

Journal of Proceedings
SPECIAL MEETING/DEDICATION – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
28 Acre Tract, Homer Lake Forest Preserve,
Homer, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting/Dedication, Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the newly acquired 28 Acre Tract, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois to dedicate the recently acquired 28 Acre Tract of land at Homer Lake Forest Preserve. The Dedication took place at 4 p.m. with commissioners Herakovich, Kerins, Livesay and White present. Also attending; District staff, public, Forest Preserve Friends Foundation members, Citizen Advisory Committee members, past Commissioners, and previous landowner and donors.

NEW BUSINESS – A ribbon cutting ceremony took place and a tour of the property was given.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was closed at 4:20 p.m.

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

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, June 18, 2015
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 18, 2015 at the Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois. Commissioner White called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 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 A under New Business was moved up prior to Public Comment.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2014 Audit Presentation** – Chad Lucas with Sikich, LLP gave an overview of the 2014 District Audit. Mr. Lucas thanked District staff for their work during the audit process. Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the 2014 District Audit. Commissioner Hult seconded. Commissioners also commended staff for taking directions from the firm during the 2013 Audit and implementing many practices already. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Kerins moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2015. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins moved approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2015. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins moved approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2015. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Kerins moved that the Board approve payment of \$223,756.91 in accounts payable disbursements dated May 22, 2015 through June 18, 2015. Commissioner Hult seconded. Staff answered disbursement questions regarding a post driver, engineering study, seal coating of roadways at Middle Fork, donations and payroll. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Herakovich moved acceptance of the May 2015 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

Commissioners thanked staff for the dinner served prior to the meeting, hosting the dedication for the new 28 acre tract at Homer Lake, the Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Event, and also commended staff on the appearance of the preserve. Commissioners also thanked the Citizen Advisory Committee and the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation for their work.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Staff Reports** – Commissioners commended museum/education staff for their work in getting the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit. Commissioner also commented on District farm land contract review and the status of Illinois State grants.

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

- B. **Government Finance Officers Annual Conference** – Finance Director John Baker noted information on sessions he attended was included in the monthly Board packet.

- C. **Kickapoo Rail Trail Update** – Director Olson and Deputy Director Wuellner went over information that was included in the monthly meeting packet.

- D. **IPRA/IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation** – Director Olson provided information about accreditation.

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

- A. **Check Presentation by Champaign Cycle** - A donation from the community used bike sale held at Champaign Cycle was given to the Foundation by Peter Davis.

- B. **Report of the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation** - Foundation President, Dan Noel gave an overview of work the committee has accomplished over the last year and what is currently being worked on in 2015.

- C. **New Member Appointment** - Foundation members Robert Espeseth moved appointment of Roger Laramee to the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation. Bobbie Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

- D. **Check Presentation by Champaign County Bikes** – A donation collected during C-U Bike Month was given to the Foundation by Jeff Yockey and Charlie Smythe.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. **New Member Appointment** – CAC member Eileen Borgia moved appointment of William Ford to the CAC. Debbie Insana seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- B. **Prevailing Wage Ordinance**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board adopt Ordinance #15-2, the Prevailing Wage Act, as required by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Citizens Advisory Committee Member Appointment

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the appointment of William Ford to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for a 3-year term. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

D. Property Tax Freeze

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Resolution 2015-4: Opposing Property Tax Freezes. Commissioner Hult seconded. 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 7:53 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 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. Commissioner Hult seconded. 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 8:23 p.m. and opened the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

E. WOODRUFF EASEMENT

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the attached Woodruff Easement. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

F. RIDGE CREEK EASEMENT VACATION

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve the attached Ridge Creek Easement Vacation. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. 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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