

Journal of Proceedings
STUDY SESSION – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Tuesday, July 6, 2010
Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Study Session on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Study Session to order at 4:00 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Molano-Flores, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Toalson, Wene and White. Executive Director Jerry Pagac was also present.

DISTRICT LONG-TERM STRATEGY

The commissioners discussed District properties and infrastructures in regard to long-term planning. Some items included trails, dams, spillways and lakes. Also included in the discussion were policies on working with other like entities and municipalities.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Toalson made the motion to adjourn the Study Session. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Brenda Molano-Flores, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Activity Center, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 15, 2010 at the Activity Center, Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, Penfield, Illinois. President Wene called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Molano-Flores, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Toalson and Wene. Commissioner White was absent with notice.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Swearing-In Ceremony

Brenda Molano-Flores was sworn in as a commissioner of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District.

B. Election of Officers

Commissioner Toalson moved that the commissioners occupy the following offices from July 2010 to June 2011: Ms. Wene, President; Dr. Herricks, Vice President; Dr. White, Treasurer; Dr. Molano-Flores, Secretary; and Mr. Toalson, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

C. Committee Appointments

Commissioner Wene made the following appointments: Personnel and Finance Committee – Molano-Flores and Toalson; and Facilities Committee – Herricks and White. Commissioner Wene also noted the following would serve as Board liaisons: Lincoln Exhibits Committee – White; Citizens Advisory Committee – Wene and CCFPD Foundation – Toalson.

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2010. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Toalson moved that the Board approve payment of checks #92917 through #93143 dated June 18, 2010 through July 16, 2010, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes and IMRF for a total amount of \$502,411.01. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Toalson gave the Treasurer's Report for June 2010. Commissioner Toalson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2010. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS AND/OR INPUT – None

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

Commissioner Herricks stated that prior to the meeting he had been able to visit the Middle Fork Waterfowl area, and remarked on the high water level. He also commented positively on the campground and the new restroom facilities. Commissioner Toalson stated, in regard to the staff reports and all the activity, that it feels good to be part of the District. Commissioner Wene commented on the prairie restoration and the positive long-term benefits it provides.

STAFF REPORTS

- Executive Director Pagac commended Andee Chestnut, Lake of the Woods Operations staff, planning committee and volunteers for the recent Freedom Fest event, and Finance Director John Baker and Finance Assistant Melinda Glover on their work with the audit. He noted staff is working on a grant application for an upcoming trail project near the main entrance at Lake of the Woods. Lastly, he noted Lake of the Woods Operations staff will be painting the interior of the HI-Tower, which has years of graffiti.
- Natural Resources Director Dan Olson introduced Mindy Allen, who is doing an overall administrative internship working with many District departments. He also said the District would be involved in a study through the UI involving miscanthus grass and its invasive properties. He said the study would be conducted in an area approved by the District and away from pristine areas. Commissioner Herricks echoed the suggestion of not having the area close to the valuable prairie. Commissioner Molano-Flores asked if the group will continue to do follow-up after the study. Mr. Olson said they would. Commissioner Herricks noted the District has a permit policy which allows tracking of such work. Mr. Olson noted the District currently has 12 studies being conducted.

Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the reports. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT –Executive Director Pagac reported at the last CCFPD Foundation meeting, the group discussed board development and direction.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – Commissioner Wene said the next meeting will be held August 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FACILITIES COMMITTEE – None

B. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – None

C. Sale of Surplus Property

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve a resolution allowing staff to sell District surplus items on eBay (as per attached list). Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. Rule Change

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved the Board amend Section V of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District's Rules to remove the restriction on wind-powered watercraft at River Bend Forest Preserve. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. 2009 Audit

Finance Director John Baker reported the finished audit should be received by the District next week and will be brought to the Board for approval at the August meeting.

F. Discussion of Grant Opportunities

Executive Director Pagac discussed a Transportation Enhancement Grant opportunity offered by IDOT for a possible bike path connection with bike paths in the Village of Mahomet. He noted the Lake of the Woods Road overpass crossing I-74 in Mahomet will be replaced in the next few years, and a bike path could be incorporated with it if there is a connecting trail to the forest preserve property. He stated this would be a good first step toward eventually connecting trails between Lake of the Woods and River Bend. Commissioner Toalson asked if Board approval would be needed. Director Pagac stated approval is not needed at this time, but a resolution would be presented to the Board at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Molano- Flores made a motion at 7:02 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, Toalson and Wene. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Toalson made a motion at 7:33 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Brenda Molano-Flores, Secretary
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