

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

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

**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**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Bond information: Commissioner Wyatt reviewed bond information that was distributed.
2. Donation request – pickup truck: Board discussion included Commissioner Neal stating the truck is used, Commissioner Hawthorn asked if anyone can ask for anything, Commissioner Wyatt stating it is a Board decision and Commissioner Neal stated normally those items go to auction and the Board should not entertain the idea.
3. National Fitness Program – grant BlueCross BlueShield: The Board would like to see actual renderings of both pieces.
4. Signal 88 – reduction of hours: Ms. Cowart recommended changing security hours for fall/winter seasons to Friday and Saturday from 9 PM to 3 AM. Commissioner Hawthorn asked about the park bathrooms. Commissioner Neal stated he will meet with Ms. Cowart and Mr. Winter.
5. Gas utility: Mr. Haqq reviewed the proposals and requested more time to investigate options.

**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: Mr. Haqq reviewed the gas proposals, employee life insurance (slight increase in medical – 10% and dental – 3%).

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Mr. Winter stated the golf season is winding down and the tennis nets are down at Twin City. Commissioner Hawthorn complimented the repair of the fascia on the washrooms at Foss Park.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe stated the end of the season is near and will continue to operate rentals. He continued staff will continue to work at keeping people from “hanging out in the parking lot.” Mr. Monroe reported the EV chargers are installed and he is waiting on final information regarding payment and Harris Golf Cart will pick up the golf carts the third week of November.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Recreation report: Ms. Cowart submitted recreation program flyers. Commissioner Neal stated the shack on the beach is fully solar.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**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

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting

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 7:01 pm

Committee Meeting resumes at 7:24 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:24 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Wyatt called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

**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** waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

**1. MINUTES:** Commissioner King motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive and Regular Meeting (08/20/2025), Special Meeting (09/05/2025). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

**2. BILLS:** Commissioner King motions to approve monthly bills: invoices paid (08/15/2025-10/09/2025): \$252,320.46, invoices due \$49,377.92, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$4,137.95 and first of the month bills (November) – approximate: \$31,415.12 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

**3. PAYROLL:** Commissioner King motions to approve monthly payroll of \$106,608.16 as presented. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

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 Neal.

Voice vote: Aye: all

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

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 King motions to postpone internet provider upgrade as presented (November 2024). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

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 Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval: public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and for the payment of payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District and payment of the expenses incident thereto

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

2. Approval: donation request – pickup truck

Commissioner King motions to postpone donation request – pickup truck. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

3. Approval: National Fitness Program – grant BlueCross Blue Shield

Commissioner King motions to postpone National Fitness Program – grant BlueCross Blue Shield. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

4. Approval: Commissioner and staff attendance at IAPD Legal Symposium, November 6, 2025 in Oak Brook, IL or virtually at an approximate cost of \$300 each

Commissioner King motions to approve Commissioner and staff attendance at IAPD Legal Symposium, November 6, 2025 in Oak Brook, IL or virtually at an approximate cost of \$300 each. Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

5. Approval: Seven Utility Management Consultants – gas: through November 2029

Commissioner King motions to postpone Seven Utility Management Consultants – gas: through November 2029. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

6. Approval: Employee medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits as presented

Commissioner King motions to approve Employee medical, dental, vision, life insurance benefits as presented. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

7. Approval: possible action taken in Executive Session – personnel

Commissioner King motions to approve possible action taken in Executive Session – personnel establishing Superintendent of Facilities (FT) and techs (PT). Second by Commissioner Neal.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

8. Approval: possible action taken in Executive Session – litigation

Commissioner King motions to approve possible action taken in Executive Session – litigation: attorney recommendation (\$5,000.00 payment). Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Commissioner Johnson

MOTION CARRIES

**9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:32 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary