

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT  
PUBLIC FACILITY DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY MAIN CAMPUS  
3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201  
April 23, 2015  
3:00 P.M.

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**Board:**

Steve Shelton, Chairman, District #3  
Boyd McPherson, District #1  
Travis Snider, District #4  
Debbie Emge, District #5

**Interested Parties:**

Grant Dull, Lynnwood Convention Center  
Joe McIalwain, Edmonds Center for the Arts  
Rick Comeau, Xfinity Arena  
Gary Weikel, Everett PFD  
Susan Kern, Snohomish County Airport  
Bob Cooper, Future of Flight

**Staff:**

Brad Cattle, Anderson Hunter Law Firm  
Sharyl Raines, Snohomish County Finance Department  
Nancy Miller, Snohomish County Finance Department  
Amy Powell, Snohomish County Public Works

**Call to Order**

Steve Shelton called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Approval Items**

Travis Snider moved to approve the January 22, 2015 minutes. Debbie Emge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After review of the vouchers, Debbie Emge moved to approve the vouchers for January through March, 2015 in the amount of \$510,370.25. Travis Snider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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The following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment:

Disbursements:

Fund X10

Voucher/warrant numbers: 1845989 through 1846016 Total \$168,865.25

Voucher/warrant numbers 1849945, 1850207 through 1850239 Total \$250.00

Voucher/warrant numbers: 1849996 through 1850198, and 1850198 Total \$168,865.25

Voucher/warrant numbers: 1850198, 1853687 through 1853693 Total \$168,865.25

Voucher/warrant numbers: 5005011 through 5005601 Total \$3,524.50

### **Financial Report and Old Business**

Nancy Miller presented the financial reports. The prior year sales tax growth rate is 1.15% which is quite a bit different than what we saw last year. Fund balance has increased in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter almost \$47k. Budget versus actual is pretty much on target with the attorney fees being higher than usual, probably because of the Public Records Agreement. Projects are a little under budget and that's because we will have a Tier II payment going out next week.

Steve Shelton discussed the lower than normal sales tax increase. He reminded everyone that this data covers November, December, January tax collection period and it was a relatively flat holiday season. There is also less real estate development and sales that occur during this time period. In speaking with local real estate professionals, it sounds like the real estate market is picking up now. We should expect to see some higher numbers in the coming months.

### **Project Financial Updates**

Edmonds Center for the Arts – Joe McIlwain

- The board is asking more about what we do; showing more interest
- Branching out connecting health to the arts, particularly the senior community
- Connecting the arts to the community
- Reaching out to the business community – hosting private events with our state of the art theater system
- 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary season
- We don't want to raise ticket prices to a level where people can't afford; relying more on donations
- Looking at ways to be busier on off nights
- Sales tax revenues are not covering the debt service
- Return of tier 2 & sale tax increase is decreasing what we have to borrow from the City
- If we can get a private sponsor to put a name on our building that will help finances

Infinity Arena – Rick Comeau

- We are up in quarter 1
- Hockey playoff events helping
- Only had 1 concert instead of 2
- City tax rebate came in higher than budgeted

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- We are about 71k ahead of where we were last year at this time
- Couple of event staff managers have left; news hires already in place
- R. Kelly concert went well; after party event was a success; first time we've done that and looking to repeat again at future events
- Disney On Ice & Ice Racing were successful & we will go after those again
- Harlem Globetrotters event was also popular & successful
- Everett Home Show was successful
- Scoreboard RFP – we have to upgrade the board; aging technology & no longer have replacement parts
- Number of graduations coming; 17 of them in June
- ALL Arena Lacrosse League – new league coming; possibility of getting a league franchise team
- Frozen On Ice coming – ticket sales going really well; added another show

### Future of Flight – Bob Cooper & Susan Kern

- 4 yrs in a row attendance increase; Boeing has increased the number of tours; marketing team has expanded national & international guests
- Increase in attendance has decreased debt service money needed from Paine Field
- Just signed with new café food servicer; Lancer
- Traveling Smithsonian exhibit coming up; Black Wings American Dreams in Flight
- Major gala coming up in October & will be very different than previous years
- December 17<sup>th</sup> will be our 10 year anniversary & Boeing's centennial

### Lynnwood Convention Center – Grant Dull

- Off to a good start this year
- March was one of our most successful months
- Refinancing debt service
- Sales tax revenues up about 10%
- Standard & Poor's rated our debt A++; same as the city's
- Refinancing revenue bonds; saved about \$2 million in interest; with these funds we will demolish the old shopping mall; hoping to have the land available for sale in 1-2 yrs
- We will try to sell sales tax bonds again this year
- Coming up on our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary; will hold a reception
- Working on a contract with Shack Center for the Arts for rotating art exhibits

### New Business

#### Role Reminder of Board Members

Steve Shelton would like board members to confirm attendance for each meeting.

#### Cultural Access Fund

This is an effort that came out of the Puget Sound Partnership. There is a fund like this already set up in Denver, CO, comprised of about 4 counties. The bi-partisan bill is more geared towards participation by individual counties; not a collaborative effort like in Denver.

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**State PFD Association**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual conference is in Vancouver, WA in May. This is a great opportunity for PFDs around the state to get together.

**2015 Annual PFD Reports**

Snohomish County Council would like more detail in this year's report compared to previous years. We already have reports from Lynnwood & the Future of Flight. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup> for those we don't already have.

**2015 Budget Amendment**

We still need to approve the amendment. Debbie Emge motioned for approval. Boyd McPherson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Steve Shelton adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

**The July 23, 2015 meeting will be held at the Snohomish County main campus.**

  
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Chairperson Signature

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Date