

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 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, October 21, 2010 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and asked Secretary 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.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE/AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - None

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved for approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2010. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Toalson moved that the Board approve payment of checks #93623 through #93827 dated September 17, 2010 through October 22, 2010, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state and state payroll taxes, IMRF, life insurance and sales taxes for a total amount of \$352,130.90. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Toalson presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2010. Commissioner Toalson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2010. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS AND/OR INPUT – Joan Dixon with the Champaign County Community Foundation presented the District with a \$10,000 donation check to be used for the Homer Lake Natural Playscape.

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

- Commissioner Herricks commended staff on the recent District Volunteer/Donor Recognition Event, as did Commissioner Toalson.
- Commissioner Molano-Flores commented on the recent Koi fish articles.

STAFF REPORT

- Executive Director Jerry Pagac stated an Eagle Scout project was being completed at Buffalo Trace, noting the project consisted of installing a new product called gravel lock, which can be used on uphill trail applications to help alleviate trail erosion. Director Pagac also praised staff for the recent Volunteer/Donor Event. Lastly, Director Pagac noted the District had just received word it had been awarded \$500,000 for a museum grant, noting the grant application was actually for \$1 million.
- Commissioner Wene asked when the new trail at Middle Fork would be completed. Site Superintendent Matt Kuntz noted completion should be around mid-November.
- Commissioner Herricks asked, in regard to District Interns, if an official follow-up letter from the District could be sent to the interns thanking them for their service.
- Commissioner Herricks noted the positive impact the District's education programs and educators have on the public.
- Commissioner Herricks inquired on the state of the golf course irrigation problems. Golf Director Dave Torrens noted the irrigation lines are the originals, and get repaired when necessary. Mr. Torrens noted a new system could cost more than \$700,000.
- Business Director John Baker noted Finance Assistant Melinda Glover will be leaving the District, and her last day will be November 4th.
- Executive Director Pagac said a group from Ohio State University did volunteer work for the District, prior to the Illinois-vs-Ohio State game.

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

FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

Commissioner Wene noted the next Foundation meeting will be held November 9th at noon at the Champaign Public Library.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Wene said Natural Resources Director Dan Olson gave an update on a 7.6 acre parcel along the Salt Fork River recently acquired by the CCDC. Commissioner Toalson suggested the District offer a site trip to District landholdings for CAC and CCFPD Foundation members, and other interested park and recreation professionals. The other commissioners agreed that a spring 2011 date would be a good time to conduct such a tour.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee - None

B. Personnel Committee - None

C. EAB Compliance Agreement

Commissioner Molano-Flores moved the Board approve signing the attached Illinois Department of Agriculture Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement to ensure the Champaign County Forest Preserve staff and public follow guidelines to help prevent or slow the spread of Emerald Ash Borer within Champaign County and throughout the state. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. 2010 Action Plan Update

Business Director John Baker noted this is the annual Board update on the District's Action Plan. Commissioners Herricks and Wene thanked staff for their efforts on keeping the plan updated.

E. IAPD/IPRA Credentials Certificate and Delegate Selection

Commissioner Toalson 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, Chris White as the first alternate, Jerry Pagac as the second and Brenda Molano-Flores as the third. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

OPEN SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.