



**Annual Business Meeting
October 1, 2015 • 11:30 a.m. CT
Ramada Plaza, Fargo, ND**

Board Members Present: Darin Krueger, RaNae Jochim, Craig Bjur, George Hellyer, Ron Merritt, and Dana Schaar Jahner, executive director (non-voting).

Call to Order

President Krueger called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 11, 2015, meeting were approved (Bill Stillwell, Sam Larson-Frobog MSC).

Financial Report

George Hellyer reviewed the financials; the balance in all NDRPA accounts is \$96,644.49. The financials were approved (Tyler Jacobson, Jim Larson MSC).

Board, Committee and Staff Reports

All board members expressed thanks to the membership and to the committees they worked with throughout the year.

NDRPA will withdraw from the Midwest Conference MOU and not host the 2018 Midwest Conference in North Dakota (Dave Klundt, Amber Mathieson MSC).

Dave Leker reported on the Community Forestry Council: 21 cities have completed community tree threat assessments, 55 grants were awarded, and the ND Urban and Community Forestry Association has hired Clearwater Communication to provide executive director services. The next grant deadline will be in spring 2015. He noted Greg Smith was awarded a Distinguished Service award.

Executive Director Dana Schaar Jahner reminded everyone the next *FOCUS* deadline is October 15. She reported the updated Park Board Manual will be completed by mid-October.

Old Business

Jeff Heisler thanked Dakota Screen Arts for its three-year sponsorship for the North Dakota Youth State Track and Field State Championship. The 2015 state track meet was held June 20 in Fargo, and he is looking for a 2016 state track meet host. The deadline for local meets to be scheduled is January 2016.

New Business

Randy Bina reported he is representing NDRPA on the Missouri River Stakeholders Group.

The 2016-2018 strategic plan was approved (Larson-Frobig, Leker MSC).

The 2016 work plan was approved (Larson, Paula Redmann MSC).

The 2016 budget was approved (Bina, Heidi Delorme MSC).

The 2016 Clearwater Communications contract was approved (Tim Kuntz, Jeremy Ludlum MSC).

The bylaws amendments were approved (Dave Frueh, Stillwell MSC).

A unanimous ballot for Bob Gillen for president and James Kramer for public policy chair was approved (Bina, Amy Pederson MSC).

Bina shared a grant report from the Outdoor Heritage Fund and encouraged park districts to apply.

Krueger thanked the Fargo Park District for a great state conference.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2016, in Devils Lake.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. (Terry Wallace, Heisler MSC).