

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OAK LAWN PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Oak Lawn Park District was convened in a Regular Meeting on January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with President Johnson presiding.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Buschbach, Donahue, Mottl, Stalker, and Johnson  
A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023**

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to approve.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**FINANCE REPORT:**

Buschbach moved, Mottl seconded to approve the payables of \$ 644,654.25 for the period of December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Accel Entertainment**

Donahue moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the agreement with Accel Entertainment to install video gaming terminals at Stony Creek Golf Course.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Under discussion, Hartwig stated that the agreement with Accel Entertainment will be for eight years.

**LEGAL:** None

**APPROVAL OF BIDS OVER \$30,000:**

**Wolfe Wildlife Renovations**

Mottl moved, Buschbach seconded to approve the bid for the Wolfe Wildlife Renovation be awarded to All-Bry Construction.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

**MATTERS OF THE DIRECTOR:**

Hartwig wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Hartwig stated that this is the last meeting before the IPRA/IAPD Soaring to New Heights Conference downtown. Hartwig said he will be sending out more information to the Board as the conference gets closer. Hartwig stated that the district has already been awarded the Exceptional Workplace Award and there are a few other awards the district has applied for, but they will be announced at the conference.

Hartwig announced that the district has been awarded a PARC Grant to renovate the Memorial Park Bathhouse. Hartwig stated that the facility has been vacant for several years and now new life will be brought back to it. The renovation will convert the building into a multi-use facility which will include 3 program rooms, bathrooms, and a warming kitchen.

Hartwig congratulated the district's Fleet Mechanic, Ed Barnes, on his retirement. Hartwig stated that Barnes was with the district for over 20 years, and he wished him the best in his retirement.

Hartwig stated that the Finance Department has been working on preparing the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Hartwig said that the Finance Meetings to discuss the budget will begin in February.

Hartwig thanked Ryan Gory, Superintendent of Parks and Planning, for keeping the grants the district has been awarded organized and on track.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Johnson stated that he is looking forward to attending the IPRA/IAPD Conference this month.

Johnson said he attended the New Year's Eve kids' countdown at the Ice Arena. Johnson said overall the event went well, despite the hiccup with the balloon drop.

Johnson mentioned that after the new year he had the opportunity to stop by every park district facility to wish staff a happy new year and thank them for their continued hard work.

**MATTERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS:**

Buschbach stated that he looks forward to attending the IPRA/IAPD Conference at the end of the month.

Stalker stated that it was a quite month for her and she is looking forward to attending Conference this year.

Donahue congratulated Ed Barnes on his 20 years with the district.

Mottl stated that her and her family attended the StagePlay performance, and everyone enjoyed the show.

Mottl said this will be her first time attending the state conference at the end of the month and she is looking forward to attending this year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Donahue moved, Stalker seconded to adjourn at 7:36p.m.

Voting: Aye: All  
Nay: None

Respectfully submitted,



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Daniel Johnson, President



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Tracey Gallie, Recording Secretary