

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 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: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Commissioner Kerins was excused.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Requested Discussion by Dan Noel (Forest Preserve Friends Foundation)

Mr. Noel addressed the Board regarding a possible allocation of district funding to the CCFPD Botanical Garden waterfall/pond improvement project. The Forest Preserve Friends Foundation has discussed the project and is raising funds toward its accomplishment.

2. Requested presentation/discussion by the Sangamon Valley Public Water District

Kerry Gifford representing Sangamon Valley Public Water District addressed the Board on the proposed easement. Mike Buzicky with Fehr Graham also addressed the Board on behalf of the Sangamon Valley Public Water District. Mr. Buzicky described the proposed well project on District lands, particularly incorporating energy efficiency and environmentally friendly water treatment at their main plant.

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2014. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved that the Board approve payment of \$151,199.42 in disbursements dated April 23, 2014 through May 15, 2014, including payroll transactions and checks numbered 101092 through 101343. Commissioner Hall seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

Commissioners commended staff for their involvement with the anniversary celebration for the Champaign County Design and Conservation Foundation that was recently held and Executive Director Olson for completing the final year of Executive Development with Indiana University. Commissioner Hall stated he had recently attended the State of Illinois Legislative Conference and Parks Day at Springfield and also shared information received at the conference.

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STAFF REPORTS

A. Staff Reports

Executive Director Olson reported that long time District volunteer, Robert 'Bob' Espeseth had been awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2014 from the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials.

B. Smoke Free Parks Special Report

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

C. Foot Golf Special Report

Golf Director Torrens gave an overview of the proposed foot golf activity that would be placed on the golf course's par 3 course, noting there are only 9 certified courses in the State of Illinois. Executive Director Olson reported staff had checked with local park districts, and none are currently looking at the option.

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

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

At the last meeting, long term events and planning of such events were discussed, Friends Foundation member Terry Rathgeber presented a short presentation on fundraising and Committee goals and contacts were discussed. The next meeting will be the joint meeting with the CCFPD Board, the Friends Foundation and Citizen Advisory Committee and will be held at Homer Lake on June 19th.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The last meeting was held at Middle Fork. The committee welcomed its new member, Ellen Hartman and discussed summer committee work plans consisting of the Urbana Farmers Market and the Kickapoo Rail Trail.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Museum Roof Bid

Commissioner Hall moved the Board award the contract for the Museum Roof Project to Jackson Quality Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$55,868.00 and to approve a \$10 per square foot decking replacement. Hall noted that the additional decking replacement cost, if needed, would need to follow the District purchasing guidelines. Commissioner Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

B. Law Enforcement Agreement with the Village of Mahomet

Commissioner Hall moved the Board renew the agreement with the Village of Mahomet that allows for the village law enforcement at Lake of the Woods and River Bend. Commissioner Livesay seconded. It was stated this policy had been reviewed by District and Village of Mahomet legal counsel and had been approved by the Village of Mahomet at one of its meetings. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 7:27 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

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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”: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to close Executive Session and open the Regular Meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hall, Hult, Livesay and White.

NEW BUSINESS cont’d.

C. **Sangamon Valley Public Water District Easement** – No Action Taken

D. **Urbana Champaign Sanitary District Easement** – No Action Taken

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hall 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 9:31 p.m.

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