

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, September 24, 2015
Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner White called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following commissioners present: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PRESENTATION BY U OF I ROWING CLUB – Bill Grier, representing the University of Illinois Rowing Club, gave a presentation on a proposal that the rowing club proposes to enter into with the District. Mr. Grier gave the club background, their needs and a copy of the proposal with a visual drawing of the proposed building.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 20, 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 Minutes of August 20, 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 \$155,226.84 in accounts payable disbursements dated August 21, 2015 through September 24, 2015. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. 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 August 2015 Treasurers Report. Commissioner Hult seconded. Commissioners thanked Finance Director Baker for looking into other investing options. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS’ REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

Commissioners commended staff on their work, including recent museum awards, education department open house, Homer Lake grounds, and the work on the financial policy updates.

A. **Accreditation Presentation/Memo**

Commissioner Herakovich thanked commissioners for their efforts during the Study Session on policy/bylaw updates. An additional Study Session to further discuss policy will be scheduled in October.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Staff Reports** – Executive Director Olson commended District staff for their work, noting this time of the year is still busy, seasonal staff have left, leaving the remaining staff very busy. Commissioners commented on the Middle Fork Farm land change that was in the report.

Commissioner Kerins moved acceptance of the August Staff Reports. Commissioner Hult seconded. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

- B. **2016 Budget Update** – Executive Director Olson commented a summary of staff/District needs for 2016. Executive Director Olson also noted the effects the proposed 2-year tax freeze would have on the District. He reported the District’s 5-year equipment and project plan is currently being updated. Commissioners asked about traffic counters, which are being purchased from the 2015 budget with additional counters proposed.

- C. **September 2015 Field Notes** – Commissioners noted this is a great article.

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT

The River to Rail Ride that was held September 19 was well attended, the Public Art League piece to be placed in the gardens will be dedicated in the spring of 2016, the Foundation will now be using an annual calendar update from staff much like that currently used by the commissioners, The Foundation approved funding for community service awards.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – Did not meet

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of Resolution #R-2015-9 Definition Policy**

Commissioner Hult moved approval of Resolution #R-2015-9 – Administrative Definitions Policy with noted changes in the earlier Study Session. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

- B. **Approval of Resolution #R-2015-10 Board of Commissioners Travel Policy**

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board adopt Resolution #R-2015-10 Board Travel Policy with noted changes in the earlier Study Session. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Rejection of Bids for Homer Lake Sailboat Launch**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board reject all bid proposals for the Homer Lake Seawall Restoration (Homer Lake Sailboat Launch) Project. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners asked if there were bid alternatives. Staff replied that alternatives were listed in the bid. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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B. **Notification of Bid Results for Middle Fork Shower House** – No Action Taken

C. **Approval of Resolution #R-2015-08 Section 125 Plan**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve Resolution #2015-08 Section 125 Plan. Commissioner Livesay 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 8:42 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. Commissioner Kerins 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 9:17 p.m. and opened the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerins moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 9:17 p.m. Commissioner Hult 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