

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: none

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Criminal History Records Check policy revision: Ms. Cowart reviewed the proposed policy as presented by Foss Park District attorney with noted correction.
2. Mowing bid: Ms. Cowart stated the mowing services need to be rebid and the contract can be for three years per Foss Park District attorney.
3. Golf Course culvert repair update: Ms. Cowart stated she and Commissioner Neal met with City of North Chicago Chief of Staff and was informed that a permit is not necessary for the culvert repair.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart submitted written report.

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

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated tree removal will happen in mid-February and new picnic tables will be sanded and coated.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported he has a follow up meeting with EV charging stations and will have more information at the next meeting. Commissioner Neal discussed renewable energy email.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall reported brochure is complete and will be mailed out and reviewed recreation activities.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards stated he is tired of the dirty politics and voiced displeasure with golf course.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:24 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Board members absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

1. MINUTES: Commissioner King motions to approve Tax Levy Hearing, Committee Meeting, Executive Session and Regular Meeting (12/18/2024). Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. BILLS: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (12/13/2024-01/09/2025): \$124,718.39, invoices due \$62,211.89, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$4,561.00 and first of the month bills (February) – approximate: \$10,750.00 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$75,601.92 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. PETTY CASH REPORTS: none

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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.

*see above

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Approval: phone system and internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024)
Commissioner King motions to postpone to a later day phone system and internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024). Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

8. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval: Criminal History Records Check policy revision as presented in Committee Meeting
Commissioner King motions to approve Criminal History Records Check policy revision as presented in Committee Meeting. Second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards stated Commissioners should not be speaking to potential candidates and they sometimes make employee jobs difficult and he is an advocate for what is right even when it is hard.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:07 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary