

**Minutes of the Board of Directors
Visit Fargo-Moorhead
Wednesday May 28, 2025**

Members Present: Doug Peters, Clare Hughes, Kember Anderson, Emily Nielsen, Nicole Steen Dutton, Kira Odenbach, Kimberly Busch, Casey Sanders-Berglund, James Stinsman, Ramon Sosa

Members Absent: Derrick LaPoint

Others Present: Charley Johnson & Stephonie Broughton, Visit FM; Alex Sumner and Eric Grande, Fargo Area Sports

- Chair Doug Peters called the meeting to order.
- A motion was made (Clare), seconded (Emily), and passed approving the April 23 Minutes.
- The CEO & Board reviewed the April Financials and 2025 Working Budgets.
- Alex Sumner & Eric Grande presented a capital grant request for Fargo Area Sports to turf four (four) little baseball/softball infields. The project will be done in two phases. After the presentation and subsequent discussion, Nicole moved approval of a grant of \$185,750 for Phase one only of the project, with advice to Fargo Area Sports to come back and request Phase Two funding after the Fargo Park District finalizes its contribution. Clare seconded, and the Board approved. The Phase One grant will be paid in one installment after completion of the Capital Grant Agreement.
- The CEO asked the Board to rescind the remaining \$175,000 of the \$500,000 September 2023 Capital Grant to Moorhead Parks & Rec for renovation of Matson Field. That portion of the grant has been effectively on hold since the fall of 2024, when Holly Heitkamp advised the Board that fundraising had stalled and that the project was being broken into two phases. Casey moved that the remaining amount be rescinded, with advice to project sponsors that they may reapply if Phase Two fundraising moved forward. Clare seconded the motion, and the Board approved.
- Chair Doug Peters updated the Board on progress in the CEO search.
- The CEO informed the Board that the Convention Center committee is within a month of finalizing the first phase of the RFP process, with a goal of getting City Commission approval of the document on June 23rd.
- The meeting was adjourned. (Emily moved, Nicole seconded)

**The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 am on Wednesday,
June 25, 2025, in the Visit FM Boardroom.
There will be a Teams Link, as well.**