

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Ron Sorvaag, Mary Johnson and Joe Deutsch. Also present were Jim Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Greg McCullough, Carolyn Boutain and Clay Whittlesey.

BUDGET HEARING

The floor opened for questions and comments. Commissioner Joe Deutsch referred to budget proposal put together by staff. No questions or comments were raise. Hearing closed.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular September meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 2009 Bills

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Ron Sorvaag seconded a motion to approve the bills for September, 2009, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Board to Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing
Federal Transit Administration Application**

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding this matter. It is merely an administrative matter to have the board approve the fact that this application is being submitted for this federal program. Commission Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Further, Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commission Ron Sorvaag seconded a motion to approve the Fargo Park District being reimbursed for the Fargo Senior Services Transportation Facility from the Federal Transit Administration Grant Funds in order to start the project in a timely manner and keep it on schedule. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Award Bids for Fargo Senior Services Transportation Facility

David Schultz, architect, presented to the board regarding this matter. He explained that bids had been taken for the above-referenced project and that a bid tabulation was enclosed with details of all of the bid results in the meeting board packet.

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the bids as follows: KBW with alternative package one and alternative package two, including the base bid for the amount of \$1,008,570; bid package M for mechanical construction to Laney's Inc. for the sum of \$158,865; and bid package E to Charlie & Son's Electric for \$62,360. Upon call of the roll the motion passed unanimously.

Award Sale of Refunding Improvement Bonds for Refinancing of 2001 Refunding Bond Issue

Jim Larson presented to the board, along with Myron Knutson from PFM. It was noted that there was an outstanding issue of \$2,225,000 from 2001 and there is a favorable opportunity to refinance. Bids were let and the winning bid from UMB Bank for 1.8092% from Kansas City, Kansas was received. This will result in a total savings of \$30,369 to the Fargo Park District.

Commission Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded the motion to approve the refinancing of the bonds as presented at 1.8092% with UMB Bank. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Review Wind Turbine Project

Jim Larson presented to the board. It was noted that originally the Fargo Park District would consider this project with the possibility of spending up to \$800,000 regarding this matter. It was also noted that the Fargo Schools and the West Fargo Public Schools were considering the project, but both have since decided no due to the fact that costs were higher than projected.

Commission Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion for the Fargo Park District to discontinue involvement with the wind turbine project. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Edgewood Winter Chalet Concessions Arrangements

Clay Whittlesey presented to the board regarding this matter. It was noted that there had been issues brought to the district's attention regarding health concerns with outside food being brought into the chalet. It was being recommended that Divots be the sole provider of food and beverage to the chalet when it is rented out for outside events.

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion that the Fargo Park District will no longer allow privately prepared food and beverage to come in to the Edgewood Chalet because of health regulations and that all food brought into the chalet shall be provided by the Divots Restaurant. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Award Bids for Rose Creek Irrigation Control Upgrade

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding this matter. It is noted that this system needed to be upgraded and that an approach to be able to eliminate the need for wires in said upgrade would go to a remote wireless system. The original estimate for the project was \$50,000, but it was recently learned in a bid that the actual price would be \$70,000. The park district did receive a bid for \$70,500 from Liebold Irrigation and would also have received a \$3,000 credit for existing controllers.

Commission Mary Johnson moved and Commission Ron Sorvaag seconded a motion to award a bid to Liebold Irrigation with control option B for \$70,500 with \$3,000 credit for existing controllers for a net cost of \$60,500. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Approval of Fivesomes for Fargo Park District Golf Courses

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding this matter. It had been reviewed by a golf committee and there had been discussion regarding considering fivesomes in order to increase the amount of play at the district's golf courses. Discussion ensued regarding the benefits and detriments to allowing such a system. The matter failed to move forward for lack of a second. It was noted that said matter would be reconsidered at a later time.

Board to Consider Approval of Five-for-One 2010 Season Golf Pass

Jim Larson presented to the board regarding a five-for-one season golf pass for all of the park district's golf courses. It was noted the pricing structure was based upon 25% surcharge over and above the Osgood season pass.

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to approve the five-for-one pass as presented, together with a combined nine hole five-for-one pass at a pricing structure as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Christopher M. Kennelly