The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Livesay called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Kerins called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
A. Minutes of Study Session Meeting on December 20, 2018
B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 20, 2018
C. Minutes of Executive Session December 20, 2018
D. Monthly Staff Reports
E. PDRMA Loss Control Report

Commissioner Kerins moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION – Commissioner Livesay noted that Jon Hasselbring and Mike Daab presented information on capital projects at Point Pleasant and Willow Pond to assist the Foundation with its 2019 fundraising efforts. The Foundation also approved its 2019 budget.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Commissioner Hays noted that the CAC welcomed six enthusiastic new members at its January meeting. The CAC also approved its 2019 slate of officers: chair Roger Digges, assistant chair Marianne Lippi, and secretary Mona Ghadiri. Hays also noted two committees were created: Outreach/Public Engagement and Projects/Research. The projects committee will focus in 2019 on work related to the Tomlinson Cemetery.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
Commissioner Goodman commended the logo designs for the newly designated Dark Sky Park, recent events at the Museum of the Grand Prairie including the December 31st New Year’s event, and the overall increase in social media posts and followers.

Commissioner Hays noted the Village of Mahomet is currently working on wayfinding and informational signage for canoe access areas on the Sangamon River and is seeking a partnership with the District. Hays also commented on the dugout canoe that construction staff made for the museum.
COMMISSIONER COMMENTS contd.

Commissioner Kerins noted that the work on the Tomlinson Cemetery that will be done by a CAC committee has been on the District’s list of things to accomplish for many years. He looks forward to seeing it completed.

Commissioner Herakovich commended staff on the recent PDRMA field review and accreditation, full-moon hike programs, and the Tomlinson Cemetery work that the CAC will do. Herakovich suggested that the CAC projects committee may want to reach out to a contact that takes care of a similar cemetery in Farmer City to learn from their experience.

Commissioner Livesay thanked staff for the grant updates and the proactive information on coyotes at Buffalo Trace. Livesay also noted all the positive media attention for the museum, and the bunker work at the golf course that will soon be started.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Announcements:
   - Grants Coordinator, Jarrod Scheunemann, advised the District had just received confirmation that the recent OSLAD grant for the Lake of the Woods Peninsula had made it to the next round of the selection process, and he and Jon Hasselbring will be heading to Springfield to give a 3 minute presentation to the committee on the project.
   - Planning Director Jon Hasselbring noted the recent completion of a replacement culvert on the Lake of the Woods bike trail.
   - Executive Director Wuellner noted that the golf course promotional pass sales are almost at 1,000, the FPFF donor retention rate for 2018 was up from the prior year and is now at the industry average of 45%, and the museum had just hosted the Mahomet Chamber of Commerce’s monthly luncheon.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval
   Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the payment of $124,182.44 in disbursements dated December 21, 2018 through January 17, 2019. Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. December Treasurer’s Report
   Commissioner Hays moved approval of the December Treasurer’s report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.
C. **Request to Acquire Collections**

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the request to acquire items for inclusion in the Museum’s Permanent Collection. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners thanked staff for the research that goes into acquiring such collections, and noted that they appreciate having the photos and the history of the items as they make their decisions. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. **Golf Course Pumps and Control Panel Replacement**

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the proposal for Golf Course Pumps and Control Panel Replacement from Illinois Pump, Inc, located in Rolling Meadows, IL for One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars ($126,486). Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioners inquired about the cost impact should the equipment require repairs, given that the vendor is not local. Commissioner Livesay also asked about the equipment warranty. Staff noted there is a one-year warranty that includes parts and labor, and the pumps could be serviced by the same local company that has performed work on the current pumps. Commissioners also noted that, when working on future visioning and strategic plans for the District, golf should be reviewed in the context of the District’s mission and service delivery. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Herakovich moved at 6:48pm to convene to Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Herakovich moved at 8:07pm to move out of closed session and open the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, and Livesay. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:07pm. Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, and Livesay. Motion carried.

Andrew Kerins, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District