

**Douglas County Cultural Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Virtually via Zoom**

6:10 p.m. – CALLED TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

The following Council members were present: Anthony (Tony) Sievert, Jeanette Eirich, Christina Winslow, Sid Simonson, and Christianne Blevins.

SCFD representatives: Tim Murphy

Douglas County staff: Kim Smith

2. Approval of the October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Sid Simonson made a motion to approve the October 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Jeanette Eirich seconded. All were in favor.

3. Election of Officers

- Jeanette Eirich nominated Tony Sievert for Chair. Sid Simonson seconded. All were in favor.
- Tony Sievert nominated Christianne Blevins as Vice Chair. Sid Simonson seconded. All were in favor.
- Christianne Blevins nominated Jim Mulvey as Secretary. Sid Simonson seconded. All were in favor.

4. SCFD Update

- Tim Murphy offered to go through Fluxx for the application process, but all Council members felt prepared to use Fluxx again and didn't have any questions.
- Tim is expecting the revenue this year to be close to what was received last year. The SCFD Board of Directors will approve the 2025 Tier III budgeted distribution at the April 24, 2025 meeting.
- Organizations that received 2023 funding and used those funds during 2024 submitted their final reports.
- Last Wednesday, March 5, was the multi-county deadline.
- Tomorrow, March 12, is the single-county deadline.
- Douglas County has two new organizations that applied.
- Please complete your annual agreements and submit to SCFD.
- A search firm has been selected to assist with the search for a new Executive Director. Information is available online.
- The December 2024 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$8,262,423.46. This brings the total Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 sales and use tax revenue to \$86,263,611.09. This compares to FY 2023 sales and use tax revenue of \$86,169,212.77. The variance is \$94,398.32, a 0.11% increase in FY 2024 over FY 2023.
- The January 2025 SCFD sales and use tax revenue was \$6,152,834.60. The 2024 year-to-date (YTD) sales and use tax revenue was \$6,315,827.35. The variance is (\$162,992.75), a 2.58% decrease in YTD 2025 over YTD 2024.
- SCFD hosted Unconscious Bias training for Cultural Council members on Feb. 20.

5. 2025 Calendar

Tim will send out the 2025 calendar along with the agreements that need signed.

6. Art Encounters Update

County staff mentioned that 94 applications were submitted for the Douglas County Art Encounters program. The Public Art Advisory Committee selected 36 sculptures to be featured for the upcoming program year. Those will be installed in late May/early June.

7. Follow-up Items

The first study session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

8. Public Comment

- No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:33 p.m.

Christianne Blevins made a motion to adjourn. Sid Simonson seconded. Meeting adjourned.