

August 8, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

7:30 – 9:00 AM

7106 W Will D Alton Lane, Suite 103A, Spokane, WA 99224

**Minutes – Board Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**S3R3 Board Members physically present:** Greg Birchell, Al French, Paul Katovich, Larry Krauter, Betsy Wilkerson

**S3R3 Board Members present online:** None

**S3R3 Board Members absent:** Garrett Jones**,** Scott Simmons

**S3R3 Solutions Staff present:** Sueann Herkel, Executive Administrative Manager; Chris Pengra, Executive Director

**S3R3 Solutions Staff present online**: Taudd Hume, Legal Counsel

**Guests physically present:** Julia McHugh, Citizen of Palisades Neighborhood

**Guests present online:** Marcia Davis, City of Spokane

**Meeting called to order 7:31 AM**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Roll call conducted, quorum is present.

**Public Comment/Courtesy of the Floor:**

Julia McHugh voiced concerns about PFAS in the West Plains, specifically the Palisades Neighborhood.

**Action Item No. 1 Consent Agenda**

Board Chair Al French called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Action Item No. 1 which includes minutes for the June 13, 2024, and May and June 2024 Financials. Board Vice Chair Larry Krauter motioned for approval, Board Member Betsy Wilkerson seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Updates, Presentations and Briefings**

Executive Director Chris Pengra updated the Board regarding recent marketing and business development activity citing that aerospace is still our greatest strength. Currently, a greater focus is on logistics intensive sectors within aerospace manufacturing. Board Chair Al French stated that the rate of growth in the West Plains is greater since the inception of S3R3. Additionally, a selling point for the West Plains continues to be that there is no overnight needed for a trip to Seattle. Board Member Paul Katovich emphasized that logistics is key to a company considering coming to the West Plains. Board Chair Al French continued to emphasize the investment in the West Plains specifically by Collins Aerospace who provide employee benefits and salary investment in their people as well as dedicating $200M to the enhancement of their building. He continued with stating that within one hour of Spokane, there are currently 72,000 undergraduate students providing an educated workforce.

Marketing and business development was discussed by Executive Director Chris Pengra emphasizing a continued effort to strengthen relationships within the community to move forward with representing the

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region as a whole and as a result would like to make changes to the conference room to accommodate all stakeholders as those alliances are developed. With additional discussion regarding marketing and business development, Board Chair Al French mentioned the lean toward energy, specifically hydrogen operations and solar panels. The current move is toward clean energy.

Executive Director Chris Pengra advised the board:

* Progress continues on the Wetland Mitigation Project as well as the Transportation Study.
* The ARPA agreement with the County has been updated and an amendment for Spokane International Airport has been sent as well as the original agreement to the City.
* The Procurement Policy is currently being updated.
* The City and County New Construction Sales Tax has been fully resolved and new standard operating procedures are being written.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Board Member Items**

Board Chair Al French reported on the interchange at Thorpe/Craig as well as the Four Lakes interchange. To date, the community meetings are going well.

**Executive Session**

At 8:20 AM, Board Chair Al French called for an Executive Session citing RCW 42.30.110.1G and stated that no additional action will take place after the Executive Session.

The August 8, 2024, S3R3 Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.