

Journal of Proceedings  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, June 19, 2014  
Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve,  
Homer, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois. Commissioner White called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Commissioner Hall was absent with notice of resignation dated Thursday, June 12, 2014.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Executive Session Minutes of April 17, 2014 and May 15, 2014, Special Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2014 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 29, 2014. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Kerins moved that the Board approve payment of \$224,965.28 in accounts payable disbursements dated May 16, 2014 through June 19, 2014 and checks numbered 101360 through 101566. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

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

**COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS AND/OR INPUT**

Commissioner Hult advised he will not be able to attend the August CCFPD Board Meeting. Commissioners thanked Homer Lake staff for the dinner that was held prior to the Board meeting, and also commended Homer Lake staff on the appearance of the Preserve and advised during a recent visit to Homer Lake how friendly staff had been to the public, also how safety conscious the District is, and complimented golf course staff on their work cleaning up the golf course after recent storm damage. Commissioners also welcomed the Citizen Advisory Committee and Friends Foundation members that were in attendance.

**A. Discussion of Commissioner Appointments and Officers**

Commissioners agreed to table this discussion until the July Board Meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Staff Reports**

Executive Director Olson introduced the Citizen Advisory Committee and Friends Foundation members that were in attendance, and also had Homer Lake Site Superintendent Brian Taylor introduce his staff. Commissioners advised they had recently seen the new Sylvester Woods signage and in regard to the Kickapoo Rail Trail, asked staff if they had been able to set any public speaking events with communities along the trail.

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### **B. Special Report on Merit vs. Performance Pay**

Executive Director Olson discussed the special report that was in the Board packet.

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

### **FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**

Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Board member, Terry Rathgeber was in attendance and reported the committee had met prior to the CCFPD Board meeting. The committee is currently working on fundraising plans for the Botanical Gardens Waterfall area and also for the Kickapoo Rail Trail. The third fundraising project, a property acquisition, has been nearly completed.

### **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Outreach at the Urbana Farmers Market has been a huge success, with much interest in the Kickapoo Rail Trail. Wendy Harris, CAC member, has been working on historical research on the original rail trail route.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Prevailing Wage Rate Ordinance #14-2**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board adopt Ordinance #14-2, the Prevailing Wage Act, as required by the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

#### **B. Date Change for October 16, 2014 BOC Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Livesay moved to change the October 16, 2014 Board meeting to October 23, 2014. With the meeting to be held at 6 p.m. at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

#### **C. Revised Volunteer Policies and Procedures Manual**

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

#### **D. IDOT Design Engineering Agreement Amendment – Kickapoo Rail Trail**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve an amendment to an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for engineering costs related to design of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

#### **E. Resolution Honoring Robin Hall**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve a resolution honoring Commissioner Robin Hall. Commissioner Kerins seconded. The ordinance was read by Commissioner White. Commissioners commended Commissioner Hall’s work on the Board and his work with the group. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 7:16 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. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hult moved to close Executive Session and open the Regular Meeting at 8:01 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS cont’d.**

**F. Land Acquisition Agreement** – No Action Taken

**G. Easement Agreement**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the granting of a permanent water easement to Sangamon Valley Public Water District for locating a water well on .15 acres on Stidham Woods at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Livesay and White. “no” Kerins. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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