

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

Thursday, July 15, 2004

Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a **Regular Meeting**, Thursday, July 15, 2004 at the Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President White called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Toalson moved that the commissioners continue to occupy their existing offices for the next year: Ms. White, President; Mr. Toalson, Vice President; Mr. Herricks, Treasurer; Ms. Wene, Secretary; and Mr. Zehr, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

There were no additions or corrections to the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 17, 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 #68465 through #68881 dated June 12, 2004 through July 9, 2004, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total of \$350,083.54. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer's Report for June 2004. The outstanding bonds were \$194,000. As of June 30, 2004, the investments of the District totaled \$2,814,243.87 with ending cash available totaling \$32,587.44. Income for the month totaled \$1,086,290.30 and expenses totaled \$237,591.10.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

President White thanked the Board for their support.

REPORT OF THE STAFF

Commissioner Herricks asked what environmental considerations were included in the River Bend Plan. Staff spoke of current methods and advised that further study is underway as a part of the preliminary planning.

Director of Golf Dave Torrens thanked Assistant Golf Superintendent Michael Heustis for all of his work at the District, highlighting his involvement in the District's participation in the Audubon Sanctuary Program. He congratulated him and wished him well at his new job in Atlanta, Georgia.

Commissioner Wene expressed great appreciation for the look and function of areas at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve that are being naturalized.

Executive Director Robert Gray gave a summary of his recent activities including a meeting with the Land Conservation Foundation, a meeting with Middle Fork Site Superintendent Don Humphrey regarding the vacant Middle Fork Assistant Site Superintendent position, a monthly staff risk management meeting and a River Bend Plan meeting. Director Gray thanked the Lake of the Woods staff for their hard work during the power outage.

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REPORT OF THE STAFF (cont.)

In addition to written reports included in the Board packets, staff provided activity summaries for the following departments: 1. Planning and Botanical Gardens; 2. Construction 3. Natural Resources and Forestry; 4. Environmental Education; 5. Early American Museum; 6. Public Relations; 7. Volunteers; 8. Administration ; 9. Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course; 10. Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve; 11. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 12. Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. These reports are available in their entirety at District Headquarters and on the District website at www.ccfpd.org.

REPORT OF THE CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD

Deputy Director Plotner said the next meeting would be at 7:30 a.m. at the Original Pancake House on Thursday, August 12th. Ms. Plotner said Foundation Scholarships would be presented at the August Board Meeting, spoke about the upcoming CCFPD Foundation Mindy Harrington Memorial Golf Scramble at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004 as well as new Foundation Board Members openings and terms.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning Director Sally Prunty said there were two openings on the Citizens Advisory Committee and asked that applications be forwarded to District Headquarters. Commissioner Wene asked about the status of the River Bend Report. Staff said it was in the review process and would be forwarded to the Board soon.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Honor Dan Carlier

Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the Resolution to Honor Dan Carlier. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

President White asked that River Bend Forest Preserve be added to the agenda under Report of the Staff.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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