

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 17, 2020, 6:00 pm
Headquarters, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois
Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.com)

Meeting ID: 841 0004 0630

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 via Zoom.com due to the Illinois Governor's Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Hays called the roll. The following Commissioners were in attendance by both audio and video: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – All via Zoom

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 19, 2020
- B. Minutes of Executive Session on November 19, 2020
- C. Minutes of Study Session on December 3, 2020
- D. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Herakovich made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation

Commissioner Livesay noted the group met earlier in the month via zoom and discussion included: donor recognition tiers for the peninsula project, a fundraising raffle initiative, and an on-going discussion about legacy giving. Livesay also reported that Will Timmons, FPFF President, has been challenging the members to meet new goals, and that a new member, Merry Mitchell, attended the meeting for the first time. The Foundation continues to seek new members, so if anyone has a recommendation, names can be forwarded to Livesay.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Hays advised the group had also met in early December and recommended the approval of the two new members that are on tonight's board agenda. Hays noted his appreciation for the work of the nominating committee in reviewing the many applications that had been submitted and interviewing the candidates.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners cited the following items from staff reports and observations:

- Amount of play and conditions at the golf course
- Work on the Rankin Collections Care Center
- Departmental staff holiday recognition events
- Education programming
- Holiday decorations at Lake of the Woods
- Prairie seed collection
- Golf course bunker work
- Vote Yes sign recycle
- KRT railroad tie removal

Commissioner Hays inquired if information regarding a Project Labor Agreement would be coming forward. Staff noted Bridgette Moen is currently working on collecting information from the UI and a memo will be forthcoming.

Commissioners thanked all staff for their work this past year, especially navigating COVID restrictions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Announcements – Wuellner thanked CAC members present at the meeting, Marianne Lippi and Nancy Elliot for attending the meeting and all other CAC members involved in the CAC appointments. Wuellner also noted the District’s recent employee United Way Campaign and thanked Mary Beck for her efforts leading the campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved to approve the payment of \$375,519.09 in disbursements dated November 20, 2020 through December 17, 2020. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. Treasures Report - November

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the November 2020 Treasurer’s report. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

C. CAC Appointments

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve the appointment of Katrina Kotowski to a three-year term and Tim Oravec to a one- year term (to fill a spot vacated by Jeanine Russell), with both terms begin January 2021. Commissioner Goodman seconded. Marianne Lippi gave an

overview of the appointments. A roll call vote was taken. The following Commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried. Commissioners Hays thanked the committee for their work on the selection process.

D. Ordinance 2020-04, Appropriations Transfers

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve Ordinance 2020-01 for 2020 Appropriations Transfers. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2020-16, KRT Urbana Extension Study Acceptance

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve Resolution 2020-16 thereby accepting the RPC Urbana KRT Extension Study. Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioners thanked Gabe Lewis and the Regional Planning Commissioner for their extensive work gathering relevant data and putting together a very complete document. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2020-17, 2021 Working Budget

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve Resolution 2020-17, the Working Budget for 2021. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioners commended staff on their work on the document. Baker thanked Balbach for her assistance. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

G. Five Year Capital Plan

Daab reviewed the five-year capital plan that was in the packet. Hays noted that he agreed with the insertion of future funding for land acquisition and canoe/kayak launches along the rivers. Livesay stated she would suggest keeping funding in line with what referendum planning noted, mostly capital repair work and maintenance. She suggested evaluating the usage of river access points prior to funding additional launches. Commissioners noted that grants and donations should continue to fund future land purchases as has been the District’s recent practice, but that some acquisition funds should be set aside for grant matches. Wuellner thanked Daab and Moen on their work on the plan.

H. 2020 Capital Projects Fund Transfer Authorization Commissioner Livesay moved the Board authorize the Business and Finance Director, upon the approval of the Executive Director, to transfer funds from the Corporate Fund and Improvement & Developments Fund to prevent a negative Capital Project cash and investment balance at 2020 year end. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following Commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

I. Liability Insurance Recommendation

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve renewing the Park District Risk Management Agency contract for providing liability insurance and risk management services for the District.

Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried. Commissioners commended staff for gathering the data necessary to make an adequate comparison between providers.

J. KRT Removal of rail Ties

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board award the KRT Rail Tie Removal Project to TiEnergy, LLC of Gilberts, Illinois for an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Two and no Dollars (\$30,382). Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

K. MF Activity Center HVAC Replacement

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the bid for the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Activity Center HVAC replacement from Dogtown Heating and Air, located in Paxton, IL for Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$49,838.00). Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioner Herakovich amended her motion to include: to be approved after confirming with legal staff on the necessity to provide prevailing wage rates to the owner of the company. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following Commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kerins moved to Executive Session at 7:18 pm under 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 Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Executive Session was closed and regular session resumed at 7:32 pm.

OPEN SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Livesay made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:33 pm. Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Scott Hays, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District