

**Journal of Proceedings**  
**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, February 19, 2004**  
**Anita Purves Center, 1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana, Illinois**

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a **Regular Meeting**, Thursday, February 19, 2004 at the Anita Purves Center, 1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. President White 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, White and Zehr.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

None.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

There were no additions or corrections to the Public Hearing or Regular Meeting minutes of January 15, 2004. Commissioner Wene moved for approval. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Commissioner Herricks moved that the Board approve payment of checks #66814 through #67099 dated January 10, 2004 through February 13, 2004, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total amount of \$211,199.46, excepting from that void checks #66709 and #66896 through #66903. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2004. There were no outstanding bonds. As of January 31, 2004 the investments of the District totaled \$2,273,352.45 with cash available totaling \$30,412.06. Income for the month totaled 26,161.34 and the expenses totaled 163,171.50.

**REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

**REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners Herricks, Wene and Zehr spoke about the benefits of attending the IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference. Commissioner Herricks suggested having a commissioner debriefing to discuss conference information.

**REPORT OF THE STAFF**

Public Relations Director Chestnut congratulated the Golf Course Staff for being voted Best Golf Course in The Paper's Best of Champaign-Urbana 2003.

Executive Director Gray said he had attended the Parkland's Futures Conference. Director Gray announced Kristina Hubert had accepted the District Volunteer Coordinator position and Dan Olson had accepted the District Natural Resources Director position. The Board congratulated Ms. Hubert and Mr. Olson.

The Environmental Education Department gave a presentation highlighting all aspects of their department.

In addition to written reports included in the Board packets, staff provided activity summaries for the following departments: 1. Planning, Construction and Botanical Gardens; 2. Natural Resources, Forestry and Environmental Education; 3. Early American Museum; 4. Public Relations; 5. Administration; 6. Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course; 7. Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve; 8. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 9. Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. These reports are available in their entirety at District Headquarters and on the District website at [www.ccfpd.org](http://www.ccfpd.org).

**REPORT OF THE CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD**

Deputy Director Jan Plotner stated the next meeting would be held on April 8, 2004. She said the 2004 meeting schedule had been set, and additional members were being sought. She announced the Friends mailing was in the works.

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance #04-1 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for 2004**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #04-1, authorizing the issuing of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2004, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, in the amount of \$194,000. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes" Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried.

**2. Ordinance #04-2 Appropriating Proceeds With Respect to General Obligation Bonds for 2004**

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #04-2, appropriating the proceeds with respect to \$194,000 of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2004, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, to be used for the completion of numerous District projects. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried.

**3. Purchase of Diesel and Gasoline for 2004 (LOW)**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approve the low bid of 0.07 cents above the average price for diesel and 0.07 cents above the average price for gasoline fuel from Illini FS, Inc., Urbana, Illinois for the supply and delivery of fuel at Lake of the Woods, Homer Lake and Middle Fork sites effective March 1, 2004. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle (NR)**

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the purchase of a new 2004 Ford Explorer XLS at the state bid price of \$23,613. This vehicle will be purchased through Bob Ridings, Inc. of Taylorville, Illinois. Bob Ridings has been awarded the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Wene made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically Section 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. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following commissioners voting "yes": Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks made a motion at 7:38 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Herricks made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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