

MINUTES

Finance & Renovation Committee
of the Grand Forks Events Center Commission



Wednesday March 11, 2026| 12:00 PM

Meeting Room 1

Greg Rixen called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Greg Rixen, Jarrod Spoor, Russell Kraft, Ken Vein, Scott Foyt

Alerus Center: Anna Rosburg, Derek Hoffert, Dominick Washington, and AJ Heath

Guests: Maureen Storstad, Todd Feland, Dan Gaustad - City of Grand Forks

We have a quorum.

Approval of December 3, 2025, February 11, 2026, January 14, 2026 &

Motion to approve December 3, 2025, minutes was made by Jarrod Spoor; seconded by Scott Foyt

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve January 14, 2026, minutes was made by Jarrod Spoor; seconded by Russell Kraft

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to approve February 11, 2026, minutes was made by Jarrod Spoor; seconded by Russell Kraft

Motion passed unanimously

Scoreboard Bid Discussion

Todd Feland opened the discussion by referencing his previously distributed email outlining potential paths forward and then deferred to Dan Gaustad. Dan reported that a letter of termination was issued to Daktronics the prior day. No response has been received to date. He noted that Daktronics has up to three (3) years to respond. Russell Kraft asked about the potential for litigation and damages, and Dan stated that while Daktronics could pursue damages, success is not guaranteed.

Todd then reviewed the options presented in his email to the Finance & Review Committee prior to the meeting:

Option 1:

Engage OVG to assist in developing plans and specifications for a proposed design. The plans would be presented to the Commission for review and approval, followed by authorization to bid the project and allow for public comment. Upon receipt of bids, the Commission would again review the proposals and provide an additional opportunity for public input prior to selecting the lowest and best bid.

Option 2:

Proceed with issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for design firms. Upon selection of a firm, fees would be negotiated. If negotiations are unsuccessful, the Commission would proceed to the next qualified firm until an agreement is reached. The selected firm would complete plans and specifications, after which the project would be issued for bids. The Commission would then review all bids and approve the lowest and best bid.

Option 3:

Request assistance from the City, potentially including City Engineering, to develop plans, specifications, and design services. This approach would similarly lead into the bidding process, with the Commission ultimately reviewing and approving the lowest and best bid for the scoreboard project.

Discussion followed regarding the estimated timeline for the RFQ process, which was noted to be approximately four (4) to six (6) months. Emphasis was placed on allowing sufficient time to fully review and discuss the most appropriate plans prior to proceeding.

A question was raised regarding the operability of the existing boards beyond August. Anna confirmed that the potential for failure is very real. While efforts are ongoing to work with ICON to maintain service through the end of 2026, there is no guarantee of parts availability, as the system is no longer in production.

A brief discussion was also held regarding the project budget. It was noted that funds have been allocated for the project and will remain dedicated to it, regardless of whether the project proceeds in 2026 or 2027.

Greg summarized the agreed-upon next steps as follows:

Anna and Derek will further explore Option 1.

Todd will coordinate with a City engineer regarding Option 3, including assistance with developing specifications and evaluating a potential project management path through completion.

Option 2 was acknowledged as self-explanatory.

Anna recommended that the subcommittee remain intact to continue advancing the project. She also noted that she will continue working to extend the service agreement with ICON.

2026 Capital Review

New washing machine has been delivered and will be installed on the 16th. Looking for quotes to replace the doors at the 50-yard line, current doors are not secure. They cannot change just one door it would have to be both and looking at a cost of around \$32,000. Chiller plant had a walkthrough with EAPC, Gast, Bergstrom and Lunseth. Johnson Controls was also in and was happy with everything mechanically, just looking to patch up a few items where the old chillers were. Looking to finish in the next week with another walkthrough and get it closed out. One final update on the Conference Center regarding the CMAR and a max budget so with change orders turned in there were extra charges that exceeded the maximum price, but they are working on a time to get the numbers finalized. There is a very short punch list which is mostly electrical and should be done shortly.

Adjournment

*Jarrod Spoor made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Scott Foyt
Motion passed unanimously*

Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

AJ Heath
Office Manager

Greg Rixen
GFECC Chair