

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2025

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on May 15, 2025 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, and Redmann were present. Commissioner Jeske was absent. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Mike Wolf appeared before the Board as the Featured Partner and Program to talk about the 50th Annual Sam McQuade Sr. Charity Softball Tournament.

Mindy Piatz with Brady Martz presented the 2024 audited financial statements. Commissioner Herzog moved to accept the audit as presented. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved to accept the apparent low bid of \$155,500 submitted by Oxentenko, Inc. for the interior painting of the VFW Sports Center. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Herzog moved to accept the apparent low bid of \$129,658 submitted by Paramount Builders, Inc. for the construction of a new playground at McDowell Dam. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved to accept the low bid of \$43,741 from Webber Recreation for play equipment and installation at General Sibley Park and the low bid of \$4,678 for the engineered wood fibers from Dakota Playground for this same location. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Herzog moved to approve the companion agreement between the city of Bismarck and Bismarck Parks and Recreation District for the Expressway underpass tunnel mural. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve a one year concessions extension with the Bismarck Hockey Boosters for the Capital Ice Complex. This extension would end August 31, 2026.

Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Herzog moved approval of an addendum to the Bareknuckle Baseball and Northwood League use agreement regarding potential damage to the artificial turf. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved approval of the April 17, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve bills for payment with checks 408228 to 408235 and 218515 to 218718 along with bank drafts DFT001549 to DFT001563, EFTs 3360 to 3398 and direct deposits 86024 to 86753. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved approval for the Board to go into executive session under the authority of NDCC §§ 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for attorney consultation with Legal Counsel John Ward and to discuss contract negotiation for the sale Hay Creek lots. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The topic or purpose of this executive session is for attorney consultation with the Board's attorney and to discuss contract negotiation for the sale of Hay Creek lots. The executive session will be recorded, and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session does not apply to providing guidance or instructions to the Park District attorney or negotiator.

All members were asked to leave the room. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Redmann, and President Zimmerman along with Executive Director Kevin Klipfel, Finance Director Kathy Feist, Legal Counsel John Ward, and Administrative Services Manager Julie Fornshell were present at the executive session which began at 6:04 pm. The executive session and Park Board meeting were adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held June 19, 2025 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.