

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF JANUARY 13, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Aaron Hill, Zoé Absey, Joe Deutsch, and Rostad. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jayne Gust and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Joe Duetsch moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The December bills;
- (c) Approval of Designation of Depositories of Public Funds for Fargo Park District and Valley Senior Services

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. Several members of the community made comments to the Board regarding senior services offered at Broadway Station and also a member concern with Courts Plus.

Director's Report

Susan Faus updated the board on various Park District matters. No action was taken on this matter.

Approval of Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Commissioner Jerry Rostad presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the main portions of the Executive Director's Employment Agreement remained unchanged from the original agreement. It was noted that the two primary changes to the agreement were updating the salary based on inflation and market analysis, along with making the contract a rolling two year agreement rather than a one year agreement. Commissioner Rostad read comments from Commissioner Dawson stating that Susan Faus's performance in 2025 exceeded expectations and that the Future of the Park District is strong with Susan's leadership. Commissioner Hill stated that Susan Faus has gone above and beyond the role and that her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Aaron Hill motioned and Commissioner Joe Duetsch seconded the motion to approve the Executive Director's Employment Agreement with the Fargo Park District, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Governance Committee Update

Commissioner Jerry Rostad presented to the Board on the updates from the Governance Committee. No action was taken on this matter.

Planning Committee Update

Commissioner Aaron Hill presented to the Board on the 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 6:10 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk