



URBAN RENEWAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 03, 2025 at 7:30 AM

White Pine Conference Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

Chairman Eric Paull called the meeting of the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Board to order at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in the White Pine Conference Room at City Hall, 1123 W. Lake St., Sandpoint, Idaho.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Eric Paull, Chair
Commissioner Tom Bokowy, Vice Chair
Commissioner Kendon Perry
Commissioner Marilyn Sabella
Commissioner Ned Brandenberger
Commissioner Jason Welker

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. The minutes from the Board's April 1, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.
Motion made by Commissioner Welker, Seconded by Commissioner Sabella.
Voting Yea: Chairman Paull, Commissioner Perry, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger, Commissioner Bokowy, Commissioner Welker

Reports/Announcements

Mayor Jeremy Grimm provided some brief reports on current City projects, including the status of the wastewater treatment plant reconstruction and completion of downtown parking lot repaving, funded by SURA dollars.

2. Monthly Financial Report

Chairman Paull noted that the monthly financial report was provided in the meeting packet. No comments or questions from the Commissioners. Information only; no Board action.

Old/Unfinished Business - none

New Business

3. Request from Timberline Helicopters for Public Improvements

Tyson Davis, President of Timberline Helicopters, Inc., provided a presentation with a request for public improvements in SURA's northern district and, along with Mayor Grimm, Public Works Director Holly Ellis, and Commissioner Welker, fielded questions from the Commissioners.

A majority of the Commissioners indicated favorability to consider the request, with Commissioner Bokowy expressing concern as to the general public benefit of the public improvements for which SURA funds would potentially be utilized and whether this would be a project that would appropriately support urban renewal in Sandpoint.

Information only; no Board action at this time.

4. Funding Request from SPOT Bus

City Council member Justin Dick, who serves as the City of Sandpoint's representative on the Selkirks-Pend Oreille Transit (SPOT Bus), provided some introductory remarks, followed by a presentation from SPOT Executive Director Donna Griffin and SPOT Board member Clif Warren, who fielded questions from the SURA Commissioners. Mayor Grimm and Councilor Dick also provided information.

Following discussion, Chairman Paull relayed that he would consult with SURA's legal counsel to gain some clarity on how/whether SURA would legally, under Idaho Code, have the ability to consider the financial support being requested and would report back.

No action taken by the SURA Board at this time.

5. SURA Funds Expenditure Approval for Cameras at City Parking Lot

City of Sandpoint Public Works Director Holly Ellis provided an update on completion of the downtown parking lot repaving project, followed by a presentation on a request from the City for SURA funds to install cameras in the downtown parking lot and, along with Mayor Grimm, fielded questions from the Commissioners.

Following discussion, there was a motion for approval of the use of \$40,000 in Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency funds for cameras at the downtown city parking lot, approved by a vote of the majority of the Board, with Commissioner Perry dissenting.

Motion made by Commissioner Bokowy, Seconded by Commissioner Sabella.

Voting Yea: Chairman Paull, Commissioner Sabella, Commissioner Brandenberger,
Commissioner Bokowy, Commissioner Welker

Voting Nay: Commissioner Perry

6. Bonner County Ambulance District Intent to Withdraw from SURA Revenue Allocation Areas

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the Resolutions received from the Bonner County Ambulance District reflecting that agency's request to withdraw from SURA's northern and downtown revenue allocation areas. It was agreed that a special meeting would be scheduled to consider a decision on this request, and the Ambulance District would be notified of that meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the board clerk, were approved by the Board during their meeting held on _____, 2025.

Eric Paull, Chair

Attest: Melissa Ward, City Clerk (board clerk)