

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

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Commissioner Livesay was absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

AGENDA MODIFICATION – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Public Hearing/Special Meeting on December 20, 2017
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 20, 2017
- C. Minutes of Executive Session on December 20, 2017
- D. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Hays seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

A. Citizen's Advisory Committee Report - Commissioner Hays thanked the CAC members for their work on the Dark Sky Parks Project, noting it was on tonight's agenda for approval. Commissioner Hays also thanked CAC members that were present and introduced three recently approved new members: Fred Bunting, Roger Digges and Richard Harris.

B. Commissioner Comments – Commissioners commended staff for all of the positive media coverage, Natural Resources staff for cleaning up some recently dumped trash on the frozen Sangamon River, Finance staff for the work on finding the best percentages on CDs, and for supplying information regarding the PDRMA accreditations award. Commissioners that recently attended the recent IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference also noted they got much information from the conference. Commissioner Hays also reported on a possible hog confinement operation proposed to be built near Middle Fork River Forest Preserve. Commissioner Hays noted concern of this possibility and suggested a Resolution opposing such an operation be brought to the Board next month. All Commissioners present agreed that such an operation could have a devastating impact on the Sugar Creek and the Middle Fork River.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Museum and Education Department Cultural Competency Initiatives, 2017-** Interim Executive Director Wuellner gave an overview of the document that was included in the Board packet. Commissioners noted that they appreciated the initiative of staff and thanked them for their work. Commissioners also agreed that expanding the District's efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion should apply to all aspects of the organization, including hiring and programming.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT cont'd.

- B. General Announcements** – Natural Resources Director, Mike Daab, introduced two new District full-time employees: Peter Goodspeed, Natural Resources Specialist, and Emily Williams, Natural Resource Technician.

Interim Executive Director Wuellner, also noted she had received much information at the IPRA/IAPD Annual conference, and would have information to share in next month's Board packet.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Disbursements for approval**

Commissioner Hays moved approval of disbursements for December 21, 2017 through January 25, 2018 for a total of \$181,836.41. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

- B. December Treasurer's Report**

Commissioner Hays moved approval of the December Treasurer's report. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

- C. Ordinance 2018-01 Issuance of 2018 Series General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, \$291,889**

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the issuance of \$291,889 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2018, of the District, for the purpose of paying costs of developing forest preserve lands in and for said District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the corporate fund of the District. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

- D. Resolution 2018-01 Purchasing Policy**

Wuellner noted that no approval was needed on this tonight. The Board was asked to review and provide any feedback or questions on the revised policy. Approval of the policy would be scheduled for next month's agenda. Commissioners asked staff if there had been changes to spending levels. Staff noted changes are reflected in the document.

- E. Resolution 2018-02 Financial Structure and Responsibilities**

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Resolution 2018-02 – Financial Structure and Responsibilities Policy. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2018-03 Designation of Middle Fork River Forest Preserve as a Dark Sky Park

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve submission of an application to the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) to designate the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve as an International Dark Sky Park. Commissioner Goodman seconded. Commissioner Hays thanked Dave Leake, Parkland College Planetarium Director, for his help and work on the submission. Commissioner Hays also thanked the CAC, Matt Kuntz and the Middle Fork staff, District Construction staff, Natural Resources staff, Mary Ellen Wuellner, Jon Hasselbring and the District's previous Executive Director for their work on this project. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

G. Executive Director Employment Agreement

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve an Executive Director Employment Agreement between the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and Mary Ellen Wuellner, effective January 26, 2018. Commissioner Goodman seconded. Commissioners noted they are fortunate to have Wuellner in the position. Executive Director Wuellner stated she is honored to be able to work with the CCFPD Board and staff. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

H. Request to Acquire Collections

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the request to acquire items listed in the packet for the inclusion in the Museum's Permanent Collection. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

I. Request to Deaccession Collections

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the request to deaccession the item listed in the packet for removal from the Museum's Permanent Collection. Commissioner Hays seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

J. Ford F150 Purchase – Natural Resources

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 2018 Ford F150, Crew Cab, 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck at the price of Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$32,320) from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc., of Greenfield, Illinois, Commissioner Goodman seconded. Commissioners requested to have a local bid when possible. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

K. Toro Workman HDX Purchase – Golf Course

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 2018 Toro Workman HDX for a total purchase price of Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Dollars and twenty Six Cents, (\$21,707.26) Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 6:40 p.m.
Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Kerins. Motion carried.

Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District