

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Aaron Hill, Jerry Rostad, Zoë Absey, Joe Deutsch and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Jayne Gust, Susan Faus, and attorney Jeffrey Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Joe Deustch moved, and Commissioner Vicki Dawson 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 Zoë Absey seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes from August 6, 2024, meeting.
- (b) The August 2024 bills.
- (c) Award bid for Rheault Farm Fencing Replacement Project toto American Security & Gate Company in the amount of \$61,450.00.
- (d) Approve the MOU Agreement with the City of Fargo for the construction of the Red River Phase 2 Trail and the Drain 27 Trail Crossing Projects.
- (e) Approve staff to apply for Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant and the Outdoor Heritage Grant.

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.

Adoption of City of Fargo Ordinance Enacting Article 10-14 of Chapter 10 of the Fargo Municipal Code Relating to Camping on Public Property

Susan Faus, Brenda Dering (Assistant City Administrator), and Chandler Esslinger (Community Liaison for Harm Reduction) presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the City of Fargo, the Park District and Harm Reduction have been working toward a path to alleviating the concerns with encampments on city and Park District properties. It was noted that the city has completed the steps to enact the camping ordinance along with the resolution outlining the rules and regulations of where camping would be permitted. It was noted that currently there are approximately 40 people living outside and most of the 40 were already within or very near the permitted camping areas. All of the commissioners expressed their gratitude to all parties for their efforts in putting this together.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Zoë Absey seconded a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the City of Fargo Ordinance enacting Article 10-14 of Chapter 10 of the Fargo Municipal Code relating to camping on public property, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

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 5:50 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing opened at 6:00 p.m. It was noted that the preliminary budget was approved at the August board meeting. It was noted that this was the time and place for public input regarding the budget. No members of the public spoke during the hearing.

No action was taken on this matter. The Budget Hearing was closed at 6:03 pm

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk