

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF AUGUST 11, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 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 Joe Deutsch, Zoé Absey, Emily Secor May, Jerry Rostad and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Susan Faus, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes the July 14, 2026 meeting;
- (b) The July 2026 bills;
- (c) Bid from Jet Black Industries in the amount of \$54,500.00 for the Riverwood Park Stormwater Outlet Repair Project; and
- (d) Second Reading of the Amended and Restated Ordinances of the Park District of the City of Fargo

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 Covey Ranch Developers Agreement

Tyler Kirchner presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the plan is for a 6.31 acre park with a warming house and multiple-purpose building, public art; a paved parking lot, a plaza and shelter, and a combination of paved and walking trails. It was noted that the total cost of the planned park is estimated at \$2,980,000.00 but that approximately \$640,000.00 of that cost will be contributed by developers for payment in lieu agreements. It was noted that the Developers are still working with the city to get the development platted and that the Park District is trying to work more closely with developers in the pre-platting process.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the Covey Ranch Developers Agreement as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Fargo Parks Sports Center Update

Kali Morck updated the Board on usage, financials, and future plans related to the Fargo Parks Sports Center. No action was taken on this matter.

2027 Budget Review

Broc Lietz updated the Board on the budget process in advance of the formal budget procedures to be coming in the following months. No action was taken on this matter.

Approval of Park Board Committee Assignments

Commissioner Rostad presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that Commissioners sit on the following Committees: Planning, Governance, Fargo Park District Foundation; and Fargo Youth Initiative. It was recommended that the following commissioners serve on each committee:

Planning Committee	Absey as Chair; Dawson and Deutsch
Governance Committee	Rostad as Chair; Secor May
Fargo Park District Foundation	Rostad
Fargo Youth Initiative	Absey

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the Committee appointments as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Committee Update

Commissioner Zoé Absey 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 6:45 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk