

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, January 21, 2010
Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Molano-Flores, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Wene and White. Commissioner Toalson was absent with notice.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS/REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved for approval of Special Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2009; Public Hearing Minutes of December 17, 2009; three sets of Special Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2009; and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2009. Commissioner White seconded with a correction in the December 17, 2009 Special Meeting/Facilities Committee Meeting wording, noting in the paragraph of District Network Assessment Update, to add Office 2007 and take out operating software and add Windows 7. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Herricks moved that the Board approve payment of checks #91267 through #91587 dated December 18, 2009 through January 21, 2010 including wire transfers for payment of Fed/FICA/state payroll taxes, IMRF, life insurance & sales taxes for a total of \$375,758.77. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer’s Report for December 2009. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 2009. Commissioner White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS AND/OR INPUT - None

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

- Commissioner White thanked staff for adding the Master Plan PowerPoint presentation to the District website, and also commented on how impressed he was with District programs. In regard to the Master Plan, Executive Director Jerry Pagac acknowledged Administrative Sarah Elm Rex for her work on the plan.
- Commissioner Herricks stated he had enjoyed the District Employee Recognition Banquet.

STAFF REPORTS

- Executive Director Pagac provided updates on the CSX Rail Trail project and noted that Pam Leiter had presented a wonderful program at the last CAC meeting regarding the proposed Homer Lake Natural Playscape idea. Director Pagac also presented Barb Oehlschlaeger-Garvey, Museum Curator, with the Don Humphrey Award, noting the award had been announced at the Employee Recognition Banquet, but she had been unable to attend.
- Commissioner Herricks asked staff if there had been much cross-country skiing taking place. Assistant Site Superintendent Clint Schaffer noted there had been at Sangamon River Forest Preserve, and also Lake of the Woods in the Buffalo Trace area. He also mentioned he had to remind patrons of the no snowmobiling ordinance at Sangamon River.
- Commissioner Herricks asked for follow-up on the inspection on the Middle Fork superintendent’s house; Construction Manager Bryan Stevens stated they were still waiting for the manufacturer’s report.
- Commissioner Herricks congratulated Natural Resources Director Dan Olson for his past involvement with the Master Naturalist Program implementation. Commissioner Molano-Flores inquired about the master plan in regard to fishing. Dan Olson stated he and Director Pagac had met with an area fisherman to discuss his concerns related to fishing on District properties. Director Olson stated this information was incorporated in the revised Master Plan. Commissioner Molano-Flores stated having the Master Plan on the District website has worked well.
- Pam Leiter, Environmental Education & Interpretive Coordinator, reported a recent program was attended by more than 50 participants, and one youngster later donated birthday money to help with care of one of the painted turtles. Commissioners White and Herricks noted sponsorships and donations are very important.
- Finance Director John Baker noted he had received word that the county’s consumer price index is 2.7 for the 2010 property tax extension to be paid in 2011.

Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the January staff reports. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. Motion carried.

CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

Executive Director Pagac reported that at the last meeting, an investment policy was introduced, BankChampaign will be the portfolio manager, and the Board is developing a budget for possible committee projects.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Director Jerry Pagac reported Pam Leiter showed the committee a PowerPoint presentation on the Natural Playscape concept the District is hoping to incorporate at Homer Lake.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee

- 1. Wind Spire Update** – None
- 2. Water Well Agreement**

Commissioner Herricks moved approval of an agreement with the Sangamon Valley Public Water District for a \$10 monthly contribution charge for usage, pending contract wording clarification with legal counsel. Commissioner White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

B. Personnel/Finance Committee -None

C. User Fees for 2010-2011

Commissioner White moved approval of the attached fee schedules for 2010 and 2011. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Commissioner White asked staff if comparisons are made with other entities prior to setting fees. Finance Director John Baker stated the golf course does make local price comparisons, and for facility rentals, staff used a 3% increase as in previous years. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. CAC Bylaws Change

Commissioner Herricks moved approval of the proposed change to section C3c of the CAC Bylaws. Commissioner White seconded. Commissioner Herricks stated with this change, he feels the vitality of the group will remain positive. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Approval of District Master Plan

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved approval of the 2010 Champaign County Forest Preserve District Master Plan. Commissioner White seconded. Commissioner Herricks noted with this Master Plan, and the current Strategic Plan in place, the District has good guidelines for working into the future. Commissioner Wene stated the plan is a very organized and accessible document. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Molano-Flores made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2(c)(5) for discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Molano-Flores, Wene and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herricks made a motion at 7:42 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION - None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Public Hearing, Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Public Hearing to order at 5:50 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Molano-Flores, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Wene and White. Commissioner Toalson was absent with notice.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #10-1 FOR THE 2010 FISCAL YEAR– None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner White seconded. Commissioner Wene noted the starting time of the Public Hearing had been at 5:50 p.m., so there had been a ten-minute time period for audience participation. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Brenda Molano-Flores, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Molano-Flores, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Wene and White. Commissioner Toalson was absent with notice.

REVIEW, DISCUSS, AMEND AS NECESSARY, AND ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #10-1 FOR THE 2010 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Herricks moved approval of the Final Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #10-1 for the Fiscal Year 2010. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Molano-Flores, Wene and White. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks moved to close the Special Meeting at 6:04 p.m. Commissioner White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Brenda Molano-Flores, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
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SPECIAL MEETING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting/Facilities Committee Meeting, Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Herricks called the Special Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Commissioner White called roll with the following commissioners present: Herricks and White.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wind Spire Update – None

2. Water Well Agreement

Golf Director Dave Torrens gave a brief description of the Water Well Agreement and discussed the agreement the District currently has with Sangamon Valley Public Water District in regard to the use of the water well. Mr. Torrens noted the District currently pays a line fee to Ameren for the power portion of the meter; thus the proposed \$10 monthly payment as compared to the amount now paid would be a savings. Commissioner Herricks advised he is comfortable with making an agreement with another government entity. In regard to question #5 in the agreement, when it refers to contaminated water, Commissioner White asked if clarification in the agreement could be made noting the District would not be responsible for potable water contamination. Commissioner Herricks also noted clarification was needed with item #5. Executive Director Jerry Pagac noted in regard to item #6, the meter will allow the District to monitor its usage of the well. Commissioner White asked for further clarification of wording in item #6 to note “electrical” usage. Commissioner White moved to forward the Water Well Agreement, with said changes, to the full Board for approval. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner White moved to close the Special Meeting at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner White seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herricks, Facilities Committee
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