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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, May 23, 2019

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 23, 2019 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Livesay called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Herakovich called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Herakovich and Livesay. Commissioners Hays and Kerins were absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 18, 2019
- B. Minutes of Executive Session on April 18, 2019
- C. Monthly Staff Reports

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

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION – Commissioner Livesay reported the May meeting had been cancelled, but the fundraising committee had met. The next meeting will be the joint CAC/FPFF/CCFPD Board meeting in June. Livesay noted that the Foundation board will tour the Homer Lake Interpretive Center prior to the meeting.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE –Executive Director Wuellner, on behalf of Commissioner Hays, reported that two members resigned from the committee; one will be relocating out of the area, and one had other time constraints. Commissioner Herakovich asked if most parts of the county were being represented by current members. Wuellner noted that the community is well-represented, with members from Champaign and Urbana, as well as several smaller towns in the county. Wuellner noted that the May meeting included a tour of the Middle Fork campground, Willow Pond, as well as the new dark sky-compliant light fixtures near the beach, shower house, and Activity Center.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Herakovich commented on the success of the recent Community Used Bike Sale hosted by Champaign Cycle in support of the KRT. Herakovich provided a compensation committee update noting that the group is reviewing the employee evaluation process, the financial impact of the new minimum wage rates, and a District on-call policy. Herakovich summarized her recent trip to meet with local legislators in Springfield and thanked Wuellner and Barb Garvey for accompanying her. She noted that contact with our legislators is valuable.

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Lastly, Herakovich thanked staff for all their efforts now that warmer weather is here and activity is picking up.

Commissioner Goodman commended staff on the excellent preserve appearance despite significant recent storms that brought heavy winds and rain. Goodman noted golf committee chairperson, Gordon Salm, has recruited numerous volunteers to assist with projects at the course.

Commissioner Livesay congratulated staff for pulling together today to help Middle Fork with storm damage clean up. From her experience, this is not the case at every organization. Livesay thanked Grants Coordinator, Jarrod Scheunemann, for the LOI request he recently submitted for the Homer Lake Interpretive Center, and HR Generalist, Dara Edgington, for sharing employment information and coordinating efforts with area high schools. Livesay noted she had recently received positive feedback from members of the public for the Museum's 1968 exhibit, and Middle Fork's Dark Sky designation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. **Community Engagement:** Wuellner had no additions to the written report that was supplied in Board packet.
- B. **Announcements:** Wuellner announced that Saturday's Take Me Fishing event at Middle Fork had to be cancelled due to the storm damage. Jon Hasselbring, Planning Director, conducted a very good program on the renovation of the pond/waterfall at a recent lunch and learn for volunteers. Wuellner offered to have the presentation at the June Board meeting. Wuellner thanked Commissioner Herakovich and Museum Director Garvey for attending the Springfield legislator trip, and noted a substantial bequest the museum recently received. Commissioners commended Marketing Coordinator, Lisa Sprinkle, for promoting the Dark Sky Park event and the opening of the *Discovering Home* exhibit on the C-U MTD buses.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the payment of \$246,105.61 in disbursements dated April 19, 2019 through May 23, 2019. Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

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The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. April Treasurer’s Report

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

C. River Bend Shelter as a Rental Facility

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the addition of the River Bend Shelter as a regular rental facility with the fee structure as proposed. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

D. North Waterfowl Management Area, Middle Fork – East Barn Demolition

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve a contract with Barnwood Cliff to demolish the east barn at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve’s north waterfowl area.

Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioner Herakovich confirmed with staff that the proper insurance coverage would be in place. Staff noted the contract would require evidence of adequate insurance coverage on the part of the contractor. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herakovich moved at 6:32 pm to convene to Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Livesay reopened the regular meeting at 7:25pm.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:26 pm. Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, and Livesay. Motion carried.