

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2026

ATTENDEES

Chairman Courtney Presthus called the meeting of the Stark County Park Board to order at 8:00 AM (MT). Paul Clarys, Dustin Elkins, Dean Franchuk, Bernie Marsh (Via Zoom), Neal Messer, Courtney Presthus, and Cory White were present. State's Attorney Amanda Engelstad was also present.

RATIFY AGENDA

Chairman Courtney Presthus called for the approval of the agenda. Neal Messer added the Tractor Lease and Bernie Marsh Fairground Crow's Nest.

Neal Messer made a MOTION to approve the agenda as amended. Paul Clarys SECONDED. All voted Aye, motion carries.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Courtney Presthus called for the approval of the minutes from the January 6, 2026, meeting.

Cory White made a MOTION to approve the minutes as presented. Dean Franchuk SECONDED. All voted Aye, motion carries.

BILLS TO PAY

Chairman Courtney Presthus presented 1000.4515.816 General Fund bills for \$262.88.

Paul Clarys made a MOTION to approve, Cory White SECONDED. Roll call vote. All voted Aye, motion carries.

Chairman Courtney Presthus presented 2710.4620.000 Special Project Fund bills for \$58,863.00.

Cory White made a MOTION to approve, Neal Messer SECONDED. Roll call vote. All voted Aye, motion carries.

LIVESTOCK BUILDING UPDATE

Tooz Construction provided a brief update on the Livestock buildings at the fairgrounds.

4-H PRESENTATION

Bridget Bullinger, President of the Stark-Billings 4-H Council, presented the Park Board with a donation of livestock pens and panels for public use.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR USE

Bailey Elkins states that Joe Schmidt notified her that they have received their tractor. Approval of the draft lease agreement will be tabled until Bailey has clarified it with Joe Schmidt.

BID OPENING

Chairman Courtney Presthus called the Speedway Bid Opening to order at 8:30 AM. State’s Attorney Amanda Engelstad opened four bids from: Zap Industries, Minard’s Electric LLC, Tooz Construction, and Winn Construction.

Cory White made a MOTION to take the all-encompassing bids under advisement. Neal Messer SECONDED. All voted Aye, motion carries.

PARKS DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE AND REVIEW REPORT

Human Resources Director Joetta Percy, Chairman Courtney Presthus, and Portfolio Holder Bernie Marsh met with Bailey Elkins to discuss her role with the Park Department. Due to Bailey being a full-time college student, she does not wish to take on a leadership role. Chairman Presthus suggests the board create a job description and advertise for a full-time Park Director Position.

PARKS & EVENTS COORDINATOR AND PARKS ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Cory White made a MOTION to increase Bailey Elkins hourly rate to \$22.73 per hour and hire an intern to start in May 2026. Paul Clarys SECONDED. Roll Call: Paul Clarys – aye, Dean Franchuk – aye, Dustin Elkins – abstained, Bernie Marsh – aye, Neal Messer – aye, Chairman Presthus – aye, Cory White – aye. Motion carries.

OLD CROW’S NEST

Brad Hartigan will have the old Crow’s Nest moved from the fairgrounds to the speedway.

A Special Park Board Meeting will be held on February 19, 2026, at 2:00 PM (MST) to discuss options for the speedway.

Neal Messer made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Cory White SECONDED. All voted Aye, motion carries.



Courtney Presthus, Chairman



Karen Richard, Auditor