

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, September 21, 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, September 21, 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 Secretary Wene to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

President Toalson said the Report of the Foundation would be moved up in the agenda to immediately follow the Report of the Treasurer.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – LINCOLN EXHIBIT AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Champaign County Board Member Steve Beckett presented the proposed County Courthouse Lincoln Exhibit Memorandum of Understanding between the Champaign County Board and the District. The following arose from the presentation:

- What is the funding source? Donations and grant funds. There will be no general revenue funds used.
- Who will be responsible for overseeing the exhibit? The Early American Museum staff.
- Would donations run through the District Foundation? Yes.
- Is this a long-term commitment? As it is an understanding of common interest, the project will be pursued as long as both parties are satisfied.

Mr. Beckett explained that following the CCFPD Board's approval of the agreement, it would be presented to the County Board Facilities Committee for approval. Legal Counsel Matt Deering advised that the Board could approve informally and then put this item on the October agenda for approval. President Toalson asked for a straw vote. The following commissioners voted "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

There were no additions or corrections to the Regular Meeting minutes of August 17, 2006. Commissioner Wene moved for approval. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Executive Session minutes of August 17, 2006. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #77226 through #77698 dated August 11, 2006 through September 15, 2006, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state and sales taxes for a total amount of \$350,062.25 excepting from that void checks #77184 and #77357. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for August 2006. The outstanding bonds were \$97,000. As of August 31, 2006, the investments of the District totaled \$3,688,489.51 with ending cash available totaling \$21,044.73. Income for the month totaled \$397,026.26 and expenses totaled \$270,248.74. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 2006. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Foundation President Eric Robeson said the CCFPD Foundation Mindy Harrington Memorial Golf Outing had been a success. He said work was in progress on the annual mailing, television spots and recruitment of five additional Foundation Board members.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Green complimented the aesthetics of the renovated golf course entrance as well as the painting done throughout Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve.

The Board complimented the results of the roadwork at River Bend Forest Preserve. They also said the 9-11 Memorial event had gone well and commented favorably on the sign that was unveiled.

REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

None

REPORT OF THE STAFF

The following are highlights from the Report of the Staff:

- District Sale of Surplus on eBay had been a success. Executive Director Jerry Pagac thanked staff involved and gave special recognition to Risk Management Coordinator/Personnel Assistant Mary Beck for organizing the task.
- Director Pagac attended a meeting with Mid-America Sand & Gravel regarding phase II of their mining operation at River Bend at which he was able to discuss potential concerns.
- Planning Director Sally Prunty and Director Pagac spoke about the OSLAD presentation they had recently given. Commissioner Green asked when the grant recipients would be announced. Staff said the announcement should be made within the next few months.
- Commissioners Wene and Green complimented the District's environmental education programs.
- Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy gave an update on the Annex Renovation project.
- Director of Golf Torrens thanked all staff involved in the golf course entrance project.
- The District buoy line break at River Bend was discussed as well as potential solutions.

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 Herricks 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 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee

None

B. Personnel Committee

None

C. Resolution for Financial Need

Commissioner Herricks moved to adopt the Resolution of Financial Need for 2007 in the amount of \$2,552,492.00. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. Acceptance of Strategic Plan

Commissioner Wene moved to accept the Strategic Plan document with the changes as described. Commissioner Green seconded. Deputy Director Jan Plotner reviewed final changes made to the document, mainly pertaining to completion dates. Executive Director Jerry Pagac said there had been an addition which included the golf course under Guiding Principles. The Board thanked Facilitator Ginger Murphy as well as staff for all of their work on the document. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Reappointment of Board Committees

President Toalson reappointed the following two committees: (1) Finance and Personnel with Commissioners Zehr and Wene, Chair; and (2) Facilities with Commissioners Green and Herricks, Chair.

F. Rules and Regulation #77-1 Revision Ad Hoc Committee Appointment

President Toalson appointed himself and Commissioner Wene, Chair to serve on the Rules and Regulation #77-1 Revision Ad Hoc Committee.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

G. Director Evaluation

Deferred to Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wene made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically sections 2(c)(1) for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and 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": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried. Executive Director Jerry Pagac, Deputy Director Jan Plotner and Legal Counsel Matt Deering were also present. Deputy Director Plotner and Legal Counsel Matt Deering exited at 7:45 p.m. Executive Director Pagac exited at 8:20 p.m.

Commissioner Herricks made a motion at 8:22 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Zehr moved to increase Executive Director Jerry Pagac's salary in the amount of \$1,000.00 effective September 1, 2006 with a reevaluation scheduled for June, 2007. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.