

**STARKE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2024**

Pursuant to adjournment comes now the Starke County Council to meet in special session at 6:00 PM in the Annex Building meeting room, Knox, Indiana, with all members present and the following proceedings were held to Wit:

IN RE: PARK BOARD APPOINTMENT

There was only one applicant, David Sinn, for the open position on the Park Board, term ending December 31, 2026, vacated by Kathy Norem.

Cassandra Hine stated that she posted it to her Facebook Council page on August 10th, 2024, and the Auditor's office informed the media the day Kathy Norem resigned which was approximately 4 weeks ago. Michaelene Houston stated she even heard it announced on the radio.

Only one Park Board member was in attendance, Tom Busch. Howard Bailey wanted to hear from other Park Board members about their feelings on the applicant.

Cassandra Hine moved to approve David Sinn for the Republican appointment by the Council to fill the vacancy through December 31, 2026, made by Kathy Norem's resignation, seconded by Kay Gudeman.

David Sinn spoke about himself as requested by Anthony Black. David stated that one reason he would like to be on the board, is because Koontz Lake has no representation on any boards. He stated that there are piers on fire access lanes and public accesses that he would like to see taken care of.

Anthony Black wanted to know how he would handle people as he was told that David was overbearing by someone from Koontz Lake. David stated that there were extenuating circumstances involving this person.

Cassandra Hine spoke well of David and was upset that a commissioner threatened a councilman during the commissioners' meeting.

Bruce Bennett also spoke well of David and stated that all the animosity on Facebook and other places should stop.

Howard Bailey stated that he was not one of the four who called the special meeting. He would like this to be tabled until the next regular meeting. He also stated that he has nothing to do with Stand-Up Starke County. David Pearman stated that special sessions, pursuant to IC 36-2-2-8, can be called by the County Attorney, the County Auditor, one Commissioner, the President of the County