

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois  
Held Monday, June 17, 2024,  
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, June 17, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Les Newton, Vice President Jody Pullium, Commissioners Rick Schwab, Steve Deatherage and Seth Landwehr. Also, present Attorney Kate Carter, Interim Police Chief Dale Orr, Director of Golf Tom Wolff, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

**Minutes of Meetings**

Motion to approve the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held May 20, 2024, by Newton, seconded by Landwehr, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Session held May 20, 2024, by Deatherage, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to Adjourn Regular Session for Reorganization of the Board at 4:01 p.m. by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Rick Schwab as President Pro Tempore by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Jody Pullium as President of the Board by Schwab seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Seth Landwehr as Vice President of the Board by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Erin Glover as Treasurer of the Board by Schwab, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Erin Glover as Secretary to the Board by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to appoint Rick Joseph and Miller, Hall and Triggs as Attorney/Law Firm for the District by Schwab, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Meeting Schedule by Pullium, seconded by Schwab. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to hire the following Administrative Staff: Craig Weigle as Executive Director, Dale Orr as Interim Chief of Police, Thomas Wolff as Director of Golf, Adam Mingus as Superintendent of Parks, and Erin Glover as Business Manager by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to Regular Session at 4:07 pm by Pullium, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Correspondence**

The Fon du Lac Ladies Golf League wrote to the board thanking them for supporting their annual tournament.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Channell 22 was present

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**Finance**

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

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

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

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

**Building and Grounds**

**Director's Report:** Director Weigle updated the board on the negotiations between the Park District and East Peoria Community High School for updating the tennis courts. The final Intergovernmental Agreement is included for review and approval. Commissioner Newton asked if there would be full court lines for the basketball courts along with the lines for tennis. Director Weigle advised as of now the free throw lines would be the only basketball related lines painted on the two combined tennis and basketball courts.

The Campground Marina season is going very well. Amanda Hill, the Campground and Marina Manager, has done a great job during her first season as manager. The campground / marina office has obtained a liquor license and can now sell packaged liquor.

The Fitness Court concrete slab was poured at the end of May. The equipment installation and graphics are scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for public use.

Fon du Lac Farm Park is now open Tuesday through Sunday and is doing very well. The free Tuesday on June 11<sup>th</sup> brought in over 1000 patrons to the park. The Farm Park also acquired a new horse and there are several newborn baby animals for everyone to enjoy.

**Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Mingus reported that the concrete work is complete for the additional parking / sidewalks next to the Pickleball Courts as well as the slab for the Fitness Court Project.

The maintenance shop parking area was seal coated and striped. The rest of the lot is also scheduled to be coated in the coming weeks.

The furnace installation at the Administration building is underway. These updates are being done by the retired Superintendent of Parks on a part-time basis. Most of this work has to be done on weekends when that portion of the building is vacant.

The Disc Golf Course tee pads are poured, and the baskets will be placed in the coming weeks. Commissioner Landwehr inquired as to the status of the mine shafts in the area and if these mines are interfering with the course. It was advised that the IDNR is in the process of working on the mine issues, but the process could take years to complete. The current course was designed in a way to avoid those areas and still accommodate the requirements for the upcoming Ledgestone Tournament.

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between East Peoria Community High School District 309 and the Fon du Lac Park District by Deatherage, seconded by Newton. Motion Carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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**Personnel**

Motion to approve section 4-3-15 of the Policy Manual allowing for a Donation of Leave Program by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Land Development**

Nothing to review

**Programs, Facilities and Policy**

**Director / Superintendent of Recreation Report:** Director Weigle reported that both the Fast and Slow-Pitch seasons are off to a great start and the weather has been nice for evening games.

The Fondulac Flyers are competing in Louisville this week and we wish them the best of luck.

**Interim Chief of Police Report:** Chief Orr informed the board that Officer Dardanes is progressing very well. He continues to show enthusiasm in this position and receives compliments from both the staff and the public. Officer Dardanes has accepted the vacant full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> shift position as of June 1, 2024.

Chief Orr continues to work on both the CJIS audit and the Voices and Trust Act requests and will submit both as soon as possible.

The department recently participated in an outstanding training put on by Maritime Responder Training Services instructed by both Retired Chief Mike Johnson and retired Sargent Clayton Keil. This course provided various river scenarios including sonar work, retrieval of a sunken vessel, vessel fires, along with water rescue and recovery techniques.

Preparations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Red White and Boom celebration have started. The department plans to have both River 1 and River 2 out on the water with officers and paramedics on board. The department will also have officers dedicated to the Spindler Campground, Cooper South, and Fondulac Drive.

**Director of Golf Report:** The board was briefed on the current activities at the golf courses. Quail Meadows is surpassing the expected play from both open plan and outings. The dredge work will begin in the coming weeks and the maintenance crew is battling ongoing irrigation issues.

Director Wolff wanted to thank the maintenance crew for their efforts at both golf courses. The lower exterior level of the Quail Meadows Club House has new trim and siding. Water main line repairs were also done twice in the last week at Fon du Lac Golf course allowing them to remain open for the weekend.

**Old Business**

Nothing to review

**New Business**

President Pullium appointed the following Committee Assignments

- Finance - Pullium
- Building & Grounds - Deatherage
- Personnel - Newton
- Land Development – Seth Landwehr
- Programs, Facilities, Policies – Schwab

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**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 4:32 pm. by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to the Regular Session at 4:39 p.m. by Pullum, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to adjourn by Pullium, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

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Erin Glover, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jody Pullium, President

Reviewed and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seth Landwehr, Vice President