

Port Authority Meeting
June 17, 2024

The Fergus Falls Port Authority held a meeting on June 17, 2024, in the City Council Chambers. Port Authority President Scott Rachels called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm, and the following members were in attendance: Rachels, Hicks, Fish, Job, Kvamme, and Rufer.

Minutes

A motion and second were made by Rufer and Hicks to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024, and the February 5, 2024, Port Authority meetings and the motion carried.

Greater Fergus Falls

A working group of City Council members and Greater Fergus Falls has been meeting to consider an amendment to their current contract language. Greater Fergus Falls is proposing they receive an additional \$4,000 per month to market and sell city and Port Authority owned land, to encourage economic development. Greater Fergus Falls has proposed receiving a 5% commission for each of their sales. The agreement would be reviewed after three years. An additional \$48,000 would come from a 0.6% increase in the Port Authority levy. The group has also been working on improving communication between the two organizations, which has improved with the new director. Quarterly reports have been suggested to be provided to the council and that a council member become a board member of the Greater Fergus Falls organization. After discussion, a motion and second were made by Hicks and Kvamme to direct the City Attorney draft a professional services agreement that both the city and port would need to consent to, and the motion carried. A motion and second were made by Fish and Job to appoint Scott Rachels to the Greater Fergus Falls board and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Lynne Olson