

**Journal of Proceedings**  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
District Headquarters, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois  
Thursday, June 18, 2020  
Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.us)  
Meeting ID: 879 4239 5504

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 via Zoom.com due to Illinois Governor Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Livesay called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Commissioner Kerins called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Commissioner Livesay confirmed, via hand raise, all commissioners were able to see and hear the meeting.

Executive Director Wuellner was physically present at District Headquarters.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – All attendees participated via Zoom.com due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS** – None

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 21, 2020
- B. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

**A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation**

Commissioner Livesay noted the group had not met since the last CCFPD Board meeting, but FPF Board president, Will Timmons, has been working on fundraising endeavors with contacts, and other members are working with the Community Engagement Group on fundraising. Livesay also noted excitement with the availability of \$20,000 unrestricted funds from the CCDC, and the information regarding DCEO funding for the KRT being included in the state budget.

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee**

Commissioner Hays noted the group will be meeting June 10. Hays advised that although in-person outreach is not possible, the group is still very active. In particular, Hays noted social media initiatives, Tomlinson Cemetery work, and research into future District promotion items. Hays also reported a potential new member is being considered.

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### **C. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioners commended staff for their work on: creative programming during the pandemic, including Art in Quarantine and Museum Mornings; sustainability initiatives; well written and detailed staff reports; the District photo contest; continued work on District projects; the golf course hole sponsorship programs; LED lighting updates at Lake of the Woods; gardens staff for their work on the Koi and succulent area in the greenhouse; and CAC and staff for their work with the Tomlinson Cemetery.

Commissioner Goodman asked if special clearance was needed in regard to the Tomlinson Cemetery work. Staff noted they are working with IDNR archaeologist and cemetery preservationist, Dawn Cobb, on the project.

Commissioners Hays and Herakovich noted their concern with signage that recognizes companies that have donated to District preserves or facilities. It gives the appearance that we are providing advertising space.

Commissioners commended staff for working closely with C-U Public Health and asking them to visit the campground, Interpretive Center, and Museum prior to Restore Illinois re-openings in order to keep staff and visitors safe.

Commissioner Livesay thanked staff and members of the Community Engagement group for their work over the past month.

Commissioner Kerins reported he had applied for another term on the CCFPD Board and that the Champaign County Board was meeting this evening to consider his reappointment.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**A. Announcements:** Wuellner noted the District's new Planning and Projects Coordinator, Bridgette Moen, is taking the lead on the recently awarded IDOT amenities grant for the KRT, and that the first meeting with ERA consultants had taken place within the last few days.

Wuellner also noted that Illinois is expected to move to Phase 4 under Illinois' COVID-19 reopening plan within the next two weeks. At that time, more facilities and restrooms will be coming available. Mary Ellen noted the reopening guidance supplied by IAPD and PDRMA for park and recreation agencies during this time has been very helpful.

Finance Director, John Baker, updated the Commissioners on District finances, noting the Carle repayment was received by the County treasurer's office, so the District's property tax disbursement would not be affected. Commissioners asked if Carle had requested anything in return for forgiving a portion of the tax payment owed to them, such as naming rights. Staff noted that our legal counsel advised there had been no request made.

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**B. Community Engagement:** Wuellner noted a decision by the Board regarding a November ballot initiative would be approved on an August 6 special board meeting. Wuellner noted the CCDC had donated unrestricted funds for use by the group. Wuellner also reviewed a previous survey she had sent to commissioners, noting the results were 3.4 and 3.8 out of 5, with the greater score attributed to UI students being back on campus during the November election. Commissioner Goodman indicated that each of the UI departments are deriving their own guidelines for classes, so a good number of students may be physically on campus.

Commissioner Hays noted that the new mail-in voting option could provide voters time to study the ballot at greater leisure, which could assist them in understanding confusing ballot referendum language.

Wuellner gave an overview of ballot options and corresponding wording, noting recent information provided by Chapman Cutler. CC had cautioned against a levy question if we thought the EAV would decline in future years as it could reduce the amount available to the District. Finance director Baker noted two additional options: a debt service increase or CPI override. The board indicated it was still in favor of the one-year limiting rate increase option.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Disbursements for Approval**

Commissioner Goodman moved to approve the payment of \$239,539.86 in disbursements dated May 22, 2020 through June 18, 2020. Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioner Goodman asked staff about check 11654, payment for removal of stored chemicals. Baker noted this payment covered the environmental cleanup of chemicals stored in an abandonment storage closet at the golf course, including some that had leaked. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

#### **B. Treasurers Report - May**

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve the May 2020 Treasurers report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

#### **C. Resolution 2020-06 Temporary Rules Regarding the Open Meetings Act**

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board adopt Resolution 2020-06, Temporary Rules Regarding the Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Kerins seconded. Wuellner gave an overview of the need for the temporary rules, noting she, Lisa Sprinkle and Mary Beck had recently viewed a webinar hosted by IAPD on the information. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:16 pm. 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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Andrew Kerins, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County Forest Preserve District