

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF MARCH 10, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 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, Vicky Dawson, Joe Deutsch (virtual), and Jerry Rostad. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jayne Gust and Andrew Younker on behalf of Attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

- (a) The minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting;
- (b) The February bills;
- (c) Accepting the following bid packages
  - Approval of North Maintenance Shop Fence Improvement Project Bids.
  - Approval of Lindenwood Park Bike Rental Shelter Improvement Project Bids.
  - Approval of Pepsi Soccer and North Softball Complexes Shelter Improvement Project Bids.
  - Approval of Security Staffing Services Bids.
  - Approval to apply for a Garrison Diversion Grant on behalf of Post 2 Baseball for the backstop netting project at Jack Williams.
  - Approval of 2026 Pavement Improvement Project – Parking Lot Bids.
  - Approval of 2026 Pavement Improvement Project – Trails and Sidewalks Bids.
  - Approval of Oak Grove Road Replacement Project Bids.
  - Approval of Lions Conservancy Park Trail Extension and Trailhead Improvement Project Bids.

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.

**FM Trailbuilders**

Laurens Robinson and Tim Krieg presented to the Board on this matter. Laurens actively promoted natural surface trails (i.e., built, cut, rake and ride trails) that are designed to be diverted away from traffic in the FM area. The first trail was opened in Iwen South in 2017 spanning 2 miles. The newest trail in South

River Prairie will bring the total single track trail area to 10 miles. Trails are maintained year-round with about 10-15 working volunteers. Laurens covered methods of advertising the trails on social media, including using Strava to promote the trails. They are partnered with Junkyard, Bobcat, and Northwest Composite Wolves, amongst others. They receive donations from the biking and outdoor enthusiast community, with a current budget of around \$8,000 - \$10,000 per year.

Laurens suggested creating more obstacles/variations on the trails to appeal to a wider range of riders and placement of trail heads and signage along the trail for navigation. They would need approval to build any permanent structures (i.e., trail heads and signage) of the sort. Laurens mentioned current requests to expand the trail into South Fargo and suggested a pump track in the Hector area. Tim focused primarily on trail expansion, inclusion of a pump track, and increasing traffic on and variation to FM trails.

No action was taken on this matter.

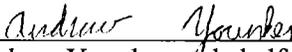
### **Governance Committee Update**

Commissioner Jerry Rostad presented to the Board on updates from the Governance Committee. He mentioned a formal written Commissioner compensation policy. No action was taken on this matter.

### **Planning Committee Update**

Commissioner Dawson presented to the Board on updates from the Planning Committee. 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 6:13 p.m.

  
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Andrew Younker on behalf of Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly  
Business Law, Clerk