

**Journal of Proceedings**  
**PUBLIC HEARING BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2009**  
**Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois**

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Public Hearing, Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Public Hearing to order at 5:55 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Toalson, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Commissioner Herricks and Molano-Flores were absent with notice.

**RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO SELL BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING FACILITY DEVELOPMENT, REPAIRS AND REHABILITATION AT DISTRICT FOREST PRESERVES: SANGAMON RIVER, LAKE OF THE WOODS, RIVER BEND, HOMER LAKE AND MIDDLE FORK** – None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Toalson moved to close the Public Hearing at 5:58 p.m. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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**REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
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The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. President Wene called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked the Secretary, Commissioner Toalson, to call the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Commissioners Herricks and Molano-Flores were absent with notice.

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS/REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Commissioner Toalson moved for approval of Special Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2008; two sets of Public Hearing Minutes of December 22, 2008; Special Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2008; and Regular Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2008. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #86992 through #87305 dated December 13, 2008 through January 9, 2009 including wire transfers for payment of Fed/FICA/state payroll taxes, IMRF, life insurance & sales taxes for a total of \$369,841.69, excepting void checks 87135 – 87185 & 87277. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Commissioner Zehr noted the voided checks were due to the closing of one fiscal year and the beginning of the next.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for December 2008. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2008. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS AND/OR INPUT** - None

**COMMISSIONERS REMARKS AND/OR INPUT** - None

**STAFF REPORTS**

- Executive Director Pagac noted staff will now be getting Board packet information electronically, thus eliminating a large amount of paper copies. Director Pagac acknowledged education staff, noting an increase in District educational programs during 2008, and he added the Construction Department had been working hard installing new windows in Lake of the Woods Pavilion. Director Pagac also reported that thus far, private donations for Patton Woods funding had reached more than \$5,000.
- Middle Fork Site Superintendent Matt Kuntz reported new windows are currently being installed in the Activity Center, and the windows are not only energy-efficient, but also add to the appearance of the building.
- Natural Resources Director Dan Olson introduced Nathan Hudson, new Natural Resources Technician, and reported Illinois Steward Magazine will be adding a new section on Master Naturalists, a program the CCFPD was instrumental in implementing.
- Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy stated the Early American Museum will host a President Lincoln's Birthday Party 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. February 12<sup>th</sup>. Director Kennedy noted the museum is normally closed during February, but will be open on that day to share in the state of Illinois's celebration of the Lincoln bicentennial.
- Grants Coordinator Mary Ellen Wuellner reported the Rotary Club Grant application was not awarded to the District.

Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the January staff reports. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Motion carried.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Executive Director Jerry Pagac reported the committee is still in need of three members, but approval of one new member was on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Also discussed at the last meeting were the 2009 committee involvement projects.

**CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**

Executive Director Jerry Pagac stated at the last meeting, the Foundation's past year was reviewed and 2009 goals were identified. It was also agreed that the annual golf outing would not be held in 2009. Director Pagac reported the foundation lost \$35,000 in investments last year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Rules and Regulations Committee Ad Hoc Resolution**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approve the Dissolution of the CCFPD Board Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee as per the attached Resolution. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Also, Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approved the Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes of August 8, 2007. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken to approve both motions. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Interpretive Plan Update**

Sarah Elm, Administrative Assistant, gave a PowerPoint presentation overview on the District's Interpretive Plan. Ms. Elm advised this was a collaborative effort with all the departments working together to develop a plan that would tell the District's story. She explained how it has been implemented, giving the example of the program November Moon. Commissioner Zehr commended the education staff on programming offered at the District. Commissioner Wene said she was impressed with the way the Interpretive Plan has progressed from an idea at the District's strategic planning initiative in 2007 to a tool that can now be used.

**B. Environmental Assessment Update**

Cassie Carroll, Natural Resource Environmental Assessment Intern, gave a PowerPoint Presentation overview of the District's Environmental Assessment Report. Ms. Carroll highlighted the benefits of an environmental assessment, and commended the District on current green initiatives being done, using examples such as recycling, thermal heating in some District buildings, and the changeover to the T-8 and compact fluorescent lights throughout the District. Commissioners present all agreed this information was very helpful, and will be of great benefit to share with the public. Ms Carroll agreed, and stated the assessment would soon be finalized and forwarded to staff for final comments, with an early spring completion time anticipated. Once completed, information would be shared with the public.

**C. 2009 Meeting Schedule**

Commissioner Zehr moved the Board approve the schedule of Regular Board Meetings through December of 2009. Commissioner Toalson seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**D. Museum Collection Acquisition**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approve the addition of a horse-drawn scoop to the museum collection. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**E. Working Budget 2009**

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approve the 2009 Working Budget. John Baker, Business, Finance and HR Director, stated the draft budget had been distributed to the commissioners at the December Board Meeting, and the only changes made to the draft copy were corrected revenue and expenditure charts from the summary section, and the projects list was updated to include carry-over projects from 2008. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**F. Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment**

Commissioner Toalson moved approval of the appointment of Bruce Colravy to the Citizens Advisory Committee for a full three-year term that expires in 2011. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Wene stated in regard to a Board retreat, she had contacted IAPD and spoken with IAPD CEO Ted Flickinger regarding facilitating it. She stated Mr. Flickinger would be available after mid-March, and a three-hour evening time period would work well. Commissioner Wene commented she would like to wait until all commissioners were present to schedule a date for the retreat. Commissioners Toalson and Zehr agreed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Toalson made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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