

Journal of Proceedings  
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
Thursday, September 18, 2014  
Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie,  
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 18, 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: Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Commissioner Herakovich was absent with notice.

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE** – None

**AGENDA MODIFICATIONS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 21, 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 \$372,456.82 in accounts payable disbursements dates August 22, 2014 through September 18, 2014. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioners asked staff for further details on the following disbursements; golf cart rental, Emerald Ash Borer treatment, and a towing charge. Staff answered the questions. 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 August 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**

Commissioners commended Director Olson for his presentation at the recent Kickapoo Rail Trail Fundraiser. Commissioners also noted interpretive programming popularity, putting the Homer Lake Sailboat Launch area on a priority for repair, and thanked staff for their efforts with the recent used bike sale that they assisted with. Commissioner Hult also noted public comment at the last Board meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Staff Report**

Director Olson introduced Mike Fry, the new District Construction Manager. Mike said in his first 2 weeks he has visited all sites and is enjoying the job and his co-workers. Olson also noted the First Annual River to Rail Ride would be held this Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve, and staff had been working hard on preparation for the event. Olson asked Commissioners to check their calendars for scheduling a joint Foundation/CCFPD Board of Commissioners meeting and a District tour, noting possible dates of October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

**B. 2015 Capital Projects Budget**

Executive Director Olson gave a visual presentation of the 2015 Capital Projects Budget.

**C. Financial Ordinances**

Finance Director John Baker gave an overview of the Financial Ordinances document that was in the Board Packet, stating this document shows the schedule for passage of District Ordinances, and the need for Board quorums at upcoming meetings.

**FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT**

The last meeting had to be cancelled due to not having a quorum available.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Livesay advised the group did not meet, but committee members had met with the landowner of the recently acquired land near Homer Lake in regard to history of the land.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2013 District Federal Single Audit**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve the 2013 District Federal Single Audit.

Commissioner Hult seconded. It was asked if this was the first time such an audit was needed, and if it would be needed in the future. Staff responded that it was needed due to the purchase of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, and yes, there is a potential to have them in the future. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Livesay made a motion at 7:08 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. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Livesay, Kerins and White. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins moved to close Executive Session and open the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D**

**B. IDOT Route 47 Easement**

No Action Taken.

**C. Brooks Farm Access Easement**

No Action Taken.

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**D. St Joseph Casey's Easement** –

Commissioner Kerins moved to deny the request for easement for the St Joseph Casey's along the Kickapoo Rail Trail. Commission Hult seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**E. Ameren Overhead Easement**

No Action Taken.

**F. Urbana Champaign Sanitary District Easement**

No Action Taken.

**G. Ridge Creek Easement**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board deny the request to vacate the District's easement in Ridge Creek Subdivision. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioners asked for an update on the US 150 construction in St Joseph near the Kickapoo Rail Trail. Executive Director Olson gave a brief update. Commissioners had concern for equipment being stored on District easement and beyond.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Hult moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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