

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

Thursday, September 19, 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, September 19, 2019 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Livesay called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Commissioner Kerins called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 15, 2019
- B. Minutes of Executive Session on August 15, 2019
- C. Monthly Staff Reports

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation

In regard to the recent dedication of the renovated Botanical Garden pond/waterfall feature, Commissioner Livesay thanked all that attended, as well as donors and staff that worked both on the feature and on the event. Livesay also reminded everyone of the upcoming KRT fundraiser at Sleepy Creek Vineyard on November 15th. She also commended the wonderful positive energy of the current FFFF members.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Hays reported that Dawn Cobb with the Illinois Historic Preservation spoke with the group regarding the Tomlinson Cemetery history and culture preservation. Hays also noted the group will be looking for two additional members to join the committee this fall.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Herakovich expressed congratulations for the recent 217 and People's Choice awards. Herakovich also commended staff for the continuing education that was mentioned in the staff reports and noted the partnership with Ameren in regard to power line right-of-ways at Lake of the Woods and the KRT. She remarked on the amount of play at the golf course and the new Sun King art sculpture that is located on the KRT.

Commissioner Comments cont'd.

Commissioner Kerins thanked fellow commissioners for attending the recent Botanical Garden pond/waterfall dedication, stating that after so many years of being on the Board and supporting the work that was done, he was sorry he had been unable to attend. Kerins also commended the District cultural competency initiative updates, echoed the appreciation of work between the District and Ameren, and noted the work being done by Natural Resources and Operations departments.

Commissioner Hays echoed the comments regarding the Botanical Garden dedication, noted appreciation for the two public meetings that are set for next month seeking input on the District's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, and thanked District staff and volunteers that attended the recent USRC mussel survey and river cleanup.

Commissioner Goodman also thanked staff for the Botanical Garden dedication and noted the WCIA coverage of the event. Goodman also recognized staff for the Summer Concert series, and thanked the sustainability committee for their work.

Commissioner Livesay mentioned that she had visited Homer Lake last week and had noted the amount of work Natural Resources has done, and also stated she had recently been at a conference that was also attended by Emily Williams, District Natural Resources Technician, and was impressed with Williams' contributions to the workshop. Livesay also echoed appreciation of the Sun King art sculpture.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Community Engagement

Wuellner noted Dale Morrissey will be attending the meeting on September 23 with the CE staff group to share his experiences with public engagement. Wuellner also noted that the public input survey is underway with results expected soon.

B. Announcements

Wuellner noted appreciation for the recent tour of the Tomlinson Cemetery, echoed Commissioner Livesay's comments on the garden event, mentioned the upcoming triathlon, stating part of the event will be at Lake of the Woods, and reported WCIA had just been at Middle Fork doing a story regarding the needed Willow Pond work.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the payment of \$183,495.85 in disbursements dated August 16, 2019 through September 19, 2019. Commissioner Kerins

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

B. August Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the August 2019 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2019-04 Financial Signatories

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board adopt Resolution 2019-04 Financial Signatories. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

D. Schoolhouse (Hensley Hall) Roof

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board award the Schoolhouse (Hensley Hall) Roof Replacement Project to Jackson Quality Construction for the total sum of \$15,700. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

E. Homer Lake Interpretive Center Roof

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board award the Homer Lake Interpretive Center Roof Replacement Project to Central Roofing, LLC for the total sum of \$15,854. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

F. SUV Hybrid Purchase

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the purchase of one (1) new 2019 Toyota RAV4 LE Hybrid from Napleton's Auto Park of Urbana, Illinois, for thirty thousand ninety three dollars, eighty one cents (\$30,093.81). Commissioners confirmed with staff that the bid request specs did not limit the number of bids received. Staff advised specs included cargo space and seating, and there were a couple of different make/models that would have been acceptable, but only one entity forwarded bids. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Budget Update

Finance Director John Baker reviewed the operating and capital updates shared with the Board. Commissioners asked questions regarding: 2020 minimum wage changes, projects for the District capital reserve, and other operating budget questions. Baker confirmed that the 2020 draft budget included the minimum wage scenario shared in July but that the compensation committee had not yet finalized its compensation recommendation. Baker noted that staff will

propose additional budget allotments and commitments based on the December capital reserve, including consideration of the Willow Pond restoration and the Lake of the Woods spillway repair. Last year the Board set aside a \$50,000 commitment for the Willow Pond Project. Mike Daab confirmed that 2019 and 2020 budgeted funds for hazardous tree removal include the Middle Fork campground and the golf course among other sites. Baker noted that IMRF rates will increase from the current 7.78% to 8.59%, less than expected given the 2018 market performance from which next year's rate is generally derived.

B. 2020 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Wuellner noted that the board meeting schedule is being distributed for the Commissioners to review against their calendars. She asked commissioners to email her with any conflicts so that staff can verify there would be a quorum present at all meetings. Wuellner noted no action is needed at this time, and the schedule will be on the November agenda for approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kerins moved at 7:04p.m. to convene to Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 5 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, and 2 (c) 21 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 Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Executive Session was opened at 7:28 pm.

New Business

A. Release of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Kerins noted that the Board had conducted the required semi-annual review of the unreleased minutes of past executive sessions and concluded that the need for confidentiality still exists for all unreleased minutes and portions of minutes, except for the following which will be made available for public inspection at this time:

August 16, 2018 (inadvertently identified as August 18, 2018 upon release – this is to clarify August 16, 2019), October 18, 2018, November 14, 2018 ¶¶ 2 and 3, and attachment pp3-7 (¶1 attachment pp 1-2 remain unreleased), December 20, 2018 ¶3 (¶¶ 1 and 2 and 2 page memorandum related to ¶¶ 1 and 2 remain unreleased), January 17, 2019, March 21, 2019 (except ¶ under 2 (C) 1 beginning ("Wuellner provided an update....), and April 18, 2019. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. Verbatim Recordings of Executive Session Minutes

Herakovich also moved that the Board concluded it is appropriate and therefore authorize the destruction of existing recordings of executive session held on or before March 19, 2018. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerins moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:31 pm. Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Andrew Kerins, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District