

**Foss Park District  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2025**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Board members absent: none

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** waived as recited in the Budget and Appropriations Hearing.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

*1. Business Office*

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

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Haqq report: Commissioner Wyatt reviewed Mr. Haqq's submitted written report.

*2. Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated the golf course is running as normal and the quote for the fence replacement at Foss Park was submitted for review. Commissioner Hawthorn thanked Mr. Winter for the tree removal. Commissioner Neal asked which fence. Commissioner Wyatt clarified the split rail fence at Foss Park and it is not being voted on tonight. Commissioner Hawthorn asked if other companies were contacted and Mr. Winter stated there were.

*3. Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe reported the EV charging stations are waiting on permits from the City, three golf carts were damaged over the weekend and upcoming golf outings. Commissioner Johnson stated the remaining culverts are still need of repair and slow driving signs should be installed near them. Commissioner Hawthorn asked why incident reports were not sent out regarding the damage, how long will the EV installation take and the culverts do need repair. Mr. Monroe stated installation should take approximately one week.

*4. Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Recreation report: Ms. Cowart stated fall programming, particularly Latchkey and Football has begun and she will be working with Recreation staff to set up other events and programs.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

-Mr. Cassius Callahan: Mr. Callahan discussed Flames football and asked for the support of the Board of the longstanding program. He asked about uniforms and equipment. Commissioner Wyatt stated the uniforms have been washed and new equipment was ordered. Commissioner Neal stated as alumni of the Flames, he is vested in this program and always has been. Commissioner Hawthorn stated the entire organization wants the program to succeed.

**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 Johnson 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

Committee Meeting resumes at 7:06 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:06 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Board members absent: none

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** waived as recited in the Budget and Appropriations Hearing

**1. MINUTES:** Commissioner Neal motions to approve Committee Meeting, and Regular Meeting (07/16/2025), Special Meeting (08/15/2025). 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 Neal motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (07/12/2025-08/14/2025): \$154,837.55, invoices due \$75,499.59, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$2,344.97 and first of the month bills (September) – approximate: \$28,281.78 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 Neal motions to approve monthly payroll of \$118,858.40 as presented. Second by Commissioner King.

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 Neal motions to approve finance reports and Commissioner reports as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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: internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024)

Commissioner Neal motions to postpone 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

2. Approval: Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds (June 2025)

Commissioner King motions to postpone Community Days – Waiver authorizing outside vendor to sell alcohol on Foss Park District grounds. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Commissioner Johnson

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval: budget and appropriations 2025/26

Commissioner Johnson motions approve budget and appropriations 2025/26. 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. Approval: possible action taken in Executive Session

Commissioner Johnson motions to approve action taken in 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

**9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:10 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary