

**Journal of Proceedings
PUBLIC HEARING
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, January 18, 2007
Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois**

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing, Thursday, January 18, 2007 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Mahomet, Illinois. President Toalson called the Public Hearing to order at 5:51 p.m., and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Wene, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

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 5:52 p.m. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, January 18, 2007**

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, January 18, 2007 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Toalson 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: Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Commissioner Wene noted the Rules and Regulation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2006 were included in the Board packets. Commissioner Wene moved for approval of the Public Hearing Minutes of December 21, 2006; Special Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2006; and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2006. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #78653 through #78924 dated December 16, 2006 through January 12, 2007 including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state & sales taxes for a total of \$265,763.74 excepting from that void checks #78788 through #78796 and #78339. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for December 2006. There were no outstanding bonds. As of December 31, 2006, the investments of the District totaled \$3,451,297.61 with cash available totaling \$88,205.63. Income for the month totaled \$166,507.39 and expenses totaled \$439,714.21. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2006. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

REMARKS AND/OR INPUT FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

The Board recognized former Assistant Natural Resources Director Jeremy Shafer for his valuable contributions to the District and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Herricks complimented the Citizens Advisory Committee Outreach Subcommittee report and noted the impressive numbers of citizens reached.

Commissioner Green announced that due to her future out-of-county status her last day on the Board would be May 31, 2007.

REPORT OF THE BOARD COMMITTEES

1. Facilities Committee

None.

2. Personnel Committee

None.

3. Rules and Regulation Ad Hoc Committee

None.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

None.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

The Board gave special recognition as well as a token of appreciation to Ann Prisland and Bob Craft, who both recently completed their terms on the Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board thanked them for their valuable contributions to the District.

REPORT OF THE CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD

Deputy Director Jan Plotner reviewed recent Foundation activities including: a new member orientation; review of the Foundation's structure including potential development of a Foundation Director position; and new member committee assignment review. Ms. Plotner said the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at Jim Gould Restaurant, Champaign.

REPORT OF THE STAFF

The following are highlights:

- The Eco-Box Self Guided Audio Tour System, which plays educational messages and will be installed in the enabling garden, was demonstrated. The Board complimented it and noted the endless possibilities for usage throughout the District.
- A reception was scheduled on Sunday, January 21st at 1 p.m. at the museum to honor long-time museum employee Jane Collins.
- The District would be partnering with the local television station WILL on an oral history of local veterans.
- There is potential for an electricity co-op between Peoria, Decatur and Champaign Chambers that may offer a significant savings. This topic would be further investigated and brought back to the Board.
- Comments regarding the name change from Salt Fork River Forest Preserve to Homer Lake Forest Preserve were discussed.

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; 4. Botanical Garden; 5. Early American Museum; 6. Environmental Education; 7. Public Relations; 8. Volunteers; 9. Administration; 10. Hartwell C. Howard Golf Course; 11. Lake of the Woods/River Bend Forest Preserves; 12. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and 13. Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Green 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.

OLD BUSINESS

I. Remote Attendance Ordinance #06-7

Commissioner Herricks moved to adopt Ordinance #06-7 codifying the Champaign County Forest Preserve District voting procedures for electronic attendance and adoption of rules of participation. Commissioner Green seconded. The pros and cons were discussed. Legal Counsel Matt Deering advised that the ordinance allowed for the Board to be able to vote to either accept or decline the request of remote attendance on a case-by-case basis. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee

None.

B. Personnel Committee

None.

C. Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

None.

D. Approve 2007 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board approve the 2007 Regular Meeting Schedule as presented in the CCFPD Board packets. Commissioner Wene seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointments

Commissioner Herricks moved approval of the appointment of George H. Kiefer and Robert Rubendunst to the Citizens Advisory Committee for full three-year terms that expire in 2009. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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F. Museum Items for Accreditation

Commissioner Wene moved to approve the following museum documents required for accreditation: Code of Ethics for Board of Commissioners and Executive Director; Code of Ethics for Staff; Code of Ethics for Volunteers; Early American Museum Mission Statement and Education Purpose Statement; and Early American Museum Strategic Plan, Collection Plan and Collection Management Policy. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy explained the timeline for the accreditation process. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Wene made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to convene 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 Zehr seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following commissioners voting "yes": Green, Herricks, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried. Deputy Director Jan Plotner and Legal Counsel Matt Deering were also present.

Commissioner Herricks made a motion at 7:28 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Green 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 Zehr made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Green seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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