



**IDAHO FALLS
AUDITORIUM DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors – Special Business Meeting
425 N. Capital Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83402
Wednesday, 6, June 2018, 12:30 p.m.**

**Location: The large conference room in Offices of Fuller & Beck
410 Memorial Drive
Suite 201, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402**

Attendance: Terri Gazdik, John LoBuono, Bob Nitschke, Doug Swanson, Jill Kirkham, Chip Scott, Mark Fuller, Cole Hammond, Chad Hammond, Steve Vucovich, Mark Young

Minutes

- I.** Call to Order at 12:32pm
- II.** Public Comment – Chip Schwarze, CEO of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke and asked the Board to trust the findings that the Study would identify. He referenced an agenda item from Board member Bob Nitschke regarding having an independent review of the CSL study. Mr. Schwarze urged the board not to delay the project any more and again reiterated that we had hired a professional company to conduct the Study and that we should trust the findings when its finished.
- III.** Feasibility Study Preliminary Report – Bill Krueger & Joel Feldman
Bill Krueger addressed the meeting via conference call and a powerpoint presentation by walking through their preliminary findings which included the first phase of the Study. He said they had started the Study by meeting with local business leaders, Board of Directors and other community members as part of the initial information gathering. They then spoke to some 50 promoters, event planners and others who might bring events to Idaho Falls and received a favorable response from most. The Event Planners were a bit concerned that the planned Center did not have a hotel attached as that is something they

look for.

He continued with more detail on this information gathering stage. He said they would be looking at approximately 11 similar facilities/communities to use for their base analysis. He indicated that so far CSL had not found anything surprising or problematic but that this was just the first phase and much more information was forthcoming. He said that they expected to have the final draft available for us by July 15.

- IV.** Q & A – Board/CSL - John LoBuono asked CSL if they had seen any red flags during this first phase of the Study and they responded no. They were also asked to provide a bit more detail regarding their low, base and high cases so the Board would have a clear expectation of what they were going to see in the final report. CSL thanked everyone who participated for their candor and said again that they were starting the final phases of the Study and planned to have a final draft by mid-July.

- V.** Discussion of a possible Independent Review of the CSL Report per Bob Nitschke - Board member Nitschke raised the idea of having someone conduct an independent review of the CSL Study when finished as he doesn't think anyone on the board was qualified to fully determine if the Study was valid or not. Discussion ensued with several comments from the public, but no motion or action was taken.

- VI.** Calendar and Announcements
The Next Meeting was announced as June 12, 2018. No agenda items for June 12 meeting were provided.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded, and passed at 2:45 pm.