

**Journal of Proceedings**  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, May 17, 2018

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, May 17, 2018 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00p.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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Study Session of April 19, 2018
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 19, 2018
- C. Minutes of Executive Session on April 19, 2018
- D. Monthly Staff Reports

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

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

**A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation** – Commissioner Livesay that the Foundation met off site at a potential land donation location. While there they discussed recently approved and potential new grants, and the District's Conservation Reserve Program. Although the District currently participates in the CRP, as a governmental entity it is longer eligible for CRP payments. If the Foundation, as a 501c3 organization, were to lease the land from the District, those payments could resume. Finance Director, John Baker, noted that the District had received as much as \$24,000 annually in the past. Commissioners recommended that staff continue to investigate the alternatives. Commissioners also asked staff to again share the District's grants policy document with them.

**B. Citizen Advisory Committee Report** –CAC members present were: Eileen Borgia, William Ford, Denise Ingram, and Marianne Lippi. Commissioner Hays stated the CAC last met at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve and finalized the draft bylaws for the Board of Commissioners' approval on tonight's agenda. CAC also got an overview from staff of District natural resources activity and discussed staffing booths at summer festivals.

**C. Commissioner Comments** – Commissioner Herakovich thanked the museum staff for their work on the 1968 exhibit and the garden staff for the beautiful flower river. Commissioner Herakovich also noted that commissioners and staff should consider attending the annual NRPA conference this year as it is in nearby Indianapolis.

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Commissioner Livesay noted how busy Homer Lakes Hidden Acres has become, and thanked staff for the accessible sidewalk that was recently installed at the Middle Fork campground. Commissioner Livesay also noted how pleased she was to see the Middle Fork Campground electrical work completed and thanked golf staff for conducting programming at the schools. She also asked about the lack of bids for the pond and waterfall work at the botanical garden. Staff noted they had contacted firms that had requested bidding information but did not submit bids. Several indicated that the project timing would not work with their schedules, and others stated that the scope of work was not in their capabilities. John Baker advised that he contacted the District's legal counsel about the legality of seeking quotes for the work since the bidding process did not yield results.

Commissioner Goodman commended staff for recycling scrap metal and praised garden staff for their creative work in the garden including the installation of a new large Adirondack chair. Commissioner Goodman also advised he would be interested in being on the golf advisory committee.

Commissioner Hays asked Director Wuellner about the mission of the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation. Wuellner explained it has a land preservation mission and has been involved as the interim land holder for past District land acquisition projects. CCDC secured the lease and rail bank status for the Kickapoo Rail Trail, making it possible for the District and the Vermilion County Conservation District to purchase it as an intact corridor. Commissioner Hays also invited everyone to an upcoming event called Day at the Fork sponsored by the Prairie Rivers Network at Kickapoo State Recreation Area on Saturday, May 19th.

Commissioner Kerins noted he had earlier spoken with John Baker regarding the IMRF rate information presented in his report, and also thanked staff for continuing to include Cultural Competency Initiatives in the staff report and for working to improve the District's reach in the community.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**A. Announcements** – Lake of the Woods Site Superintendent, Doug Sanders, introduced Joie Torres, the District's new Golf Course Superintendent.

Executive Director Wuellner shared an award that was presented to the Kickapoo Rail Trail at the Mid-America Trails and Greenways Conference recognizing the trail as the Outstanding Project for the State of Illinois in 2018. Director Wuellner also noted the recent Community Used Bike Sale netted a little over \$3,000 which was donated by Champaign Cycle to the Foundation in support of the KRT. Over the past three years, Champaign Cycle has raised and donated more than \$32,000 to the KRT.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Disbursements for approval**

Commissioner Hays moved approval of disbursements for April 20, 2018 through May 17, 2018 for a total of \$229,803.93. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**B. April Treasurer’s Report**

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

**C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Bylaws**

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the Citizens Advisory Committee’s revised bylaws with edits as noted. Commissioner Hays seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hays moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 6:53 pm. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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Bobbie Herakovich, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
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