

MINUTES OF THE FARGO DOME AUTHORITY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Fargo Dome Authority was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the FARGODOME Conference Room with President David Suppes presiding.

Members present: David Suppes, Michael Ellingson, Blake Nelson and Todd Olson.

Members absent: Troy Goergen, Dan Armbrust and Rick Steen.

Others present: Tyler Haehn – City of Fargo; Zach Prante – Accounting Manager – FARGODOME; Bernie Larson – Assistant General Manager – FARGODOME; Sarah Dykema – Director of Marketing and Sales – FARGODOME; Amanda Muellenbach, Administrative and Auxiliary Services Manager – FARGODOME and Rob Sobolik, General Manager – FARGODOME.

Media present: None

President David Suppes called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Rob requested to add a request for a date change for the March FDA meeting to the agenda under Additional Items.

David requested to add an update on the NDSU Land Lease to the agenda under Additional Items.

Michael Ellingson made a motion, seconded by Todd Olson, to approve the agenda of the January 28, 2024 Fargo Dome Authority meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Michael Ellingson made a motion, seconded by Blake Nelson, to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2024 Fargo Dome Authority meeting. Motion carried.

Rob Sobolik presented the General Manager's report as follows:

- Year-to-Date Net Income through November 2024 is stated at \$155,314, which is a positive variance (to budget) of \$126,835.
- Year-to-Date Net Income through December 2024 is stated at \$174,403, which is a positive variance (to budget) of \$126,950.
- Upon review, Blake Nelson made a motion, seconded by Todd Olson, to approve the November 2024 and December 2024 Financial Statements as presented. On call of the roll, Ellingson, Nelson, Olson and Suppes voted aye. Absent and not voting: Armbrust, Goergen and Steen. The motion was declared carried.
- Past and Upcoming Events: NDSU Football Playoff Game on December 14, 2024. Pentatonix on December 15, 2024. NDSU Football Playoff Game on December 21, 2024. Rumble on the Red on January 2-4, 2025. ND Elite Cheer on January 18, 2025. RRV Boat and Marine Show on January 24-26, 2025. Monster Jam on February 1-2, 2025. NDSU Spring Career Expo on February 5, 2025. Kiwanis Pancake Karnival on February 8, 2025. ND State Wrestling Tournament on February 20-22, 2025.

Blake Nelson presented the Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committee report. The Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committees met on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. Items discussed included:

- November 2024 and December 2024 Financial Statements: The November 2024 and December 2024 Financial Statements were approved by the Finance Committee at the meeting on January 22, 2025.
- Project and Capital Budget Updates:
 - Turf Update: Rob noted that AstroTurf was out at the beginning of January to paint lines and cycle the turf to make sure the issues with stretching are gone. FARGODOME is waiting for the official report from the visit to determine the next steps to address the technical issues.
 - Food and Beverage Point of Sales (POS): The agreement for the current POS system, through Appetize, began in 2020 and ends in 2026. Since the initial agreement, Appetize has been bought out twice and is now owned by Shift4. The current system is nearing end of life as the hardware and software used is no longer supported. FARGODOME would like to work with the COF Finance and Purchasing departments to put out an RFP for a new point of sales system. The goal would be to have responses to the RFP due by April/May 2025 and implementation complete by early September 2025. The estimated cost of a new system would be \$125-150k and it would be funded out of the FARGODOME Permanent Fund. There will be further discussion on this item at upcoming meetings.
- Escrow Balance & Performance Reports: The FARGODOME permanent fund performance, year-to-date, through October 2024 is 3.43%. Please see attachments.

Blake Nelson made a motion to approve the Building and Finance Committee report as presented.

On call of the roll, Ellingson, Nelson, Olson and Suppes voted aye.

Absent and not voting: Armbrust, Goergen and Steen.

The motion was declared carried.

Additional Items:

- Basketball Floor – Rob noted that the new basketball floor is tentatively scheduled for delivery on February 24, 2025.
- March FDA Meeting – Rob requested to move the March Fargo Dome Authority meeting from March 25, 2025 to April 1, 2025. There was no opposition from the members present to move this meeting.
- NDSU Land Lease – David Suppes noted that he, along with other FARGODOME representatives, met with NDSU regarding the current land lease. The purpose of the meeting was to see if NDSU had any objections to the Authority submitting a bid to put a convention center on land next to FARGODOME, as it is the intention of the Authority to respond to the City of Fargo RFP for a convention center when it is put out. NDSU representatives indicated that they would be agreeable to using land next to FARGODOME for a convention center.
- Naming Rights – David noted that FARGODOME staff and Fargo Dome Authority will continue to work on naming rights in 2025.

- 2025 Renovation Planning – Authority and FARGODOME staff will be looking at what projects need to be done in 2025 and subsequent years. Rob recently met with RLE Architecture to discuss future plans for building improvements. RLE will likely be at the March Building and Finance Committee meeting for a presentation.

The next Fargo Dome Authority meeting will be on February 25, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

David Suppes, President

Amanda Muellenbach, Administrative and Auxiliary Services Manager