

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Of the Fon du Lac Park District – Tazewell County, Illinois
Held Monday, September 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM**

President Seth Landwehr called the Regular Meeting of the Fon du Lac Park District Board of Commissioners to order at 4:00 pm on Monday, September 15, 2025. Upon roll call, the following members answered present: President Seth Landwehr, Vice President Rick Schwab, Commissioners Jody Pullium, Steve Deatherage, and Les Newton. 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 August 18, 2025, by Landwehr, seconded by Pullium, Motion carried upon roll call: 5 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: 5 ayes

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

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

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

Motion to approve the Agreement with WA Financial for the 2026 bond issue by Pullium, seconded by Newton. Motion carried upon roll call: 5 ayes

Discussion was had to meet as a Committee of the Whole on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to review the proposed 2025 budget.

Building and Grounds

Director Report: Director Weigle reported that a preconstruction meeting was held on September 2 with Aupperle Construction. Work will begin with the installation of additional parking spaces across from the entrance to the Farm Park, followed by improvements to the bathroom and pavilion areas.

The Farm Park is currently preparing for its annual Witches Walk event, scheduled for October 17, 18, 24, and 25. We are grateful to the city for providing an additional float for this year's festivities. A new feature this year includes local sponsors showcased at each candy station. Express tickets are available for purchase at the Administration Office.

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The Park District will also host two upcoming community events:

- Trucks and Trades on Saturday, September 20, featuring tractors, emergency service equipment, interactive stations for children, food trucks, and demonstrations from various trades. We're excited to announce that the OSF Life-Flight crew will participate and plans to land in the ball diamond during the event.
- Movie in the Park on September 27, featuring a screening of Monsters Inc.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Mingus provided an update on several ongoing maintenance projects. At the campground, long-overdue landscaping improvements are currently underway. A new water line has been installed at the Quail Meadows maintenance shop, and a new HVAC unit was recently added to the Fon du Lac Golf Course. Additionally, the maintenance crew is working to install electrical service at the new maintenance facility to support garage door openers and lighting.

Personnel

Nothing to review

Land Development

Nothing to review

Programs, Facilities and Policy

Recreation Programs Report: Director Weigle reported that the Youth Dance Classes have successfully begun, with 46 participants currently enrolled. The Youth Soccer season is nearing its conclusion, with the final game scheduled for September 20. Registration for both the Youth Basketball program and the Sports for Tots Basketball season will begin soon.

Police Report: Chief Orr reported that the department had a very busy month, primarily due to river-related calls and required training sessions. To address ongoing training needs, Chief Orr and Officer Powell are collaborating with other local agencies to establish a shared pool of instructors and implement a rotating training schedule.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Trucks and Trades event. The department plans to showcase several vehicles and equipment, including the Humvee, Hovercraft, River 2, and a marked squad truck. After the event, the equipment will be moved to storage, with River 2 remaining in service and ready for deployment if needed.

Officer Waller will be sworn in as a part-time officer on September 13th. He currently serves as a full-time deputy in Woodford County and brings valuable experience in maritime rescue and animal control.

The department is also upgrading its equipment. New Axon body cameras and Taser 10s are being introduced. The waterproof body cameras are a significant enhancement and are being provided at no additional cost. Training for the Taser 10s is scheduled for September 30th, with five department members receiving instructor-level certification.

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Discussion was had regarding the proposed amendments to the discipline and termination procedures outlined in the Park Police Handbook. Attorney Joseph explained that the revisions would better align the officers' disciplinary and termination processes with those of other park employees. The group reached a consensus to proceed with the changes and agreed to include the item on the October agenda for formal action.

Old Business

Nothing to review

New Business

Nothing to review

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: _____
President

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Vice President

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Secretary