

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 21, 2021, 6:00 pm
Headquarters, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois
Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 841 0004 0630

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2021 via Zoom due to the Illinois Governor’s Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:07 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 commissioners and staff attended via Zoom. The executive director, finance director, human resources generalist, and human resources assistant were present at the meeting location.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No members of the public participated at the meeting location or remotely via Zoom.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 17, 2020
- B. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Hays 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 welcomed a new member. Livesay also noted the meeting included a speaker representing Bank Champaign who reviewed the Foundation’s investment strategies. District Grants and Development Coordinator, Ryan Anderson, shared 2020 donation information. Livesay also noted the enthusiasm of the committee chairman, Will Timmons, and his drive for setting and obtaining goals.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Hays advised the group had also met and welcomed two new members. Hays noted that the group would be undertaking two new projects – a research study of the Hazen Bridge property and working with the staff-led sustainability committee to assess the District’s carbon footprint and suggest ways to reduce it. Hays noted the group reviewed the proposed budget and appreciated an opportunity to discuss pending capital projects. Lastly, Hays advised

that committee member Fred Newport had suggested the need for future dredging of Homer Lake, as silt buildup is making canoeing and kayaking some parts of lake more difficult.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners cited the following items from staff reports and observations:

- Amount of play at the golf course in December
- Recent positive media coverage and promotion of upcoming events and activities
- Staff response to recent ice storms and tree damage
- Museum Facility Plan
- Collaboration with other Districts
- Continuing education
- Volunteers and continued outreach
- Staff's work with United Way and Eastern IL Foodbank initiatives
- Finance staff work on the District Budget
- Free advertising obtained by marketing staff

Commissioner Hays noted he had been at Heron View preserve and inquired when boundary signs would be going up. Signage is currently being installed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Public Broadcasting of Board Meetings – Wuellner noted that the District had received an inquiry about broadcasting its board meetings on UPTV. City of Urbana staff has indicated that it could host these meetings for us. Commissioners agreed that public transparency is important and advised staff to look into the details. They noted, however, that moving monthly meetings to various venues around the District took precedence over broadcasting the meetings live.

B. Announcements – Wuellner noted revenue and expense numbers provided by the Yes To Forests committee reflects \$55,000 in revenue against \$49,500 in expenses. She stated that printing and mailing costs made up the bulk of the expense and were higher than first estimated.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved to approve the payment of \$159,794.79 in disbursements dated December 18, 2020 through January 21, 2021. 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 - December

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

C. Ordinance 2020-03, Annual 2021 Budget & Appropriation

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve Ordinance 2020-03 for 2020 the Annual Budget and Appropriation for the 2021 fiscal year. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2021-01 District Personnel Policy Update: Holidays

E. Resolution 2021-02 District Personnel Policy Update: Insurance Plans

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Resolutions 2021-01, 2021 Personnel Policy Updates: Holidays and 2021-02, 2021 Personnel Policy Updates: Insurance Plans. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2021-03 2021 Management Plan and Budget Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board approve Resolution 2021-03 Management Plan and Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioners commented they would like to take more time of review and comment on the document. Commissioner Herakovich stated she and Goodman will work with staff on the management plan. Commissioner Hays moved to table the action to the February meeting. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

G. Museum of the Grand Prairie Collection Acquisition

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve the acquisition of the items listed below, including the Chambers, Flodstrum, Smith, Markstahler, Bonner, Hanson, Atterberry, Valentine, Garvey, Morgan, and Otto offers, for the inclusion in the Museum’s Permanent Collection. Commissioner Goodman seconded. Commissioners thanked staff and the advisory Board for their work on preserving history for future generations. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

H. Museum of the Grand Prairie Deaccession from Collection

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve the request to deaccession an item that was received as part of the Krannert Center Collection from the permanent collection. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners asked staff if the items are destroyed. Staff noted if an item is able to be used by another like agency, it will be transferred, but if the item is in poor condition as this piece is, it would be destroyed. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting

January 21, 2021

Page 4 of 4

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Hays moved to Executive Session at 7:03 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 Herakovich 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 8:16 pm.

OPEN SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hays made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:16 pm. Livesay 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