

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: None

Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn stated she was present and at the table.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Commissioner Johnson asked for an explanation on what was happening. Commissioner Wyatt read an email received from Law Offices Storino Ramello & Durkin. Commissioner Johnson asked for further clarification and discussion continued. Ms. Cowart asked Commissioner Wyatt if Commissioner Hawthorn's name should be called and he said yes.

6:06 pm Commissioner Johnson leaves the room.

1. Greater Waukegan Development Coalition – contract. Ms. Blanks was not present at moment, move to item 2.
2. Economic interest filers – Board of Commissioners (Mr. Skof). Mr. Skof reviewed the Economic Interest forms that must be completed by elected officials and requested the names that should be listed.

6:09 pm Commissioner Neal leaves the room.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart submitted written report with updates through emails. Commissioner Wyatt called Decennial Committee Meeting for Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30 pm. This committee pertains to Local Government Efficiency Act.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof submitted written report.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter reported the new Park Foreman has begun, equipment was being repaired/serviced and he is looking at new tables.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported the course is officially closed, the PGA show is at the end of the month, painting of the interior of the Clubhouse will begin and the HVAC unit on the gaming side is down, but servicer has been called.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Johnson report: Ms. Johnson submitted a written report and stated she is looking to fill two positions.

Ms. Blanks stated the Greater Waukegan Development Coalition has no changes to the proposed contract. Commissioner Wyatt stated it can be voted on at the February Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Andrew Acker: Mr. Acker is Commissioner Hawthorn's attorney and in his opinion, she belongs at the table by the default order.
2. Camecia Hawthorn: Speaking as citizen, Ms. Hawthorn said she remained silent for too long, she stands for community, truth and honesty and has been rejected as a Commissioner from the beginning.
3. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards stated he was speaking as a community member and some people have been in their positions too long, it's time to do something different, the community showed up and they elected Commissioner Hawthorn.
4. Clyde McLemore: Mr. McLemore stated some people have been there too long and the community voted them in and can vote them out, the law says she has the spot and questioned if staff are ready for their position.
5. Jackie Cunningham: Ms. Cunningham stated she is there in support of Commissioner Hawthorn.

Executive Session

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity: employee evaluation and possible wage increase

Commissioner King moves to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Hawthorn seconds.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES at 6:32 pm

Commissioner Wyatt opens the Committee Meeting at 6:40 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:40 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Commissioner Carmecia Hawthorn, Commissioner Donna King and Commissioner Vance Wyatt

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson and Commissioner Kingston Neal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to approve Tax Levy Hearing, Committee Meeting, and Regular Meeting (12/20/2023). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (12/15/2023-01/12/2023): \$28,207.85, invoices due \$8,714.66, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$4,416.77 and first of the month bills (February) – approximate: \$9,822.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$118,758.57 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve petty cash Business Office \$30.74 as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

5. FINANCE REPORTS: Commissioner King motions to approve finance reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

6. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

FINANCE: COMMISSIONER WYATT: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

GOLF: COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

PARKS: COMMISSIONER HAWTHORN: as presented in Committee Meeting.

RECREATION: COMMISSIONER KING: as presented in the Committee Meeting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Greater Waukegan Development Coalition: Juneteenth 2024 contract
Commissioner King motions to approve Greater Waukegan Development Coalition: Juneteenth 2024 contract. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: Early orders: golf course supplies – Advanced Turf \$11,606.92, Arthur Clesen \$2,743.32 and Simplot Turf \$35,065.00 (\$3,400.00+\$2,520.00+\$29,145.00)
Commissioner King motions to approve Early orders: golf course supplies – Advanced Turf \$11,606.92, Arthur Clesen \$2,743.32 and Simplot Turf \$35,065.00 (\$3,400.00+\$2,520.00+\$29,145.00). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: mowing services 2024 – TRISTATE Platinum Landscaping, LLC
Based on perimeters of 2023 bid award, TRISTATE Platinum Landscaping, LLC retains the contract.

4. Approval: possible wage increase as discussed in Executive Session
Commissioner King motions to postpone possible wage increase as discussed in Executive Session until February 2024 Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal

MOTION CARRIES

5. Approval: Elected officials economic interest filer changes as discussed in Committee Meeting Discussion in Committee Meeting included five Commissioners (Hawthorn, Johnson, King, Neal and Wyatt).

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:04 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary