

Journal of Proceedings  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, January 15, 2015  
Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie,  
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, January 15, 2015 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 6:04 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS** – Agenda item C. **Presence Covenant Medical Center Property Tax Exemption Settlement** will be removed from the agenda, as there will be no discussion needed. It was also noted the published January 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda had the year 2014 listed on it instead of 2015.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Commissioner Kerins moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Herakovich moved that the Board approve payment of \$112,237.29 in accounts payable disbursements dated December 11, 2014 through January 15, 2015. Commissioner Kerins seconded. Staff answered disbursement questions on a Fuel Pump, Pepper Spray, Glow sticks/balls and trash hauling. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the December 2014 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried. Commissioners asked staff to look into other investing options, and to possibly separate accounting lines for the Kickapoo Rail Trail, from Homer Lake.

**COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS AND/OR INPUT**

Commissioners asked if a Planning Director had been hired. Director Olson advised an offer had been made and we await satisfactory pre-employment testing results. Commissioners commended staff on golf information that was supplied in the staff reports.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Staff Reports**

Director Olson advised June 7, 2015 has been set for the Volunteer Appreciation Event, noting more information will follow.

Commissioners thanked staff for their work on the reports, grants and bringing back the frog call survey. Commissioners also commented on the Swiss Valley Shelter inspection and staff’s recent attendance at a goose control meeting.

**B. Annual Staff Reports**

Commissioners thanked staff for their work on the annual reports, stating they are very helpful.

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

**FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**

It was reported the committee met January 13<sup>th</sup> and had approved an internship program that will be funded by the Kirby Scholarship and the FPF and they also recently personally contacted major donors to the FPF to thank them for their 2014 contributions.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT** – Meeting was postponed due to weather

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recommended Additions to the MGP Collection**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board accept the items listed for inclusion in the museum’s permanent collection. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioners noted a review on the additions policy needs to be completed to verify the policy follows the District’s mission. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fixed Assets Policy**

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve the attached Fixed Assets Policy. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**B. Selection of Construction Engineer-Kickapoo Rail Trail, Phase 1**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the selection of Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental to oversee the construction of the first phase of the Kickapoo Rail Trail in Champaign County. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners asked a not to exceed price be added to the document. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 6:50 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 1 for 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. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner White closed the Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hult moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:49 pm. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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