

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF AUGUST 5, 2025**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, August 5, 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, and Jerry Rostad. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jane Gust, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- (a) The minutes the July 8, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The July 2025 bills;

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 presented this matter and provided an informational update to the Board on the respective departments. No action was taken on this matter.

### **Approval of 2026 Preliminary Budget**

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that all departments within the Park District work together to put the budget together. It was noted that the Park District is funded by three primary funding sources: property taxes, charge for services, and intergovernmental services. It was noted that the property taxes make up approximately 50%-60% of the revenues received by the Park District. It was noted that staff personnel will increase by 3.5%, that park maintenance will increase by \$1,133,263.00 due to facility improvements and equipment needs, an increase of \$135,204 from last year toward capital projects, and an estimated reduction of \$681,294.00 in swimming pool expenses with all pools being operational. It was noted that the Park District expects an increase in property tax revenue despite a reduction in the mill levy due to new properties being added to the tax base and a projected increase in assessed values of properties. It was noted that the public hearing for budget is September 9 and that the final budget will be presented to the Board at the October 7 meeting.

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Governance Committee Update**

Commissioner Hill presented to the Board updates from the previous Governance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

### **Planning Committee Update**

Commissioner Rostad presented to the Board updates from the previous Governance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

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 5:45 p.m.

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Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk