Clark County Park District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 19, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-**
2. **Roll Call-** Commissioners in attendance, Smith, Gibson, Blakenship, Norton, Higgins, Richards, Ewing. Also in attendance are Executive Director Jeff Tippett, Bookkeeper Kayla Higgins and Maintenance Supervisor Deke Haws.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance-**
4. **Approval of Agenda-**

   Ewing asks for motion to approve the agenda and move executive session up, and move Discussion and vote Bob Zellers Martinsville Fair and discussion and vote to accept American Patriot Fireworks up to #7, Smith made motion to approve the motion with those 2 changes, Norton seconded the motion.
   7 ayes 0 Nays
5. **Approval Minutes-** January 08, 2026, and January 15, 2026

   Ewing asks for motion for approval of minutes dated January 8th, 2026, and January 15th, 2026, Richards made motion to approve the minutes dated as mentioned, Higgins seconded the motion.
   7 ayes 0 Nays
6. **Public Comment-** none**.**
7. **Director's Report-**

   Cabin 5; new set of French doors, new floor. Received new replacement radio from insurance from the lightning strike. All electric in B-section is completed. Bentley got new floor and seats. Blue Bentley took all carpet out and replace seats and carpet as well. Putting up new signs throughout the park.

   a. **Discussion and vote Bob Zellers Martinsville Fair-**

   Zellers discusses the fair. 24th-31st, new activities. Up almost 15,000 for the week, last years derby was about 3rd largest in the history of the fair. Adding (inaudible) patches, cattle show, talents show, bringing in ITPA pulls. $1,000.00 for advertising. Asking if CCPD is able to do that again this year. Talked to CCPD about the fundraising event. Donated pontoon boat rental for the day. Asking if CCPD is able to do that again this year as well. Ewing asks for motion to approve a $1,000.00 donation sponsorship and a pontoon rental, Richards made motion, Norton seconded the motion.
   7 ayes 0 nays
   Roll Call- Smith I, Gibson I, Blankenship I, Norton I, Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I.

   b. **Discussion and Vote to accept American Patriot Fireworks Contract**

   Tippett discussed contract. Same people, same price. Change 6 inch shells to 5 inch. Will get a few more shots if so. Pay all in May get another 5-10% off. Ewing asks for motion to accept American Patriot Firework contract, Gibson made the motion, Smith seconded the motion.
   Roll Call- Gibson I, Blankenship I, Norton I, Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I.
8. **Payment of Bills and Finance-**
   a. Kayla discusses bills and Finance. Ewing makes a motion to pay the bills excluding the money from the M&K bills in the amount of $14,219.04, Smtih made motion to pay the bills in the amount of $14,219.04, Blankenship seconded the motion.
   Roll Call- Blankenship I, Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I, Smith I, Gibson I.

   b. **Discussion and Vote M&K Invoice**

   Ewing/Tippett discuss M&K Invoice. Original septic put in failed. Dig up put another one in. there is a charge to dig it up and redo with new tank. Did not get charged for second vault. Services rendered and removing the old one and putting the new one in. Said we voided the warranty by putting the tank lower than 4 ft in the ground. There is not warranty anywhere. CCPD was not the ones responsible for putting the tank in the ground. CCPD didn't order it had Skeeter order it under CCPD name. Miscommunication between Rex Vault and Skeeter. New tank casted in at 6 inches thick rather than 4.

Which new vault that came in still came in under original bid. Tippett did request a copy of a warranty but never got anything. Ewing asks for motion to pay the bills of M&K invoice, Norton made a motion to pay M&K invoice $22,170 minus 7950 in question $14,220.00, Higgins seconded the motion.
Roll Call- Norton I, Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I, Smith I, Gibson I, Blankenship I.
Hold; reach our to M&K for clarification on invoice.

9. Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 C-1, C-3, C-11 –

Ewing asks for motion to go into executive session, Blankenship made motion to go into executive, Gibson seconded the motion.
Roll Call- Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I, Smith I, Gibson I, Blankenship I, Norton I.

a. Discussion personnel 2026-27 budget

b. Discussion Executive Session minutes 10/20/2025-

Ewing asks for motion to come out of executive session. Smith made a motion, Higgins seconded.
7 ayes 0 nays

10. Discussion and Vote Executive Session

a. Vote to Approve and Open/Close Executive Session Meeting Minutes Dated: 10/20/2025

Ewing asks for motion to keep meeting minutes dated 10/20/2025 closed, Richards made motion to keep meeting minutes dated 10/20/25 closed, Norton seconded the motion.
7 ayes 0 nays

11. Old Business-

a. Discussion and Vote Appropriation Ordinance and Budget 2026-27

Smith discusses appropriation ordinance and budget. Ewing asks for motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance and Budget 2026-2027, Smith made motion to approve, Norton seconded the motion.
Roll Call- Richards I, Ewing I, Smith I, Gibson I, Blankenship I, Norton I, Higgins I.

12. New Business

~~a. Discussion and Vote Bob Zellers Martinsville Fair~~

Moved up to #7

b. Discussion and Vote Action Blocked Credit Cards

Tippett discussed in Campers committee meeting he brought up that some people are blocking CCPD from charging card on file if they become late on payments. Per policy & Appendix A, one must be held on file for such reason. Tippett is asking the board to vote to have them to leave. If they block CCPD from charging card and additional verbiage in policy. Topic to be sent to Policy Committee. Ewing asks for motion to allow to evict card blockers, Richards made motion, Blankenship seconded motion.
7 ayes 0 nays

~~c. Discussion and Vote to accept American Patriot fireworks contract~~

Moved up to #7.

d. Discussion and Vote changing fishing creel limit

Met in Lake Management to discuss creel limits. Ewing asked for motion Richards made motion to go by recommended limits by the IDNR for 26-27, Norton seconded the motion.
7 ayes 0 nays

e. Discussion and Vote Campground Host

Tippett discusses hosts. 2 hosts. Setzer would move to D section year round FHU, not only responsible for being CGH but also responsible for security and late night, bringing boats in at the fuel dock if its closed and we have a late pontoon out. Setzer has been camp host for past 2-3 years. Kibler is moving from A15 to camp host 1. Another new camp host will also be in the new section. He will be in D03. Have them all pay own electric. Expand campground host responsibilities in the camp host job description. Ewing asks for motion to accept 2 camp host, Smith made a motion, Higgins seconded the motion.
7 ayes 0 nays

f. Discussion and Vote Service Contracts 2026

Tippett discusses Service Contract. Got all contracts back except HVAC and tree service. Certain ones we have received more than 2. Same contracts as last year would be the same ones for this year. Home City Ice not much of a change, Bob Dawg-Role Model Plumbing would be our plumber if we should need a plumber throughout the year, Kelly's Bait went up a little bit, several ice bids Home City is less by far, sewage and porta pot bid from A1 Sanitation much higher other than that everything stayed pretty much the same. Farm bid doesn't come up till 2 years from now. This is the last year for hay re-bid next year. Ewing asks for motion to accept service contracts for 2026-27, Smith made motion, Norton seconded the motion.

7 ayes 0 nays

13. Committee Reports-

- **a. Campers-** March 5th.
- **b. Lake Management-**
- **c. Finance-**
- **d. Policy-** DNM.
- **e. Trails-** DNM.

14. Adjourn- Ewing asks for motion to adjourn, Gibson made the motion, Blankenship seconded the motion.