CALL TO ORDER:

The Chair, Ms. Debra Lisser, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

The Chair recognized that a quorum of Board members were present.

STUDY SESSION:

The Chair thanked the members of the Skagit Regional Public Facilities District (PFD) Board for attending the meeting.

Dr. Tollefson welcomed everyone and stated that good things have happened with McIntyre Hall and expressed appreciation for the leadership provided by both the SVC Board of Trustees and the PFD Board.

Ms. Nida Tautvydas, Executive Director of McIntyre Hall, presented information on current year income and expenses. She provided information on the following usage statistics:

- During 2005-06, 35,483 people attended events at McIntyre Hall
- In the first three months of 2006-07, over 12,400 people have been in attendance;
- Bookings for 2005-06 totaled 202; bookings for 2006-07 already totals 212.

Ms. Tautvydas then reviewed the current goals and vision for McIntyre Hall:

- Integrate and collaborate with SVC departments to augment the learning experience, to make use of facilities and resources, and to provide cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities for students, faculty and staff;
• Maintain and develop opportunities for access, collaboration, and support of local performing arts organizations in an effort to build audiences and increase facility usage;
• Present a varied selection of national and international performing artists, speakers, and special events;
• Foster access and usage by the community;
• Serve as a welcome gathering place where the community can come together to experience the performing arts, engage in dialogue, and celebrate community;
• Operate responsibly, balancing sound financial management with artistic and community responsiveness; and
• Contribute to or catalyze economic growth and vitality in Mount Vernon and Skagit County.

Discussion followed Ms. Tautvydas’s report.

Mr. Marc Estvold reviewed information on the PFD funds available as of October 31, 2006, the proposed budget, sales tax collection history, and information on the bond debt.

Discussion followed Mr. Estvold’s report.

Mr. Mike Crawford, PFD Board member, stated that good results are happening at McIntyre Hall and believes that the use and fees are well explained and much improved.

Ms. Tautvydas stated that she is in the process of adjusting the fee structure to make it easier to understand and appropriate to the different areas available.

Dr. Dennis Edmonds, PFD Board Chair, stated that McIntyre Hall is a wonderful facility and it has been a good project that is working amazingly well.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the study session was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Debra Lisser, Chair
Gary Tollefson, President
Executive Secretary to the Board
Lisa Radeleff, Secretary to the President