

**Foss Park District
Committee Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025**

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

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:01 pm Commissioner Johnny Johnson enters the room.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Mowing bids review: Mr. Skof read submitted bids with discussion by the Board of Commissioners regarding the companies.
2. Culvert repair bids review: Commissioner Neal stated this work needs to be completed and would like to start conversations regarding the bridge. Mr. Winter stated irrigation needs to be replaced/repared by contractors.
3. Tax abatement: Mr. Skof reviewed the standard procedure that it needs to be filed by March 1.
4. Old equipment: Mr. Skof stated an old tractor and the old Colorado truck can be listed for sale and everything is sold as is with the buyer responsible for pick up.

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart submitted written report. Ms. Cowart discussed putting RFP out for demolition of the pool area and Commissioner Neal stated it needs to be cleaned up. Commissioner Hawthorn stated it should not interfere with other projects.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Skof report: Mr. Skof submitted written report. Mr. Skof reviewed he will have more IT information at the March meeting.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated tree removal has been rescheduled due to weather and the water main break at the Golf Course was repaired.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported golf shows begin the following week and discussed solar options with some companies to get information. Mr. Monroe also had Veterans Energy Team give a presentation on EV charging stations.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Ms. Hall report: Ms. Hall reported the corrections will be completed on the brochure for the website, new programs are being created, presented trips and staff attended the movie "Hush" in Waukegan.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Donna Kalinoski: Ms. Kalinoski requested Commissioners use the provided microphones.

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

Commissioner King motions to move to Executive Session. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 6:54 pm

Committee Meeting reconvenes at 7:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:48 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:49 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 Committee Meeting and Regular Meeting (01/15/2025) and Special Meeting (02/12/2025). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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 (01/10/2025-02/13/2025): \$157,339.07, invoices due \$161,012.86, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$32,891.49 and first of the month bills (March) – approximate: \$10,750.00 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

3. PAYROLL: Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$72,318.73 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: Commissioner King motions to approve Business Office petty cash of \$51.77 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

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 Board meeting phone system and internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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: 2025 mowing bid

Meeting Commissioner King motions to approve 2025 mowing bid received from Tri State Platinum in the amount of \$126,140. Second by Commissioner Neal.

Commissioner Hawthorn asked for the amount to be repeated. Commissioner King stated grass is not mowed if not needed. Commissioner Hawthorn questioned why amounts are so different.

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

Nay: Commissioner Johnson

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: culvert repair bid

Meeting Commissioner Neal motions to approve culvert repair bid from Campanella in the amount of \$43,500. Second by Commissioner King.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: tax abatement

Meeting Commissioner King motions to approve tax abatement. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: possible action based on Executive Session
pass

5. Approval: Commissioners attendance at Government Investment Officer's Association (GIOA) 2025 Conference March 11-15, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada, at an approximate cost of \$4,500.00 each

Meeting Commissioner King motions to approve Commissioners attendance at Government Investment Officer's Association (GIOA) 2025 Conference March 11-15, 2025 in Las Vegas, Nevada, at an approximate cost of \$4,500.00 each. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

Commissioner Johnson asked why this was not discussed in Committee and asked for details of conference.

Commissioner Wyatt stated it is about how to invest. Commissioner Neal stated he agreed with Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Hawthorn stated commissioners should attend conferences.

Aye: Commissioner Hawthorn, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Wyatt

Nay: Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Neal.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 8:08 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary