Harmon Field Board of Supervisors
June 2, 2026
Minutes

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Tryon Town Hall with 5 members present

Members Present Warren Watson- Chairman; Jessica Glasscock; Steve Sloan; Steve Nelon; Rick Covil –Secretary/Treasurer

Members Absent: None

Staff Present Brad Gordon, Park Superintendent; Dulcie Juenger, Customer Service

Agenda Adoption: Nelon mad a motion to accept the agenda. Glasscock seconded the motion

Approve Minutes from May 5, 2026 Covil made a motion to approve the minutes. Sloan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Financial Reports for April 2026
The Harmon Field Fund FY2025-2026 financial report for April 2026 was reviewed

As of April 30, 2026, Total Revenue was $394,948.05 (102.80 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Operating Expenditures were $275,637.02(72.76 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Capital Expenditures were $7,403.18 (137.10 % of Budgeted Amount), Total Expenditures were $283,040.20 (73.67 % of Budgeted Amount), and Ending (pre-audit) Fund Balance was $206,975.85

The Sanctuary at Red Bull Run Car Show Fundraiser Event: Superintendent Gordon reported that the event would be held on May 8, 2027. The event would provide mutual benefits to both Red Barn Run and Harmon Field, as the organizations would split the proceeds from the $20 per-car entrance fee. Estimated attendance is expected to exceed 200 vehicles. Both Harmon Field and Red Barn Run would promote the event, creating a mutually beneficial partnership. Chairman Watson asked if there was a consensus of the Board to move forward with the partnership opportunity and car show with Red Barn Run. The Board expressed unanimous support for the proposal.

TRHC Centennial Park at Harmon Field:
Superintendent Gordon reported that he met with landscape architect Mark Byington to review the project rendering and determine the most suitable location for the proposed project. Mr. Byington identified a site adjacent to the equestrian arenas as the preferred location. The Board was presented with a rendering of the project as well as a photograph of the proposed site for consideration.

Board members expressed a desire to be involved in the project's concept and design process. Questions raised by the Board included who would be responsible for long-term maintenance, the amount of space required, whether the project would impact parking, the overall size of the park, whether the project would detract from Harmon Field's equine heritage, and the anticipated maintenance requirements.

Superintendent Gordon stated that the maintenance burden on Harmon Field would be minimal and noted that TRHC has committed to providing volunteers to assist with ongoing maintenance. He also explained that parking would not be adversely affected, as additional parking will become available behind the equestrian facility once the barns are removed. Superintendent Gordon further noted the long-standing relationship between TRHC and Harmon Field. The Harmon Field Board has not voted to approve at this time and will form a sub-committee consisting of Glasscock and Covil to meet with TRHC at some point in July to review questions and concerns from the board and report back to the Harmon Field Board at the August meeting.

Schooling at Harmon Field-Review User Agreement/Rules: The Board reviewed the proposed Equine Schooling User Agreement and rules. Under the new agreement, users will have the option to reserve two-hour time slots on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays for a fee of $35 per session. Users will be responsible for cleaning up and removing their own manure following use of the facility.

After discussion, Covil made a motion to implement the new user agreement on a trial basis and evaluate its effectiveness. Glasscock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Foothills Humane Society/FHS Executive Director Kayla Shealey: Director Shealey spoke about the important role that FHS plays in serving the animals of Polk County. As a general rule, the adoption or sale of animals has not been permitted at events held at Harmon Field. Director Shealey requested that the Board reconsider this policy and allow an exception for FHS to facilitate pet adoptions at various events held at the facility.

Chairman Watson stated that he did not consider FHS pet adoptions to be equivalent to the sale of animals, noting that the organization's purpose differs significantly from that of a breeder selling animals. He expressed support for exempting FHS from the policy and suggested that consideration could be given to allowing similar activities by vetted 501(c)(3) organizations.

Director Shealey also proposed a kickball tournament and fundraising event at Harmon Field, to be held toward the end of the summer to support the construction of a new memorial puppy park at the shelter in honor of Ellis Miller.

Nelon made a motion to allow FHS to be the only organization permitted to conduct pet adoptions at Harmon Field events. Glasscock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Red Wolfe Sculpture Donation: Superintendent Gordon presented additional information regarding a proposed sculpture donation by donor Eileen Ball Mehta, created by artist Dale Weiler, first proposed to the board in November 2025. The sculpture depicts a red wolf cub and is being donated in memory of Ms. Mehta's late sister.

The Board agreed upon a location near the playground entrance for placement of the sculpture. Superintendent Gordon noted that the selected location would be easily accessible for maintenance and groundskeeping.

The Board requested an opportunity to review the wording of the plaque again, that will accompany the sculpture before final approval. Ms. Mehta agreed to resubmit the proposed plaque text for the Board's additional review and consideration.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Gordon Reporting-

- Superintendent Gordon reported that the Harmon Field Flea Market raised approximately $1,285. He requested that these funds be added to the Harmon Field Half Restricted Funds budget line and suggested renaming the account to the Harmon Field Events Restricted Fund, as the funds would be designated for specific park amenities or projects rather than general operating expenses.
  Chairman Watson expressed concern about restricting too much event revenue and suggested that only a portion of the proceeds from each event be allocated to the restricted fund.
  Superintendent Gordon further suggested that proceeds from the proposed Red Barn Run Car Show be designated for the purchase of a new public address (PA) system for the equestrian facility.

  Covil made a motion to restrict funds generated from the Harmon Field Half, Harmon Field Flea Market, Harmon Field Makers Market, and Harmon Field Fall Flea Market. Nelon seconded the motion.

- Harmon Field Half race committee will meet at the end of June to begin planning for 2027
- Painting: yellow posts, electric boxes that are not part of FEMA projects are being cleaned and painted black, scoreboard post is being painted to prevent rust, second coat of paint added to concession stand
- Weed control
- Playground mulching is underway
- Events: July 18-Makers Market so far 14 vendors signed up, September 26 is the Fall Flea Market, Will Barclift (TACS) and Superintendent Gordon are working on organizing a chalk art festival that will be held around the track or in the big parking lot behind TACS
- FEMA: Chairman Watson, Town Manager Fatland and Superintendent Gordon are meeting with Architecture Unlimited during the week of June 1 regarding the community center

- Open Air Gym: Superintendent Gordon met with local builder Chuck Britton to discuss the open-air gym repairs. Britton is meeting with his electrician to give a bid on all the electric work that needs to be completed.

- Rotary: Superintendent Gordon has a meeting scheduled to discuss some small-scale public events/fundraisers, possibly to include a "Back Yard BBQ" type fundraiser that wild be mutually beneficial.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Submitted By:

~~Rick Covil~~ JAMIE CORN DUNN
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:

Warren Watson
Chairman