

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, February 15, 2007
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 15, 2007 at the Anita Purves Center, 1505 N. Broadway Avenue, Urbana, Illinois. President Toalson 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 physically present: Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

REMOTE ATTENDANCE

President Toalson gave background information on the remote attendance section of the agenda and said it would be included on all future agendas.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

A Community Service Award was presented to Derek Liebert in appreciation of his extensive contributions to the District, including removal of invasives and partnering with District staff on Natural Resources presentations.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Public Hearing Minutes of January 18, 2007, the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2007 and the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2007. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #78925 through #79163 dated January 13, 2007 through February 16, 2007, including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total amount of \$280,089.25 excepting from that void checks #77922, #77595, #78981 and #79068. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for January 2007. There were no outstanding bonds. As of January 31, 2007 the investments of the District totaled \$3,304,643.42 with cash available totaling \$33,698.90. Income for the month totaled \$47,452.44 and the expenses totaled \$275,283.52. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2007. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

The following are highlights. The Board:

- complimented the Callery Pear Invasive Tree flyer noting the benefits of education on these topics and asked if there had been any public comments. Staff said one comment had been received.
- thanked Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy for her continued informative and appreciative letters sent to local legislators.

REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

None

REPORT OF THE STAFF

The following are highlights:

- Executive Director Jerry Pagac complimented Lake of the Woods Site Superintendent Tom Pike and the Lake of the Woods Operations Department on the efficient job done on invasive tree removal.

REPORT OF THE STAFF (cont.)

- Director Pagac announced that Mike Daab was the new Assistant Natural Resources Director and Matt Kuntz was the new Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Site Superintendent.
- Director Pagac said exploration of eco-friendly pervious concrete was in progress for potential use on the golf course parking lot.
- Natural Resources Director Dan Olson said the Salt Fork Steering Committee Watershed Plan was nearing completion and would be presented to the Board in the future.
- The Board asked if the District had to enter into a contract to join the energy co-op with Champaign, Peoria and Decatur Chambers. Staff said this would be looked into and they would get back to the Board.

In addition to written reports included in the Board packets, staff provided activity summaries for the following departments: 1. Planning; 2. Construction; 3. Natural Resources and Forestry; 4. Botanical Garden; 5. Early American Museum; 6. Environmental Education; 7. Public Information; 8. Volunteers; 9. Administration; 10. Golf Course; 11. Lake of the Woods/River Bend Forest Preserves; 12. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 13. Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. 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

Foundation President Eric Robeson reviewed recent Foundation activities including: new member orientation; review and goal development regarding Strategic Plan items relevant to the Foundation; formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the feasibility of hiring a Foundation Development Director; and both the Marketing and Fundraising Committees continue to progress.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee

None

B. Personnel Committee

None.

C. Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

None.

D. Ordinance #07-1 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for 2007

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #07-1, authorizing the issuing of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2007, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, in the amount of \$194,000. Commissioner Herricks seconded. President Toalson advised a Public Hearing had been held in January. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Ordinance #07-2 Appropriating Proceeds With Respect to General Obligation Bonds for 2007

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board of Commissioners adopt Ordinance #07-2, appropriating the proceeds with respect to \$194,000 of General Obligation Development Bonds, Series 2007, of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, to be used for the completion of numerous District projects. Commissioner Green seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried.

F. Benefit Planning Consultants Adopting Resolution

Commissioner Wene moved to approve the Adopting Resolution from Benefit Planning Consultants, the District's Employee Section 125 Flex Spending and Dependent Care Program. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Staff explained this was in relation to a previous discussion at the December Board Meeting regarding health care benefits. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

G. Champaign County Lincoln Exhibit Committee Appointments

Commissioner Zehr moved to appoint Kent Tucker of Rantoul and Anke Voss of Urbana as the Champaign County Forest Preserve District representatives to the Lincoln Exhibits Committee. Commissioner Wene seconded. Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy explained the purpose, responsibilities and structure of the committee. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

H. Purchase of a Track Loader (NR)

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board approve the bid from Bobcat of Champaign located in Mahomet, Illinois for the purchase of one Bobcat T300 Track Loader and listed attachments (pallet forks, brush grapple, forestry mower, and combination bucket) for a total of \$73,410.10. Commissioner Green seconded. Natural Resources Director Dan Olson explained that safety factors, serviceability and attachment versatility were the major factors in the bid selection and further added that the lowest bid had not met all bid specification requirements. Deputy Director Jan Plotner noted that \$70,000.00 had been budgeted for this purchase and the remaining amount would come from funds made available from the sale of surplus assets. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

I. Purchase of Vault Restroom Facilities (PN)

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board award the contract for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Vault Toilet Project to CXT Precast in the amount of \$135,000.00. Commissioner Green seconded. Commissioner Herricks advised this purchase had been presented to the Facilities Committee and was recommended. He explained the health and safety issues of the current pit toilets and said this purchase was for six vault restrooms four of which are for Middle Fork, one for Lake of the Woods and one for Homer Lake. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

J. Purchase of Mower (BG)

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve the quotation from Birkey's Construction Equipment, Urbana, Illinois for the purchase of one 2007 Exmark LXS29KLA72 riding mower (72" deck) with an installed mulch kit and extra set of mulching blades for \$10,350.00. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Commissioner Herricks advised this purchase had been presented to the Facilities Committee and was recommended. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

K. Executive Session Recordings Destruction

Commissioner Wene asked that IPRA Conference session materials regarding Executive Session policies be copied and distributed to the Board for further discussion at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wene made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to adjourn into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2(c)(5) for discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Commissioner Green seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following commissioners voting "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried. Executive Director Jerry Pagac, Natural Resources Director Dan Olson and Legal Counsel Matt Deering were also present.

Commissioner Herricks made a motion at 8:10 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Green seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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