

**DIXON PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1312 WASHINGTON AVENUE DIXON, ILLINOIS
November 20, 2024, 6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President, Rodney Frey called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Roll Call: President, Rodney Frey-Present
 Vice President, Keith Aurand-Present
 Secretary, Anthony Venier-Present
 Commissioner, Autumn Brady-Present
 Commissioner, Nathan McCoy-Present

Staff Present: Duane Long, Executive Director
 Michelle Lawson, Office Administrator

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. After Visitors move to New Business A

III. VISITORS- Dustin Dahlstrom-Dixon Rural Fire Protection, Derek Storey-Dixon Rural Fire Protection, Tim Lee-WIXN, Aaron Gold-Speer Financial

Dustin Dahlstrom spoke to the Board regarding the annexation of the Meadows Property to the City of Dixon. When Chief Dahlstrom took his position he was left with a list of duties that needed completed and the annexation of the Meadows property is on the list. Chief Dahlstrom opened by telling the Board Dixon Rural Fire and City of Dixon Fire have a great working relationship. Dixon Rural Fire would like to oppose the annexation to the City of Dixon in order to be the first responding unit to protect the 600 acres of land in the Meadows. Chief Dahlstrom said the response time for Dixon Rural Fire is equal to that of the City of Dixon. Chief Dahlstrom told the Board if the property is annexed into the City of Dixon the Park District would need to follow city ordinances regarding burning, camping and hunting within city limits. Chief Dahlstrom asked the Board to consider his department's proposal to keep the Meadows in the County limits. Duane Long told the Board and Chief Dahlstrom there is no vote planned at this meeting and Dixon Park District will work with both organizations. We will work together to on the annexation of the property.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE- Rodney Frey read a gratitude letter from CER LARP Midwest

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US Chapter. Jake Wallin expressed gratitude for the use of Lowell Park for their events. CER donated \$250 to Dixon Park District.

Peri Query thanked our summer maintenance crew for maintaining the memorial tree planted in her Dad's honor. Discover Dixon thanked the park district for loaning them our picnic tables for their summer events. Oliver thanked the park district for the basketball hoop he won in our Vaile Park contest.

V. BOARD MINUTES-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Motion to Approve October 16, 2024 Regular Board Minutes by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. Motion to Approve October 16, 2024 Executive Board Minutes by Keith Aurand; Seconded by Anthony Venier. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS-Review/Amend/Accept

A. Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for October, 2024

Duane Long reported almost all tax money is in. The final amounts will be more than the budget projected. A \$50,000 donation was given to Duane at a meeting with Trajectory Energy in November. This was to be paid over the next ten years, but during the meeting it was decided the donation would be \$100,000 total this fiscal year and \$30,000 next fiscal year.

Motion to Approve Profit & Loss vs. Actual, Balance Sheet, and Disbursements for October, 2024 by Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

B. Review Income/Expenses on 2023A Promissory Note

Michelle Lawson reported that Promissory Note 2023A has been paid back in full. We will look at cost/income projections at the end of December to evaluate for next fiscal year gaps. No Action Taken.

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VII. REPORTS

A. Commissioners-

1. Autumn Brady-Autumn spent the month working on election paperwork and getting the signatures needed to run for office.
2. Rodney Frey-None
3. Keith Aurand-Keith turned in his packet for re-election. Keith told the Board he witnessed someone with a feed sack at Page Park feeding the geese on the park side of the road. He wanted to inform the board of this because it has been a topic of discussion.
4. Anthony Venier-Anthony asked if the pickleball lights that need repaired are under warranty? He also asked if we are making improvements to the Golf Room? Duane Long told him yes, the lights are under warranty and yes, we have added a new golf simulator. We have also made renovations to the Golf Room and it will be open in December.
5. Nathan McCoy-Nate turned his packet in for the April election.

- B. Executive Director-**Duane Long reported he has been working on the budget for next fiscal year. He has been working on the levy to be presented at the December Board Meeting. Duane told the board departments are in planning periods for next Spring/Summer. The final kayak rental information came in and we will get 50% profits in the total of \$1,100.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review/Amend/Approve "An ordinance # 643 providing for the issue of approximately \$95,610 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024A, and approximately \$106,300 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2024B, 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, to provide the revenue source for the payment of certain alternate bonds of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the Sauk Valley Bank and Trust Company."

Speer Financial reported Sauk Valley Bank was the highest bid. Speer had worked on our levy to capture CPI growth.

Motion to Approve Ordinance #643 as presented by Speer Financial by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Nathan McCoy.

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Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.

Motion Carried.

B. Review/Approve Auditor Contract with Sikich for 2025

Motion to Approve Auditor Contract with Sikich for 2025 by Anthony Venier; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.
Motion Carried.

C. Review/Amend/Approve Resolution #317 Schedule of 2025 Board Meetings

Michelle Lawson reviewed the proposed schedule. Rodney Frey asked to move the March meeting to the second week.

Motion to Approve amended Resolution #317 Schedule of 2025 Board Meetings by Keith Aurand; Seconded by Nathan McCoy. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.
Motion Carried.

D. Review Deposits and Investments Policies and Procedures

Michelle Lawson reported there are no changes to the current deposits and investments policies and procedures.

No Action Taken.

E. Review/Amend/Approve Insurance Contract with IPARKS for 2025

Duane Long told the board the new contract with IPARKS has a deductible increase to \$1000 from the previous contract. Duane recommended that the board accept the new contract for insurance. Ryan Harrison from Assured Partners is our local Insurance Agent.

Motion to Approve Insurance Contract with IPARKS by Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.
Motion Carried.

F. Approve Contract for Geese Assessment

Tabled to start of construction of "Project Rock"

G. Review/Amend/Approve Annexation Ordinance #642

Dixon Park District received an annexation notice from the City of

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Dixon. Following procedure Dixon Park District would like to annex the property into the Park District boundaries.

Motion to Approve Annexation Ordinance #642 by Nathan McCoy; Seconded by Keith Aurand. Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes. Motion Carried.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion by Nathan McCoy to Adjourn, seconded by Anthony Venier to Adjourn.

Vote by Roll Call: Keith Aurand-Yes; Rodney Frey-Yes; Autumn Brady-Yes; Anthony Venier-Yes; Nathan McCoy-Yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM

Signatures:

_____ Date: _____
Rodney Frey

_____ Date: _____
Anthony Venier

_____ Date: _____
Autumn Brady

_____ Date: _____
Keith Aurand

_____ Date: _____
Nathan McCoy

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