

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois  
Held Monday, December 16, 2024, at 4:00 PM**

President Jody Pullium called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 16, 2024. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Vice President Seth Landwehr, Commissioners, Les Newton, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. Also present, Attorney Rick Joseph, Director of Golf, Tom Wolff, Director Craig Weigle, Superintendent of Parks, Adam Mingus, Chief of Police, Dale Orr and Secretary Erin Glover.

President Pullium called to order a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners to sell not to exceed \$1,275,000 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 Jody Pullium, Vice President Seth Landwehr, Commissioners, Les Newton, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. There were no members of the public present, and no public comments were discussed. Motion to adjourn by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

President Pullium called to order a public hearing concerning the Proposed 2025 Annual Budget. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Jody Pullium, Vice President Seth Landwehr, Commissioners, Les Newton, Steve Deatherage and Rick Schwab. There were no members of the public present, and no public comments were discussed. Motion to adjourn by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to return to regular session at 4:03 p.m. by Pullium, 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 18, 2024, by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Correspondence**

Nothing to review.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Staff from Channel 22 were present.

**Finance**

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

Motion to approve the Annual Combined Levy Ordinance #121624-L by Newton, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Motion to approve the Annual Combined Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #121624-B of the Fon du Lac Park District for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2025, and Ending December 31, 2025 by Newton, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

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**Building and Grounds**

Director Weigle reported that the Leyland property paperwork is complete and that the parcel had been transferred over to the Park District. Recommendations were provided for the upcoming Intergovernmental Agreement with Eastlight Theatre starting in March of 2025. A detailed recap of each department and program from 2024 was provided for the board to review. Director Weigle thanked everyone who made 2024 such a successful year.

Superintendent Mingus provided a listing of the Maintenance Department's major projects and accomplishments during 2024 for the board to review. He also informed the board about a water leak at the Campground / Marina that has since been found and fixed. The Park District will request a water bill adjustment on the most recent bill and shut off valves have been put in place to help with water leaks in the future.

Motion to approve the Parking Agreement for 2025 with Jonah's Seafood House & 2601 Oyster Bar by Deatherage, seconded by Pullium. 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, 2025, 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, 2025, provided, however, that the total increase for any one employee shall not exceed 6% by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

**Programs, Facilities and Policy**

Director Weigle reported that the sports programs, facilities, and various activities are winding down for the year as the holiday season is approaching.

Golf Director Wolff gave a short recap of golf season along with the winter events scheduled at The Covey and banquet room.

Police Chief Orr reported that the Festival of Lights Parade was a success and that the Winter Wonderland security detail is well underway. The department plans to participate in a few upcoming maritime, cold water / ice rescue training courses during the winter months while call volumes are lower. Chief Orr also publicly thanked the board and staff members for their continued support and assistance over the last year. The Commissioners and Director thanked Chief Orr for his efforts and continued dedication to the Police Department.

**Old Business**

Nothing to review

**New Business**

Nothing to Review

**Executive Session**

No executive session

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Motion to adjourn at 4:22 pm by Pullium, seconded by Landwehr. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm.

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Erin Glover, Secretary

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

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