

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, October 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM**

Vice President Rick Schwab called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, October 20, 2025. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: Vice President Rick Schwab, Commissioners Jody Pullium, Steve Deatherage, and Les Newton. President Seth Landwehr was absent. Also, present Attorney Rick Joseph, Police Chief Dale Orr, Superintendent of Parks Adam Mingus, Director Craig Weigle, and Secretary Erin Glover.

Minutes of Meetings

Motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held September 15, 2025, by Schwab, seconded by Deatherage, Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Correspondence

Nothing to review

Recognition of Visitors

Channel 22 was also present.

Finance

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports and place it on file by Pullium, seconded by Deatherage. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

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

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

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

Building and Grounds

Director Report: Director Weigle reported that the Neumann Park Project is progressing on schedule. Additional parking near Shelter 2 is complete, and Aupperle is working on grading two new pavilions, restrooms, and splash pad areas. GA Rich will begin installing plumbing for the splash pad and restrooms in the coming weeks.

Opening weekend of Witches Walk was a success. Chief Orr managed traffic control and parking effectively. We expect a good turnout for the second weekend of the event.

The Park District received praise from area coaches and players for the new tennis courts and surrounding facilities. The boys' tennis team plans to hold their Varsity Conference Tournament on our courts next May.

The Trucks and Trades Event was a success. The highlight was the Life Flight helicopter landing in Diamond 1, allowing participants and the community to view the aircraft up close and interact with the flight crew.

The Movie in the Park featured *Monsters Inc.* and attracted over 300 attendees. Special thanks to Mosquito Authority for sponsoring the event and spraying the area beforehand.

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The next event will be the Path of Honor – Veterans Day Fundraiser at the Farm Park on November 8th and 9th. This will be a free event for the public to attend. Flags can be sponsored for \$40 each in honor of a veteran in your life that will include a personalized sign featuring the name and photo of your hero. The profits will benefit the Illinois Valley Fuller Center for Housing to help support local veterans and their families.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Mingus reported that electrical service and surrounding blacktop work are complete at the maintenance storage building. Concrete work in front of the building is scheduled for completion next year.

At Spindler Marina, the outdoor storage and parking area has been cleared, and new striping and numbering for camper and boat storage have been added, an important improvement for better tracking and organization.

Over the past month, the crew has supported community events, prepared for the Witches Walk, replaced concrete around the Diamond 2 concessions building, and winterized the parks.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Recreation Programs Report: Director Weigle reported that the winter session for Sports for Tots Basketball season will start November 10th and registration for Youth Basketball is currently underway and will begin in January.

Police Report: Chief Orr reported the department has received all Taser 10 equipment and accessories through the ILEAS grant. On September 30, 2025, four officers, including myself, completed instructor-level training and are now certified Taser 10 instructors, eliminating the need for outside training.

Community events, including Trucks and Trades and Movie Night in the Park, were highly successful. Special recognition goes to Kris Holcomb, her staff, the maintenance department, administration, and volunteers. The Police Department showcased River 2, the Hovercraft, the Humvee, and a squad car, receiving positive feedback from attendees.

River 2 has been removed from the river, cleaned, and stored for the season but remains available for emergencies. Maintenance and gear inventory planning will follow.

Preparations are underway for the Festival of Lights. Power line installation is expected the week of November 17, after which overnight security will begin at Veterans Park. The parade is scheduled for November 22, and the department will host drive-through events on December 24, 25, and 31. Winter Wonderland concludes January 4, 2026.

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Following a Coast Guard request, TC3 reviewed five years of river-related calls. Of approximately 17,000 calls for service, at least 147 involved water responses under nine relevant nature codes. The actual number is likely higher. Work is ongoing to create a universal dispatch code for water responses to improve tracking. Commendation is given to officers for maintaining high service levels despite limited staffing, supported by administration, maintenance, and the Board.

Preparations continue for the annual Witches Walk and Veterans Day Parade. Officer Powell will drive the Humvee bearing military flags during the parade on November 8th.

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 4:12 p.m. by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Motion to return to Regular Session at 4:44 p.m. by Pullium, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call : 4 ayes

Motion to adjourn by Schwab, seconded by Pullium. Motion carried upon roll call: 4 ayes

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: _____
President

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Vice President

Reviewed and approved by: _____
Secretary