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SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, October 19, 2006
Golf Course Clubhouse
Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Toalson called the Special Meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Wene, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Commissioner Green was absent with notice.

ADOPTION OF THE CCFPD ANNUAL TENTATIVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE #06-4

Commissioner Herricks moved to pass the 2006 Annual Tentative Tax Levy Ordinance #06-4 of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, in the County of Champaign, of the State of Illinois, in the aggregate sum of \$2,353,880.00, for the 2006 taxes due in 2007. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zehr made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Ruth Wene, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 19, 2006

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, October 19, 2006 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Toalson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Wene, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Commissioner Green was absent with notice.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

President Toalson said New Business Item C. would be moved up in the agenda to immediately follow the Report of the Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Regular Meeting minutes of September 21, 2006. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Executive Session Meeting minutes of September 21, 2006. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #77699 through #78033 dated September 15, 2006 through October 13, 2006 for a total amount of \$263,045.88 with wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state and sales taxes. There were no voided checks. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for September 2006. The outstanding bonds were \$97,000. As of September 30, 2006, the investments of the District totaled \$4,275,244.55 with ending cash available totaling \$27,585.01. Income for the month totaled \$922,343.83 and expenses totaled \$324,048.51. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for September 2006. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Lincoln Exhibit Memorandum of Understanding

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and the Champaign County Board regarding the establishment and operation of the Lincoln Exhibits. Commissioner Wene seconded. It was noted that this item had been presented at the September Board Meeting. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

President Toalson asked for any questions regarding the potential conservation easement between the District and the Girl Scout Council. The Board discussed benefits as well as concerns. Legal Counsel Matt Deering advised that the easement document was in draft form and would be reworked to best represent the District's intentions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

None

REPORT OF THE STAFF

The following are highlights from the Report of the Staff:

- The 2007 Budget process has begun.
- Progress is being made on the reclamation project at the recent Middle Fork River Forest Preserve land acquisition site.
- Progress on the Strategic Plan will be periodically reviewed and reported to the Board.

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REPORT OF THE STAFF (cont.)

- Executive Director Jerry Pagac recognized Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Assistant Site Superintendent Matt Kuntz for his hard work during Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Site Superintendent Don Humphrey's absence.
- Planning Director Sally Prunty introduced Jerry Dewhirst of Sodemann and Associates Inc., who gave an explanation of the substantial difference in bid amounts for the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve well project. He said the low bid had not met bid specifications. In order to get a more manageable bid, he recommended the Board reject the bids received; separate the project into an electrical project and a well drilling project; and re-bid them separately. The Board supported his recommendation.
- Museum Annex project update – Geothermal HVAC unit and an on-demand water heater had been installed.
- Environmental Education Night Hike participation numbers were exceptional. Participants reported hearing about the program mainly by word-of-mouth, District mailings and the News-Gazette.
- Proceeds from the District farm operation were noticeably higher this year.
- IAPD advised the District that Ameren IP would be increasing its rates significantly effective January 1, 2007 and that businesses have a deadline of November 10, 2006 to choose from alternate energy suppliers. Alternate supplier options are being investigated as well as a potential consortium with area park districts.

In addition to written reports included in the Board packets, staff provided activity summaries for the following departments: 1. Planning; 2. Construction; 3. Natural Resources and Forestry; 4. Botanical Garden; 5. Early American Museum; 6. Environmental Education; 7. Public Relations; 8. Volunteers; 9. Administration; 10. Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course; 11. Lake of the Woods/River Bend Forest Preserves; 12. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 13. Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Wene moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. These reports are available in their entirety at District Headquarters and on the District website at www.ccfpd.org.

REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Executive Director Jerry Pagac reported on recent Foundation activities including: recruitment of new members, progress on the annual mailing and television spots. He said the next meeting was scheduled for November 9th at 7:30 a.m. at Jim Gould Restaurant, Champaign.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning Director Sally Prunty gave an overview of the Outreach Subcommittee activities and said a written report on the subcommittee's activities would be presented to the Board in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

A. Facilities Committee

None

B. Personnel Committee

None

D. IAPD/IPRA Credentials Certificate and Delegate Selection

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the Credentials Certificate, which designates a representative of the District to serve as a delegate to the Annual Business Meeting of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. The certificate includes the names of three representatives, Ruth Wene as the delegate, Edwin Herricks as the first alternate and Jerry Pagac as the second alternate. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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E. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the appointment of Brian DeMuynck to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

F. Surplus Sale Revenue Allocation

There was discussion regarding how the revenue from the sale of surplus would be allocated throughout the District. The Board agreed that this decision would fall under the Executive Director's jurisdiction.

G. Middle Fork Well Project

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board reject the bid from Grosch Irrigation Company, Inc. in the amount of \$69,854.00 as well as the bid from Beck Well Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$21,864.00 for the contract of the Middle Fork Well project. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zehr made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ruth Wene, Secretary
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