

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, May 21, 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, May 21, 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 – Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the May 21, 2015 agenda. Commissioner Hult seconded. 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 Hult moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015. Commissioner Herakovich 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 March 19, 2015 and April 16, 2015. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved that the Board approve payment of \$236,024.59 in accounts payable disbursements dated April 17, 2015 through May 21, 2015. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Staff answered disbursement questions regarding fertilizer, radio repair/battery, dump station replacement, firewood, Sam’s Club and Wall Street Journal purchases. 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 April 2015 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Herakovich 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 noted attending the recent Legislative Conference, commented on the recent Kickapoo Rail Trail used bike sale sponsored by Champaign Cycle, the beautiful new 28 acre tract at Homer Lake, RiverWatch monitoring at Buffalo Trace, and commended staff on level and the amount of grants being written for the District, the renovations to the Lake of the Woods Golf Course Snack Bar, and the high caliber of educational programming the District does. It was also suggested an emergency warning texting program could be used for safety of staff/public.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports** – Executive Director Dan Olson reminded the Board that prior to the June CCFPD Board meeting there will be an official opening of the new 28 acre expansion at Homer Lake. As a quorum of Board members will be present at that event, it will be noted as a Special Meeting. Director Olson also mentioned the District will conduct a final inspection to the Sangamon Valley water well at Stidham Woods. Director Olson also reminded the Board that the Public Art League will be judging artwork for placement in the garden in mid-June.

Commissioners asked staff about the core testing at the Middle Fork’s Willow pond, Kickapoo Rail Trail process, and commended staff for attending training sessions on Service Delivery Scorecard and Interpretation on Cultural Diversity.

- B. Homer Lake Interpretive Center Visioning Session** – Assistant Museum/Education Director, Pam Leiter, gave a visual presentation on the recent visioning session that was held with District Education Staff. Commissioners commented this was excellent and were thrilled with the process that was taken and suggested looking at possibly including the agriculture aspect of the area in the planning process.
- C. IAPD Parks Day and Legislative Conference** – Commissioners that attended the conference stated it was a great opportunity.
- D. District Pension Funding Update** – Finance Director John Baker reviewed the information that was provided to the Board.

Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the staff reports. Commissioner Hult 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 that the Foundation is currently working at selecting a new member for the Foundation.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – It was reported the group are currently working at selecting a new member, and also working with outreach at the Urbana Farmers Market.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Middle Fork River Forest Preserve Road Repairs

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the proposal for Middle Fork road repairs from Illiana Construction for Fifty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$53,000). Commissioner Livesay seconded. It was advised this is not only seal coating as in the past, but also includes road repairs. Staff also stated the low number of bids submitted is due to many road surfacing companies not doing oil and chip, as it is hard on their machinery and this time of the year is busy. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

B. Financial Policy Updates

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board revisions to the General Financial & District Funds policies and adoption of the Fund Balance/Net Assets policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 6:45 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.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Herakovich moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:24 p.m. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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