

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, March 19, 2009

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, March 19, 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: Herricks, Molano-Flores, Toalson, Wene and Zehr.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

The Board presented Community Service Awards to Jackie Roy and Kathy Schoeffmann in recognition of their continued dedication to the District through their volunteer work.

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Toalson moved for acceptance of the Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Toalson moved for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Commissioner Zehr moved that the Board approve payment of checks #87555 through #87902 dated February 6, 2009 through March 13, 2009 for a total amount of \$398,536.39 including wire transfers for payment of FED/FICA/state and sales taxes and excepting from that void checks #87466 and #87536. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Commissioner Zehr gave the Treasurer's Report for February 2009. Commissioner Zehr moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2009. Commissioner Herricks seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REMARKS AND/OR INPUT – None

COMMISSIONERS REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

Commissioner Zehr stated he was very impressed with the District's Environmental Assessment Report. Commissioner Herricks, in regard to the staff reports, commented on the recently-installed wood burning stove at the Homer Lake maintenance shed, and also commended staff on all their preparations for the upcoming summer season. Commissioner Molano-Flores, in regard to the District Communications in the Board packet, commented on the recognition of the golf course from the PGA.

STAFF REPORTS

In addition to, and in reference of, written staff reports provided to the Board:

- Executive Director Pagac noted the importance and contributions of the Master Naturalist Program. In particular, he congratulated Larry Beckett for his articles in the recent Illinois Steward magazine. He also acknowledged Volunteer Coordinator Kim Horbas for her efforts working with the volunteers, and Museum Curator Barb Garvey and Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy for efforts with the temporary Lincoln exhibit and the Lincoln Goose Pond Lecture Series.
- Commissioner Herricks commended the Homer Lake staff working with the IDNR regarding changes in the bluegill fishing regulations. Commissioner Toalson commented favorably on the trail bridge work being done at Homer Lake.
- Commissioner Zehr stated he had recently visited Sangamon River Forest Preserve, and noted the preserve looked good, and had visitors using it. Commissioner Herricks commented the new windows at Lake of the Woods Pavilion were a great addition.
- Natural Resources Director Dan Olson gave the commissioners copies of the completed Environmental Assessment Report, which was also on the website. Commissioner Herricks commended Director Olson on his work in the Master Naturalist Program. Commissioner Molano-Flores commented on the number of prescribed burns that staff was able to accomplish this season.

STAFF REPORTS (continued)

- Commissioner Toalson asked if identifying signage will be placed by the prairie planting that will be done in the garden. Natural Resources Director Dan Olson stated individual species will be identified in the Discovery Garden.
- Commissioner Zehr stated he had attended and enjoyed the recently held Goose Pond Lecture Series program. Commissioner Herricks commented his wife and grandchildren had attended, and enjoyed, the Lincoln's Birthday Party held at the museum.
- Commissioner Zehr complimented staff on the vermicomposting demonstration at the Greener Living Expo.
- Volunteer Coordinator Kim Horbas informed the Board that a Districtwide clean-up day will be held April 19th. She noted that trail stewards who volunteer with the District will be leaders at each of the preserves that day. Commissioner Herricks moved to accept the staff reports. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Motion carried.

CCFPD FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

Commissioner Toalson reported the Foundation Board will take final action in May regarding the status of the 2009 CCFPD Foundation Mindy Harrington Memorial Golf Outing.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Director Jerry Pagac reported the committee made a new member recommendation and would be bringing it before the Board at the April meeting. Director Pagac asked Natural Resources Director Dan Olson to speak about a possible bio blitz, which was a topic of discussion at the last CAC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Board Retreat

Commissioner Wene stated the Commissioners Retreat would be 4-7 P.M. April 28th at Izaak Walton Cabin in Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve. She advised the Board that questions from IAPD would be sent to them asking for topic suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Committee

1. Purchase of Equipment

a. Banquet Tables and Chairs (MF)

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve purchase of 25 tables and 135 chairs from the Mity-Lite Company for a total price of \$13,338.18 using the Illinois State Bid Contract. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

b. Bunker Rake (GC)

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve the purchase of one new Jacobsen Super Star Extreme motorized sand bunker rake from Birkey's Farm Store using the State of Illinois Bid Contract for a purchase price of \$13,420.66, which includes the traction unit, front blade and finish rake attachment. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

c. Bank Mower (GC)

Commissioner Herricks moved to approve the purchase of one new Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D Sidewinder bank mower from Turf Professionals Equipment Co. using the Illinois State Bid Contract for a purchase price of \$27,834.00. Commissioner Zehr seconded. Commissioner Herricks stated the old bank mower, and the other items earlier approved, will be sold on eBay as surplus goods. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

B. Museum Collection Deaccession of Artifacts (MU)

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board approve the transfer of a hogscraper type candlestick (#1968.1.1048) from the permanent collection to the education collection. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C. Consignment Contract (MU)

Commissioner Herricks moved the Board approve the attached consignment contract template and delegate to the Executive Director signatory authority for these contracts. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Commissioner Wene commented she thought having such a contract is a good idea for the District. Museum Director Cheryl Kennedy noted the consignments will change every three months. Commissioner Herricks asked for clarification on the wording "art dealer" in the contract. Legal Counsel Matt Deering stated the wording is taken straight out of statute for such a contract. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Director Jerry Pagac noted the District has been invited to be a partner organization in the Illinois Climate Action Network. He said he had contacted the Lake and DuPage County Forest Preserve Districts and found they had also been invited, but had not made a decision on participation. Commissioner Toalson stated he had concern in working with one outside agency and then having others wanting the District to be involved with their causes as well. The commissioners agreed they would prefer the Illinois Association of Conservation and Forest Preserve Districts being involved with the group rather than the individual agencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Toalson made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2(c)(21) for discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herricks, Molano-Flores, Toalson, Wene and Zehr. Motion carried. Executive Director Jerry Pagac, Finance Director John Baker and Legal Counsel Matt Deering were also present.

Commissioner Toalson made a motion at 7:20 p.m. to go back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Zehr seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION – None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herricks made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Molano-Flores seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Robert Toalson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District