

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, December 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

President Les Newton called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 18, 2023. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners, Seth Landwehr, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. Also present, Attorney Rick Joseph, Director Craig Weigle, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, and Secretary Erin Glover.

President Newton called to order a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$ 1,225,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the 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 for the payment of the expenses incident thereto. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners, Seth Landwehr, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. There were no members of the public present, and no public comments were discussed. Motion to adjourn by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

President Newton called to order a public hearing concerning the Proposed 2024 Annual Budget. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners, Seth Landwehr, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. There were no members of the public present, and no public comments were discussed. Motion to adjourn by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to regular session at 4:02 p.m. by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held November 20, 2023 by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to review.

Recognition of Visitors

Staff from Channel 22 was present.

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and place on file by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Bills between Meetings and the Bills to be paid by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Financial Report and place on file subject to audit by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Helping Hands Reports by Newton, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Annual Combined Levy Ordinance #121823-L by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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Motion to approve the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #121823-B of the Fon du Lac Park District for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024 by Newton, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Building and Grounds

Director Weigle informed the board that the Campground closed on December 1st and that overall revenue had significantly increased from 2022.

Director Weigle presented the board with a Reciprocity Agreement with Robein School District 85 that allows the Park District's Youth Basketball program to utilize the gyms at Robein for games from December through February. The Park District would in exchange agree to purchase and install new backboards for the main court and maintain Robein's ball diamond infield May through October. Formal action for this Reciprocity Agreement will take place at the January 16, 2024 board meeting.

Director Weigle presented the board with a letter from the National Fitness Campaign Grant Committee confirming our eligibility for a \$50,000 Grant Award that will be applied toward the cost of the Fitness Court Project equipment. A breakdown of the total cost and milestone timeline for this project was also provided.

Superintendent Mingus gave an update on the progress of the various projects at the Farm Park, Quail Meadows, and the Disc Golf Course. He also informed the board that the plow trucks were set up and ready for snow removal.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R2023-4 approving the Grant Award from the National Fitness Campaign in the amount of \$50,000 by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Parking Agreement for 2024 with Jonah's Seafood House & 2601 Oyster Bar by Deatherage, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Personnel

Motion to approve the increase of all seasonal and part time employees currently receiving an increase based on the wage step scale by an additional \$1.00 per hour by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to increase all full time employee wages by \$1.00 plus 3% per hour effective January 1, 2024, and to provide for merit increases to such full time employees as the Director may subsequently recommend and the Board of Commissioners may subsequently approve, retroactive to January 1, 2024, provided, however, that the total increase for any one employee shall not exceed 6% by Pullium, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Director Weigle briefly reviewed the current Sport and Tumbling programs. There are approximately five hundred participants already enrolled for the next Tumbling session starting in January.

Golf Director Wolff and Chief Barlow provided written board reports for the board to review.

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Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to Review

Executive Session

No executive session

Motion to adjourn at 4:21 pm by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Les Newton, President

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Jody Pullium, Vice President