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PUBLIC HEARING
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, January 20, 2005
Springer Cultural Center, 301 N. Randolph St. Room 201, Champaign, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners held a **Public Hearing**, Thursday, January 20, 2005 at the Springer Cultural Center, 301 N. Randolph St. Room 201, Champaign, Illinois. Vice President Toalson called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m., and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Wene, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Toalson, Wene, and Zehr. President White was absent (excused).

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING VARIOUS ITEMS OF FOREST PRESERVE DEVELOPMENT AND REPAIRS, REPLACEMENT AND REMODELING OF EXISTING FACILITIES, AND RELATED FACILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS AND COSTS.

There were no comments from the public.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks moved to close the Public Hearing at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Thursday, January 20, 2005
Springer Cultural Center, 301 N. Randolph St. Room 201, Champaign, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a **Regular Meeting**, Thursday, January 20, 2005 at the Springer Cultural Center, 301 N. Randolph St. Room 201, Champaign, Illinois. Vice President Toalson called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Wene, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herricks, Toalson, Wene, and Zehr. President White was absent (excused).

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Executive Director Robert Gray said the Citizens Advisory Committee Point Pleasant Site Plan would be included in the Natural Resources Staff Report.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

There were no additions or corrections to the Public Hearing minutes of November 18, 2004; the Special Meeting minutes of November 18, 2004; Public Hearing minutes of December 16, 2004; the Special Meeting minutes of December 16, 2004 and the Regular Meeting minutes of December 16, 2004. Commissioner Wene moved for approval. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wene moved to accept the Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2004. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Herricks moved that the Board approve payment of checks #70608 through #70898 dated December 11, 2004 through January 15, 2005 including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total of \$205,618.40 excepting from that void checks #70625 and #70749 through #70753. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Herricks gave the Treasurer's Report for December 2004. There were no outstanding bonds. As of December 31, 2004, the investments of the District totaled \$2,752,910.10 with cash available totaling \$23,885.27. Income for the month totaled \$188,839.86 and expenses totaled \$550,838.19. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2004. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Zehr congratulated the Early American Museum staff on their recent grant award.

REPORT OF THE STAFF

Public Information Director Andee Chestnut announced that the Education Brochure had won the Best of Show Award which would be presented to the District at the IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference.

Natural Resources Director Dan Olson distributed the Point Pleasant Site Plan and said it would be on the February agenda for acceptance.

Executive Director Gray said he had attended the Farm Bureau Legislative Breakfast, a meeting with Foundation Member Eric Robeson to discuss Foundation recruitment, and a Trails and Greenways 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

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.

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REPORT OF THE CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD

Deputy Director Jan Plotner spoke about the annual Foundation Dinner meeting that was held on January 13, 2005 at Lincolnshire Fields Country Club, at which Jeff Tock and John Busey were honored for their service to the Foundation. She said the Foundation was in the recruitment process for new committee members.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Planning Director Sally Prunty said the next meeting would be on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the Izaak Walton Cabin, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve 2005 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board approve the 2005 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented in the CCFPD Board packets. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution to Authorize Signatures on Investments

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the Resolution to Authorize Signers on the District's financial transactions. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Asset Capitalization Policy

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve the recommendation of \$5,000.00 as a minimum amount to record the District's assets. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reel and Bedknife Grinders

Commissioner Zehr moved to approve the purchase of a new Neary Model 550SRI Reel Grinder and a new Neary Model 277 Bedknife Grinder from Birkey's Turf Equipment Company for the amount of \$25,390.00. Commissioner Herricks seconded. Commissioner Wene asked for an explanation of the grinders. Director of Golf Dave Torrens explained that these machines sharpened the blades and or reels of the mowers. Vice President Toalson asked about the bidding process. Director of Golf Torrens said there had been three bids, of which Birkey's had been the lowest. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Zehr made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Wene seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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