

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

President Steve Deatherage called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Steve Deatherage, Vice President Les Newton, Commissioners, Seth Landwehr, and Jody Pullium. Commissioner Rick Schwab was absent. Also present, Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Chief Chance Barlow, Supt. of Parks Jeff Theissen, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on January 17, 2022 by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to review

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was present along with members of the community.

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and place on file by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Bills between Meetings and the Bills to be paid by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to approve the Helping Hands Reports by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle gave an update on the progress of the construction and drainage of the new Pickle Ball courts. The project is estimated to be completed by the end of May.

Director Weigle gave an update on the February 14th formal bid opening for the Spring Creek Bridge Abutment. Stark Excavating Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder. Work on this project is estimated to begin in March and the bridge installed mid-summer.

Director Weigle gave an update on the upcoming Farm Park pond restoration project that includes updates to the water retention area, and replacement of the pump and liner.

Director Weigle informed the board of two new full-time employees. Andy Fincham will join the maintenance department in late March. Amanda Hill was hired as the new Campground/Marina Manager and will work alongside Sue Doering until her retirement at the end of the season.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Caterpillar 306-07CR Next Gen Mini Excavator for \$117,000.00 by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to award the contract to Stark Excavating, Inc as the lowest responsible qualified bidder for the Spring Creek Preserve Pedestrian Bridge Project in the amount of \$155,369.00 by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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Superintendent Theissen updated the board on the maintenance departments various spring projects and preparations to open the parks. The water has been turned on at the campground and they are preparing to open for the season.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle updated the board on the current and upcoming Rec programs. Registration is currently underway for both the spring soccer camp and softball season. The basketball season is coming to a successful end with more than double the participants than last year.

Chief Barlow gave a brief update of the department's activity and calls since the last board meeting.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to Review

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of litigation and action on behalf of the Fon du Lac Park District is probable or imminent, for considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and for the purpose of discussing the purchase, sale or lease of real estate at 4:24 p.m. by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 4:55 pm by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to adjourn at 4:57 pm by Deatherage, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Steve Deatherage, President

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Les Newton, Vice President