

Journal of Proceedings  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, August 22, 2014  
Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie,  
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 22, 2014 at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner White called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Commissioner Hult was absent with notice.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

Commissioner White noted item D. **Audit Report** under new business would be moved up to after the Secretary Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Beth Chato, representing the Champaign County Audubon Society, gave an annual report on the 2013 bird count of the Champaign County Forest Preserve.

Michael Prentice and Ann Panthen spoke in favor of District bike/walking trails and voiced their concerns regarding the Ridge Creek Easement agenda item, noting they had heard from others that decisions by the District had been made regarding the easement. Commissioner White advised the District had not had any discussions as of yet on the easement.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2014. Commissioner Kerins seconded. Commissioner White asked that his title and Commissioner Kerins title, be noted as Dr. instead of Mr. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**D. Audit Report**

Chad Lucas with Sikich LLP was present and gave an overview of the District Audit and the findings of the audit.

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board accept the 2013 District Audit Report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. Commissioners commended staff on the strides that have been taken so far in regard to addressing items in the report. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Kerins moved that the Board approve payment of \$209,729.79 in accounts payable disbursements dates July 18, 2014 through August 21, 2014. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the July 2014 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS AND/OR INPUT**

Commissioner Herakovich thanked fellow commissioners and staff for their patience regarding her scheduling conflicts. Commissioners commended staff for all their work over the last month including, recent media coverage, the Homer Lake Natural Playscape water feature, invasive species removal, and the newly installed decking on the Botanical Garden bridge.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Dan Olson welcomed past District Executive Director Jerry Pagac. Mr. Pagac advised he would soon be moving from the area, but thanked commissioners and staff for all their work during his tenure as Executive Director of the District.

Director Olson also reported Construction Manager Bryan Stevens had retired and the District would hold a retirement dinner for him on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, the District is currently looking at other waste hauling options, and Mahomet Rotary had recently made a donation got the purchase of picnic tables for Buffalo Trace Rotary shelter.

**B. Special Report on Freedom Fest**

Executive Director Olson stated at the recent Freedom Fest overview meeting, it was discussed that more outside help is needed for the event.

**C. Report of Soda Sales and Outreach at St. Joseph Fall Festival and August Concert**

This event did not net much money for the Foundation, but the public outreach was necessary. Getting Kickapoo Rail Trail information to St Joseph area residents was very well worth the fees that paid for the event.

**D. FY 2014 Capital Projects and Equipment Update**

Executive Director Olson presented a snap shot of 2014 budgeted projects and their status. Commissioners asked about projects that have not been completed including; Tomlinson Cemetery, Middle Fork outdoor shower, and the Homer Lake Sailboat launch area. Staff addressed these questions.

**FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**

New officers were selected at the last meeting, noting Dan Noel: President, Joe Lamb: Vice President, Treasurer: Meredith Mills and Secretary: Bob Espeseth.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The committee has 2 openings and is in the process of interviewing possible candidates. They are also working on a new site plan.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolution R-2014-05 Sale of Surplus Equipment**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve a resolution authorizing staff to sell the items listed in R-2014-05 by a public bidding process or disposal. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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### **B. Resolution R-2014-6 Annual Financial Signatories**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve Resolution 2014-06 – Financial Signatures.

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

### **C. Willow Pond Engineering Study**

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board accept the proposal from Hey and Associates, Inc. to perform the Willow Pond Engineering Assessment. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

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

### **E. Middle Fork River Showerhouse Roof Bid**

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board award the Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Showerhouse Roof Project to Jackson Quality Construction, Inc. for the total sum of \$23,770, plus \$3.00 per square foot damaged decking replacement. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

### **F. Route 150 Construction Discussion**

An update was given on the Construction of Route 150 near the newly acquired Kickapoo Rail Trail near St Joseph. Olson reported IDOT has been working with the District on the site drainage work and protection of District landholdings.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 7:11 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 5 for the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose whether a particular parcel should be acquired. And 2 (c) 1 for the appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific 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. 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 Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Livesay, Kerins and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins moved to close Executive Session and open the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS CONT'D**

### **A. Approval of Land Purchase**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve the proposed purchase of the 26 acre Rishel parcel adjacent to Sylvester Woods. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White.

### **B. IDOT Rt. 47 Easement** – No Action

### **C. Access Easement Along Kickapoo Rail Trail** - No action.

### **D. Ridge Creek Easement**

Commissioners directed staff to explore other possible options.

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E. Ameren Overhead Utility Easement Kickapoo Rail Trail- No Action

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Sarah Livesay, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners  
Champaign County Forest Preserve District