

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

Thursday, March 18, 2004

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, March 18, 2004 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, 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 and White. Commissioner Zehr was absent (excused).

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Commissioner Toalson moved that New Business be moved up on the agenda to follow the Report of the Treasurer. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Liz Young and Mary Jacobi

Community Service Awards were presented to Liz Young and Mary Jacobi for developing the Youth Volunteer Program at the Early American Museum.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Preliminary Audit 2003

David Hood, of Martin, Hood, Friese and Associates, spoke about the audit and welcomed questions from the Board. Commissioner Toalson asked if the Foundation has an outside audit. Deputy Director Jan Plotner said it does not.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

There were no additions or corrections to the Regular Meeting minutes of February 19, 2004. Commissioner Wene moved for approval. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Executive Session minutes of February 19, 2004. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Herricks moved that the Board approve payment of checks #67100 through #67371 dated February 14, 2004 through March 12, 2004 for a total amount of \$220,411.31 including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state and sales taxes and excepting from that void check #67083. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2004. The outstanding bonds were \$194,000. As of February 29, 2004, the investments of the District totaled \$2,299,931.73 with ending cash available totaling \$42,103.88. Income for the month totaled \$370,849.04 and expenses totaled \$332,224.60.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of Mower (GC)

Commissioner Toalson moved to approve the purchase of a new Jacobsen HR 6010 Rough Mower from Birkey's Turf Equipment Company for the amount of \$24,900.00. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Purchase of Deep-Tine Aerifier (GC)

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve the purchase of a new Soil Reliever Model 70 Deep-Tine Aerifier from Birkey's Turf Equipment Company for the amount of \$15,215.00. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Toalson left at this time.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

Dwain Berggren, on behalf of the County Environmental Panel, announced the panel would hold a Public Hearing at the Environmental Education Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, the following week.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

None

REPORT OF THE STAFF

Planning Director Sally Prunty introduced the District's new Horticultural Educator, Kandy Cockerill.

Golf Director Dave Torrens said the golf course had received the second of six certifications from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

Executive Director Robert Gray gave a summary of his recent activities including representing the District at a boy scout fundraiser, Farm Bureau legislative committee meeting and a Champaign County Chamber of Commerce Board Retreat. He also said he had given a presentation to a graduate Leisure Studies class. Mr. Gray reviewed a letter that the Prairie Rivers Network had sent to the District , and informed the Board that it would be included as part of public record.

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 and Forestry; 3. Environmental Education; 4. Early American Museum; 5. Public Relations; 6. Administration; 7. Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course; 8. Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve; 9. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 10. 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 Jan Plotner spoke of progress on the Friends mailing, solicitation of new Foundation members as well as the annual golf outing which is planned for Friday, September 10th. She said the next Foundation meeting would be on Thursday, April 8, 2004 at the Original Pancake House, Champaign.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning Director Sally Prunty said the River Bend subcommittee report was nearing completion. She said there was to be a class project involving a Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve site plan. Commissioner Wene stated that a comment she had made was not accurately recorded in the CAC minutes, and it would be revised at the next CAC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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