

**Foss Park District  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2025**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

Board members absent: Commissioner Johnny Johnson

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Johnson entered the room at 6:01 pm.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

1. Tax levy: Mr. Haqq presented the proposed tax levy for Board review.

Commissioner Johnson leaves the room at 6:02 pm

Commissioner Wyatt stated that the levy does not meet the requirement for a hearing and that it is a 9% reduction in taxes for residents (amended).

Commissioner Johnson enters the room at 6:03 pm

Commissioner Wyatt stated the levy is \$2,282,141.00.

2. Bluff stabilization: email December 9: Ms. Cowart reviewed the information from the City of North Chicago for bluff work at Foss Park.

3. Resolution authorizing the accumulation of funds: email December 12: Commissioner Wyatt reviewed the resolution prepared by the attorney.

4. ParkZapp: email December 12: Ms. Cowart reviewed the parks app proposal.

**COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS**

1. *Business Office*

a. Director report: Ms. Cowart report: Ms. Cowart reviewed submitted written report that included recreation programs.

b. Business Manager report: Mr. Haqq report: Mr. Haqq stated tax levy is his report.

2. *Parks*

a. Superintendent of Grounds: Mr. Winter report: Ms. Cowart reported that routine winter maintenance work continues.

3. *Golf*

a. Manager/Golf Pro report: Mr. Monroe report: Mr. Monroe stated the course is closed and work on renovating the Clubhouse has begun and he discussed the Xaxio conference. Commissioner Hawthorn asked for update on the EV charger and to consider activities at the Clubhouse. Mr. Monroe stated the only ones left to install are at the Community Recreation Center. Mr. Monroe also stated he will get a furniture quote as well. Commissioner Wyatt stated the rules for travel compensation do not include international travel.

4. *Recreation*

a. Superintendent of Recreation: Recreation report: Commissioner King thanked Erica Agee for all her work she is doing.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Rayon Edwards: Mr. Edwards thanked the Board for waiving the fee for the senior program and that programs need to be created for the children of the community.

## **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 Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES at 6:31 pm

Committee Meeting resumes at 6:37 pm.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 6:38 pm.

This record is not verbatim.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kari Cowart, Board Secretary

**Foss Park District  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2025**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Board members absent: none

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** waived as recited in the Committee Meeting

**1. MINUTES:** Commissioner King motions to approve Committee Meeting, Executive and Regular Meeting (11/19/2025). 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 (11/13/2025-12/10/2025): \$94,194.89, invoices due \$72,452.75, invoices to be paid by credit card at approximate \$2,788.83 and first of the month bills (January) – approximate: \$29,928.86 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 \$84,599.90 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

**4. PETTY CASH REPORTS:**

**5. FINANCE REPORTS:** Commissioner King 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.

Commissioner Wyatt reminded the Board to review the email regarding the Master Plan.

\*see above

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Approval: National Fitness Program – grant BlueCross Blue Shield (October 2025)

Commissioner King motions to approve National Fitness Program – grant BlueCross Blue Shield (October 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. Approval: resolution authorizing the accumulation of funds #111925 (November 2025)

Commissioner King motions to approve resolution authorizing the accumulation of funds #111925 (November 2025). 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: 2025 tax levy as presented

Commissioner King motions approve 2025 tax levy 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

2. Approval: IPARKS liability insurance effective 01/01/2026-12/31/2026 for \$78,038.00

Commissioner King motions to approve IPARKS liability insurance effective 01/01/2026-12/31/2026 for \$78,038.00. Second by Commissioner Hawthorn.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIES

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

**9. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wyatt stands the meeting adjourned with no objections at 7:03 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Kari Cowart, Board Secretary