Spokane, spoke to the board and meeting attendees regarding the structure of the division and explained their Strategic Plan and Strategic Investments. He detailed his current efforts to regionalize the efforts of Spokane to go after federal dollars available. Since real dollars are available, what is Spokane's best and most effective way to go after it? The Board presented an idea asking that the regional PDA's be intricately involved in the process and that whatever agency is involved in the conversation regarding federal dollars, they be eligible for the grant. Mr. MacDonald was specifically asking if S3R3 Solutions was willing to contribute financially to the cost of hiring an agency that could develop Spokane County's list of projects that are eligible for federal dollars. Board Chair Breean Beggs affirmed that S3R3 Solutions is willing to contribute dollars.

Interim Executive Director Rick Romero discussed the proposed Resolution 2023-03 Regarding Changes to the Corporate Bylaws and Requesting Changes to the Interlocal Agreement (ILA). Currently and specifically, the ILA does not allow Members at Large to vote equally with Permanent Board Members. Board Chair Breean Beggs commented that he has a concern that Members at Large are undercut regarding their place on the board due to their inability to vote on all items. Background was provided and it was explained that since S3R3 Solutions depended on taxpayer dollars for operation, the original ILA was written for board members that are held accountable for the spending of taxpayer dollars to vote. However, because other dollars contribute to S3R3's budget, it is possible to reconsider the role of the Members at Large. It was further discussed that several issues within the ILA should be studied and updated to current conditions, realizing that these documents are five or more years older and much has changed.

Unfinished Business

Board Treasurer Larry Krauter asked for Executive Session to be called to discuss the performance of a public official (RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)). The Executive Session was scheduled to end at 8:45 AM and it was determined that no action or decision would be made after Executive Session.

Executive Session was extended to 8:50 AM.

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The June 8, 2023 Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.