

# MINUTES

## Vigo County Parks Department

*12/15/25 at 4 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Abby Desboro  
Council Chambers in the Vigo County Government Building*

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### In Attendance

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Abby Desboro, Eddy Adams, Aaron Gadberry, and Kilie Smith

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### Approval of Minutes/Reports

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Approved: Kilie Smith                      Second: Eddy Adams

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### Approval of Claims in the amount of \$ 185,505.08

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Approved: Eddy Adams                      Second: Aaron Gadberry

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### Comments

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- Aaron Warner spoke on what his family has done for this community. Aaron is the one who started the idea of having a disc golf course. If we had a national tournament with a multi-day event it could bring in some major income. The courses will be named after his moms grandchildren.
- John Houck: Thank you, Aaron. Adam has been great to work with. We are making good progress on the course. With the expansion of an additional 18 acres, this will be an amazing location for disc golf along with a pro tour event. John saw even more of the property with the removal and clearing of honeysuckle. The widths of the fairways are different in every location.
- Max Hochstetler: New current president for Crossroads Disc Golf Club in Terre Haute. It is incredible for us to be able to get a "John Houck Disc Golf Course" in Terre Haute.
- Tavia Hedrick: Christmas Walk turned out great. Very thankful for our park staff and our volunteers. Santa and the reindeer came down from the North Pole along with carriage rides returning this year. We made about \$1,625 in concession sales. We are having our Outdoor Expo on April 18 & 19, 2026 and we will continue our Star Party in 2026.
- Adam Grossman: Thankful for our staff to have the ability to help us build our disc golf course.

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### Capital Improvements

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- We did work on the dump station over the summer at Fowler. We need to do some revamping on all the stations at Fowler.
- The Overlook is almost done. We are looking at a ribbon cutting in spring. We have viewers and benches that have been donated and coming in soon.
- Brian started the walkway right before it snowed. We will get the walkway built between the Wabashiki Trail and the pedestrian walkway and pave in spring of 2026.
- Signage has been ordered for the walkway for Wabashiki Trail and Paris Road connection. These will arrive within 6 weeks.

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## Old Business

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- \$317,068 total year end revenue.
- Shelter & Barn rentals: \$26,134.
- \$96,000 HP camping. Minimal sales.
- FP \$123,792 & \$4,000 in sales.
- PC Park 71,043 for the year.
- Gate fees average about \$7. We have decided not to pursue at this time.
- Looking in to cameras through Security Pros that will take pictures of plates and vehicles as they enter the park. Hawthorn package that was put together would be around \$3,000. Reoccurring fees would be around \$200/month. Hoping to have a decision by camping season.

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## New Business

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- Adopting rates for 2026. Wagon stayed the same. Primitive cabin increased to \$70/night. Primitive camping has increased to \$20/night. No substantial changes. Griffin Bike Park Headquarters we need to assign a value for rentals. We felt the same as the barn would be a good start. \$200 for weekends/holidays and \$100 M-Thur. Abby thinks it is a good start for the GBP Headquarters. Eddy approved while Kilie seconded. Motion carried.
- Flood maps contract. We have the opportunity to take Bicentennial Park out of the floodway. Whatever we wanted to do with AmVets would make this a lot easier. The contract with Banning Engineering was for \$21,000. We asked Riverscape to pay for half. We will find out Wednesday morning. After this is complete we will look at conceptual design. Seeking a vote for half of the contract amount. This would be around a 2 year project. Eddy approved while Aaron seconded. Motion carried.
- We will be getting \$25,000 in new equipment for 2026. AHW was the cheapest for the 1550 front deck at \$24,985. Aaron approved while Kilie seconded. Motion carried.
- Cabin purchase for Prairie Creek. Commissioners have donated some ARPA funding in the past for us to purchase new cabins. We couldn't build one in house for cheaper than the purchase of one of these cabins. \$19,545.75 from our "non-reverting" funds for the cost of this cabin with a lighting package. Is a little different than the others. Kilie approved while Aaron seconded. Motion carried.
- Proposed meeting dates for 2026 will continue to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month. Slightly amend locating on a couple dates. Eddy approved while Kilie seconded. Motion carried.
- Thank you to our board members for continuing to be on our board.
- Toys for tots will be using the Barn on Friday.

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Next Meeting

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 Michaela Loveall

1/26/26 – Vigo County Government Building – Council Chambers 4 p.m.