

**Foss Park District**  
**Special Meeting September 5, 2023**

**Call to order:** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Board members present: Commissioner Johnny Johnson, Commissioner Donna King, Commissioner Kingston Neal and Commissioner Vance Wyatt.

Board members absent: None.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Discussion**

1. Fiestas Patrias: September 16, 2023 – Vision Park: Mr. Bahena summarized his proposal for the Fiestas Patrias. Events planned include: parade, food vendors, craft vendors and music with the festivities similar to Community Days. Mr. Bahena has a preferred vendor to sell alcohol at the event and is asking the Board for permission for him to use that vendor. Commissioner Johnson stated he has no problem with Mr. Bahena being responsible for the alcohol sales. Commissioner Neal spoke about the Foss Park District receiving a percentage of sales. Commissioner Wyatt stated the percent needed formal approval and asked if 10% of revenue was acceptable. Mr. Bahena agreed.
2. Resignation: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn: Commissioner Wyatt asked Attorney Mack for a summary of opinion on resignation. Attorney Mack stated the resignation was valid based on Park District Code and does not agree with Ms. Hawthorn’s attorney for reasons for withdrawal. Commissioner Wyatt asked about the case laws that were stated in Ms. Hawthorn’s attorney’s letter and Attorney Mack stated those were Municipal Code. Commissioner King asked Attorney Mack for the three options that were submitted to the board and Attorney Mack stated they included: (1) declaring the vacancy and appointing someone with a majority approval of Board, (2) Board agrees to allow the resignation to be withdrawn and Ms. Hawthorn retains seat and (3) accept the resignation and reappoint Ms. Hawthorn to the seat to fill the remaining term. Attorney Mack stated the seat must be vacated for any of these options.
3. Golf Carts – Yamaha exchange (email August 31): Mr. Monroe stated the Yamaha carts are still tentatively due for late September, early October; however there are 23 carts down right now with three golf outings coming up. Mr. Monroe stated Yamaha is willing to absorb the additional \$900.00 per cart cost if the Foss Park District accepts the increased interest rate. Commissioner Neal stated he has a hard time absorbing that increase. Mr. Monroe stated Yamaha will purchase all the old golf carts (running or not) at approximately \$61,000.00. Commissioner Wyatt stated the Board should consider holding some carts back and postponing the vote until the Regular September meeting.

**Business**

1. Approve Fiestas Patrias: September 16, 2023 – Vision Park

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve Fiestas Patrias: September 16, 2023 – Vision Park at 10% revenue sharing. Second by Commissioner King.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Declare: Vacant Board of Commissioners Seat

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve to declare vacant Board of Commissioners Seat. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal.

Nay: Commissioner King and Commissioner Wyatt.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION FAILS

3. Approve: Golf Carts – Yamaha exchange

Commissioner King motions to postpone Golf Carts – Yamaha exchange until September 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

Aye: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner King, Commissioner Neal and Commissioner Wyatt.

Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES

**Citizens Comments**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 5:58 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary