

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF OCTOBER 7, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38th 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 Agenda

Commissioner Zoé Absey moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes of the September 9, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The September bills;
- (c) Approval to Bid Cornerstone Bank Arena Ice Refrigeration Replacement Project

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

Susan Faus updated the board on various Park District matters. No action was taken on this matter.

Review of 2025 Fargo Parks Outdoor Pool season

Dave Klundt and Isabelle Sinkler presented to the Board on the 2025 outdoor pool season. No action was taken on this matter.

2026 Final Budget

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Park District was presenting a balanced budget for approval. It was noted that the Park District takes a grassroots approach to the budget process and has direct feedback and involvement of each department. It was noted that the Park District projects \$42 million in total revenue. It was noted that some of the additions on the revenue side include added charges for services, intergovernmental revenue and interest income. It was noted that the Park District is budgeting for a 3.5% increase in employee salaries but that new no full time positions will be added in 2026. It was noted that health care expenses will increase by 9% and that the Park District is budgeting for \$7.6 million for equipment and park improvements. It was noted that Valley Senior Services maintains a balanced budget that was presented but that their budget is completely separate for the Park

District. It was noted that the Park District continues to be strategic with its budget with a focus on investment into key facilities and infrastructure.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Final Budget, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Update

Commissioner Vicki Dawson presented to the Board on the updates from the Planning Commission. No action was taken on this matter.

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 6:20 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk