

**Journal of Proceedings**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, February 17, 2005**  
**Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois**

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a **Special Meeting**, Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Vice President Toalson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Vice President Toalson deferred to Deputy Director Jan Plotner to carry on the meeting.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

Staff shared and discussed information gained from attending the following: 2005 Annual IPRA/IAPD Conference, 2004 National Interpreters Workshop, PGA Merchandise Show, and Park and Recreation Maintenance Management School. In addition, staff provided written reports on the sessions attended. These reports are available in their entirety at District Headquarters. President White joined the meeting at 5:00 p.m

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Herricks moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

The commissioners shared and discussed information gained from attending of the 2005 Annual IPRA/IAPD Conference. President White left at 7:25 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Herricks moved to adjourn the Special Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, February 17, 2005**  
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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a **Regular Meeting**, Thursday, February 17, 2005 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President White called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 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.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS – CHARLENE ANCHOR AND STEVE BUCK**

A Community Service Award was presented to Charlene Anchor for her work with the bluebird boxes in Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve and Steve Buck for his work assisting with natural areas, especially River Bend Forest Preserve.

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

There were no additions or corrections to the Public Hearing or Regular Meeting minutes of January 20, 2005. Commissioner Wene moved for approval. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Commissioner Herricks moved that the Board approve payment of checks #70898 through #71141 dated January 15, 2005 through February 11, 2005, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total amount of \$179,032.30, excepting from that void checks #70897, #70958 and #670984. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2005. There were no outstanding bonds. As of January 31, 2005 the investments of the District totaled \$2,579,101.64 with cash available totaling \$41,528.41. Income for the month totaled \$27,765.16 and expenses totaled \$182,733.10. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2005. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

None.

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

Commissioner Wene announced that the Champaign County Board Environmental Panel, of which she is a member, had submitted a final report to the County Board earlier in the week. President White complimented Commissioner Wene's representation of the Forest Preserve Board on this panel and noted the report's impact.

**REPORT OF THE STAFF**

Commissioner Toalson shared that the Regional Planning Office would be generating a new aerial map in the near future that could be very helpful for the District.

President White asked the extent of Champaign County Rotary Club's involvement in the funding of the current Rotary Hill Shelter renovation. Staff said the Rotary Club was funding the entire project, including Construction Department time.

Commissioner Toalson commented on the great possibility for promotion associated with the Looking for Lincoln program coming to the Early American Museum.

**REPORT OF THE STAFF (cont.)**

Commissioner Toalson asked if staff was trained on the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Deputy Director Jan Plotner said that there has been AED training the last two years and approximately forty employees have been certified.

President White asked about Trout Season at Lake of the Woods. Site Superintendent Tom Pike said opening day was Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 a.m. and that the main lake would be closed to fishing after the lake is stocked.

Executive Director Bert Gray said he had attended the following: Foundation Board Recruitment Committee meeting, Museum Advisory Committee meeting, River Bend planning meeting, Champaign County Board Study Session, Rotary Hill Shelter planning meeting and Ecological Fire Crew Training Workshop meeting.

In addition to written reports included in the Board packets, staff provided activity summaries for the following departments: 1. Planning, Botanical Gardens and River Bend Forest Preserve; 2. Construction 3. Natural Resources and Forestry; 4. Environmental Education; 5. Early American Museum; 6. Public Information; 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 Toalson 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](http://www.ccfpd.org).

**REPORT OF THE CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD**

Deputy Director Jan Plotner said the March meeting had been rescheduled to Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Bresnan Meeting Center, 706 Kenwood Rd., Champaign Park District, Champaign, Illinois. Ms. Plotner also said a new member would be joining the Foundation Board shortly.

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Planning Director Sally Prunty gave an overview of the meeting, highlighting the election of officers and the Public Outreach Subcommittee presentation by Anne Priland. Commissioner Zehr had attended the meeting and complimented the Public Outreach presentation as well as the recent aesthetic improvements made at Izaak Walton Cabin.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Ordinance #05-1 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for 2005**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #05-1, authorizing the issuing of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2005, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, in the amount of \$194,000. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Deputy Director Jan Plotner gave a summarization of the annual bond issuance. President White explained the District's limited Bond capabilities and the need to Bond the \$200,000 each year. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes" Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried.

**2. Ordinance #05-2 Appropriating Proceeds With Respect to General Obligation Bonds for 2005**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #05-2, appropriating the proceeds with respect to \$194,000 of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2005, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Toalson, Wene, White and Zehr. Motion carried.

**3. Point Pleasant Report**

Commissioner Wene moved the Board accept the Citizens Advisory Committee Point Pleasant Subcommittee report entitled "Physiographic and Biotic Resources of the Point Pleasant Wetland – With Recommendations for Habitat Restoration" with great thanks. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Natural Resources Director Dan Olson introduced Ansel Anderson, the chair of the Point Pleasant Subcommittee. Mr. Anderson gave a brief overview of the report and addressed questions from the Board regarding water levels as well as effects of burning in peat areas. The Board thanked Ansel Anderson and the Subcommittee for their work on this report. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Herricks announced that the lease had been signed between the Champaign County Conservation and Design Foundation and the CSX & Norfolk-Southern Company regarding the Urbana to Danville trail, which could eventually involve the Champaign County Forest Preserve District.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Toalson made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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