

Journal of Proceedings  
SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, June 21, 2018  
Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Interpretive Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois. Commissioner Livesay called the Special Meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. Roll was taken with the following Commissioners present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich and Livesay. Commissioner Kerins was absent with notice.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**Homer Lake Interpretive Center Tour**

Interpretive Center staff gave a tour of the Homer Lake Interpretive Center.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Goodman moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:02 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Motion carried.

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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Thursday, June 21, 2018  
Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:35p.m. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATION** – None

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Gabe Lewis with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation on the KRT/Weaver Park Connectivity Study. Commissioners thanked Mr. Lewis for the presentation and asked if a copy of the study is available for the public. Mr. Lewis noted a copy will soon be available online. Commissioner Herakovich suggested that Mr. Lewis give the same presentation to the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation, as they have been involved with the KRT from the very beginning. Commissioners also asked about future granting possibilities, whether the options might require the purchase of additional land, and parking options for individuals who want to access the trail.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 17, 2018
- B. Monthly Staff Reports

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

**FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION** – Foundation President, Dan Noel, introduced members present: Bob Espeseth, Rod Byers, Will Timmons, Terry Rathgeber, and Roger Laramee. Noel noted the passing of Tom Berns, and recognized him for his long-time support of the Foundation and the District. Noel summarized Foundation highlights from the past year, including the opening of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, donations from Jimmy Liataud for the KRT and the Noel family for the botanical garden, the hiring of an administrative assistant (cost-shared with the District), receiving over \$20,000 from the annual Nature’s Appeal campaign, grants for the Dark Sky Park project at Middle Fork, four public amenities grants from Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, a stewardship challenge grant for Point Pleasant, an Access to Recreation grant from the Community Foundation, and a grant of funding and product from Columbia Sportswear and Champaign Outdoors. Noel also noted the group is seeking new board members, and continues to provide annual support for District education programming and Freedom Fest. Commissioner Livesay, the District Board liaison to the group, thanked Foundation members for their dedication to the Foundation and the District. Commissioner

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Herakovich noted how retiring members have the opportunity to serve as mentors to any new members who join. Commissioner Goodman commended the accessibility initiatives that are being done through grants.

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Carl Altstetter, CAC Secretary, noted the CAC Chair, Eileen Borgia, was unable to attend this evening meeting, so he would give the report for the CAC. He asked members present to stand and introduce themselves. Those included: Marianne Lippi, William Ford, Fred Bunting, and Richard Harris. Altstetter noted the group has been heavily involved in outreach for the District. Examples of 2018 outreach events and activities include the Urbana Farmers Market, OUTSIDE at Research Park, numerous community fairs and festivals, and the bike rides sponsored by Champaign Cycle in support of the KRT. The group has also updated and approved new by-laws, adding the position of an Assistant Chair. Lastly they have worked with staff on the Dark Sky Park designation process for Middle Fork. Altstetter commended staff for leadership on that project and the installation of the new dark sky-compliant lighting at Middle Fork. Commissioner Hays, as the CCFPD Board liaison to the group, noted it is a pleasure to work with the group, and specifically mentioned the commitment of the CAC Chair, Eileen Borgia.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Herakovich noted she was pleased with the recent hiring of a District Grants Coordinator and the Our Town Mahomet feature on WCIA, commending Lisa Sprinkle, District Marketing Coordinator, for her work on the program. Commissioner Herakovich also commended staff for the work on the Middle Fork accessible sidewalk installation, the new electrical work at the campground, and also thanked District staff for their involvement in outside organizations.

Commissioner Livesay commended education staff for their work on diversity and inclusion efforts, Pam Leiter for the tour of the Interpretive Center at the earlier special meeting, and the implementation of the District's new recycling efforts.

Commissioner Hays commended staff for the canoe safety programming and stated he would like to see more of these types of programs offered. He mentioned that both Middle Fork and Lake of the Woods would be good candidates for boat access grants. Commissioner Hays also noted it was good to learn that Executive Director Wuellner was monitoring the coal ash situation along the Middle Fork River in Vermilion County and that everyone should keep informed about the potential risk that poses to the river.

Commissioner Goodman noted all the positive media attention the District has been receiving, and commended Lisa Sprinkle, District Marketing Coordinator, for her recent interviews on WCIA and in the News-Gazette.

Commissioner Kerins agreed with the prior commissioner comments and thanked staff for all their efforts.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**A. Announcements** – Executive Director Wuellner reviewed the community engagement calendar that was in the Board packet. Ms. Wuellner asked for two Commissioners to work with staff on these public awareness and engagement initiatives. Commissioner Kerins noted that Commissioners should let Wuellner know of their interest in serving on the committee. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to staff for moving this process along.

Executive Director Wuellner thanked Homer Lake staff for preparing the dinner that was served, and for their good work at the preserve. She also asked Commissioners to let her know who would be interested in attending the 2018 NRPA conference, which will be held in Indianapolis in September.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. April/May Disbursements for Approval, Corrected**

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the corrected May disbursement report specifically, the payment of \$262,738.26 in accounts payable disbursements dated April 20, 2018 through May 17, 2018. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**B. May/June Disbursements for Approval**

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the payment of \$194,330.07 in accounts payable disbursements dated May 18, 2018 through June 21, 2018. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**C. May Treasurer’s Report**

Commissioner Hays moved approval of the May Treasurer’s report. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioner Livesay noted she was glad to see the increase in golf revenue and also thanked staff for the score card that is included in the report. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**D. Ordinance 2018-02 Prevailing Wage**

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board adopt Ordinance 2018-02, the Prevailing Wage Act, as required by the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Livesay moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:45 pm. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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