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Public Notice of *Finance Committee* Meeting

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026
SPOT Office, 31656 Hwy 200, Suite 102, Ponderay, ID 83852
Zoom Meeting ID: 830 1152 5297
Passcode: 574841

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Action and Discussion Items:
 - a. Action Item: Approve Minutes of March 18, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting
 - b. Action Item: Review SPOT March 2026 Financial Statements
 - c. Action Item/updates: Financial considerations
3. Adjourn

Note: Public information on agenda items is available from the SPOT office at 31656 Highway 200 Suite 102, Ponderay, ID or call (208) 263-3774. Any person needing special accommodation at the above noticed meeting should contact SPOT three days prior to the meeting at (208) 263-3774.



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Finance Committee Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2026

Present: Zale Palmer, Colleen Culwell Gary Kunzeman, and Donna Griffin.

Zale called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Gary moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026, Finance Committee meeting. Colleen seconded the motion. It passed, all in favor.

The committee reviewed the February 2026 Financial Statements. SPOT expenses are under budget to date. Advertising income is slow. The Committee discussed offering advertisers pricing incentives. This will be discussed further at the Board meeting. Zale made a motion to accept the February 2026 Financial Statements. Gary seconded it and the motion passed all in favor.

The Committee discussed the 2026-2027 budget. The discussion included timelines for budget development and items that may increase. Zale and Donna met with Mayor Grimm. The meeting was very informative and Mayor Grimm invited SPOT to participate in Sandpoint's budget workshops and hearings. The committee discussed the anticipated increases for the upcoming year. This included higher fuel prices and possibly a general 3% increase in operating expenses. Donna will reach out to our partners to ask what percentage of an increase they anticipate. Donna will also inform the Committee of the recent increases in cost for fuel. The Finance Committee and other interested SPOT Board members will meet Thursday April 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and on Thursday April 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. to work through and develop a proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal year which starts October 1, 2026.

Regarding Financial considerations, Donna shared that we renewed CD at a rate of 3.8% through June. Colleen noted that Hazard pay (\$1.00 per hour) was added to drivers pay during COVID for a period of five years. This will expire June 30, 2026. The SPOT Board will need to vote on whether to increase driver pay by \$ 1.00 per hour for drivers - rolling the \$ 1.00 per hour hazard pay into each driver's hourly pay rate.

All agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Griffin