

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, September 8, 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, Dave Bietz, Jayne Gust and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes the August 11, 2026 meeting;
- (b) The August bills;
- (c) 2027 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule
- (d) Bid for Snow Removal Services at the Fargo Parks Sports Center to Glacier Snow Management as presented to the Board.

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 Amendment to the Southwest Regional Pond Memorandum of
Understanding with the City of Fargo**

Tony Schmitt presented to the board on this matter. It was noted that the Park District and the City of Fargo have an existing memorandum of understanding for the Southwest Regional Pond area that spans from 52nd Avenue South and 64th Avenue South, between 45th street and Veterans Boulevard. It was noted that the Amendment is intended to expand the area that falls under the MOU to include the far South ponda area that is located south of 64th Avenue and to spell out future development responsibilities, maintenances and replacement of amenities in the future when needed.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the Amendment to the Southwest Regional Pond Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Fargo as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2027 Preliminary Budget

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. Mr. Lietz provided a detailed presentation of the proposed balanced preliminary budget for 2027.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Preliminary Budget as presented. 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 the opportunity to discuss the proposed 2027 budget. One member of the public spoke and the Budget Hearing was closed at 6:06pm.

The regular meeting was re-opened at 6:06pm.

E-Bikes and E-Scooters Discussion

Susan Faus led an open discussion regarding the uses of E-Bikes and E-Scooters on Fargo Park District properties. No action was taken on this matter.

Governance Committee Update

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

Planning Committee Update

Commissioner Zoé Absey presented to the Board updates from the previous Planning 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 7:05 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk