

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Aaron Hill, Zoé Absey, Joe Deutsch, Jerry Rostad, and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jane Gust, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

### **Approval of Amended Agenda**

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the amended agenda with the removal of “Consideration of Agreement for Installation of Synthetic Turf at Tharaldson Little League Complex” from the Agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Zoé Absey moved and Commissioner Aaron Hill seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes the August 5, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The August bills;
- (c) Reject all bids for the Snack Food Vending Bid for Concessions;
- (d) Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the city of Fargo for the Construction of the Red River Shared Used Path;
- (e) Governance Policies (GP 1-2-3-5-7) Commitments, Board Culture, Committee Structure, Commissioner Duties and Responsibilities, and Commissioner Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest;
- (f) Commissioner/Executive Director Relationships (C/ED 1-2-4-5), Single Point of Contact, Single Unit Control, Authority of Executive Director, and Executive Director Accountability;
- (g) Final Draft of the Park Board Benefits;
- (h) North Dakota Department of Transportation Authorizing Resolution For Valley Senior Services;
- (i) Selkirk 4<sup>th</sup> Developers Agreement

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to discuss issues with the Board.

### **Director's Report**

No Director's Report was provided. No action was taken on this matter.

### **Consideration of Single-Track Bike Trail**

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that Greg Tehven approached the Park District regarding constructing a single-track bike trail between Dike East and Pontes Park near downtown Fargo. It was noted that this was not originally on the Park District's plans as something to

construct. It was noted that Greg Tehven agreed to take on the fundraising for the construction of the trail along with coordinating the construction. It was noted that the Park District would have the right to oversee the process and plans. It was noted that Greg Tehven and volunteers would be responsible for the maintenance of the trails for three years and which point FM Trailbuilders agreed to take over the maintenance. It was noted that as part of this approval, the Park District also needs to approve a license agreement with the City of Fargo because some portions of the trail will cross over city owned land.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the Memo of Understanding and Trail License Agreement for the single-track bike trail, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

At 6:00pm the regular hearing was closed and the Budget Hearing was opened to afford members of the public to discuss the proposed 2026 budget. There was no public comment and the Budget Hearing was closed at 6:01pm.

The regular meeting was re-opened at 6:01 pm.

### **Approve Beverage Concessions and Vending Bid**

Kevin Boe presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that both Pepsi and Coke submitted competitive bids. It was noted that Coke's bid included incentives for the more volume that the Park District sells in anticipation of the Park District sales increasing from the fully opened Sports Center. It was noted that Coke's Option 2 package includes a \$100,000.00 first year funding and incentive funding each year thereafter. It was also noted that Coke's package includes a \$3,000 per year marketing budget and \$4,000 per year in free samples.

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the bid from Coca-Cola Option 2, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and upon unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:07 p.m.

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Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk