

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Phillips Recreation Center, Urbana Park District,
Urbana, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Phillips Recreation Center, Urbana Park District, Urbana, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following Commissioners present: Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Commissioner Herakovich was absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – Commissioner White via Skype/internet conference call. It was noted, as per OMA, Commissioner White would not be able to vote on any motions.

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – Director Olson stated there would be two community service awards presented and that item A under NEW BUSINESS after Executive Session would be removed from the agenda.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Museum Director, Barb Garvey, presented Claudine Rawdin with the Illinois Park and Recreation Association Community Service Award and thanked Claudine for her years of volunteer work at the Museum of the Grand Prairie. Executive Director presented Peter Davis with an Illinois Park and Recreation Association Community Service Award, and thanked Mr. Davis for all of his work with fundraising and spreading awareness to others in regard to the Kickapoo Rail Trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT – David Monk representing Heartland Pathways, John Prince representing Prairie Cycle Club, Jeff Yockey representing Champaign County Bikes, Gene Grass representing Prairie Cycle Club and himself, Will Timmons representing the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation, Steve Rugg and Peter Davis representing Champaign County Design and Conservation, Ryan Uebinger representing the Farnsworth Group, BJ Hackler representing the village of Saint Joseph, and Aubrey Fisher representing herself, all spoke in favor of passing agenda item under **NEW BUSINESS: A. Approval of Kickapoo Rail Trail Phase One Construction in Champaign County**. Mr. Yockey also presented the Board with a petition in favor of passing the Approval of Kickapoo Rail Trail Phase One Construction in Champaign County, signed by over 450 individuals in the past twenty-four hours.

SECRETARY REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Study Session Minutes of January 21, 2016. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hult moved approval of the Regular Minutes of January 21, 2016. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved that the Board approve payment of \$140,347.16 in accounts payable disbursements dated January 22, 2016 through February 18, 2016. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Hult moved acceptance of the January 2016 Treasurer’s Report. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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COMMISSIONERS' REMARKS AND/OR INPUT

- A. **Kickapoo Rail Trail General Questions** – Commissioners thanked those that spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and also thanked District staff/FPFF/CAC/VCCD and the CCDC for all their work on the Kickapoo Rail Trail planning and fundraising.

STAFF REPORTS

A. **Staff Reports**

1. **Monthly Staff Reports** - Nothing added to report that was in Board packet.
2. **Annual Staff Reports** – Commissioner thanked staff for the reports and the work they and their staff do and commended the 'Frontline' staff, those that are out with the public daily.
3. **IAPD/IPRA Annual Meeting Summary** – Commissioners thanked Executive Director Olson for his report that was included in the Board packet.
4. **ECIMN Annual Report** - Nothing added to report that was in Board packet.
5. **Kickapoo Rail Trail Phase One Construction (continued from Study Session if needed)** – Time was allowed in the Study Session.

Executive Director Olson. Commissioner Hult moved acceptance of the staff reports. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION BOARD REPORT – The Foundation appointed 2016 Officers and discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the CCFPD Board and a planned fundraiser for the Kickapoo Rail Trail at the last meeting.

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT – It was reported at the last meeting the Dark Sky Park Program Information was shared, outreach plans, and a new committee re-appointment, which is on this agenda, were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Approval of Kickapoo Rail Phase One Construction in Champaign County**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the low bid for Kickapoo Rail Trail Phase One Construction in Champaign County submitted by Cross Construction Corp. for \$2,742,189.37. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Commissioner stated this decision has been a very hard and much consideration had been given. It was further noted that the last District public survey noted the top improvement that was requested was adding more trails within the District. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. **Approval of Kickapoo Rail Trail Phase One Construction Engineering (Only if item A is accepted)**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the proposed Kickapoo Trail Phase One Construction Engineering in Champaign County submitted by Farnsworth group for \$281,672.51. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

C. **Special Meeting Date Setting for Approval of Re-engineering (only if item A is rejected)**

No Action Needed.

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D. Appointment of Citizen's Advisory Committee Member

Commissioner Hult moved the Board reappointment Carl Altstetter to a 3-year term on the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

E. Greens Mower Purchase through National IPA

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the purchase of two (2) 2016 Toro 3250D Greens Mowers using the National Intergovernmental Purchase Alliance for the amount of \$66,064.22. These mowers will be purchased through MTI Distributing Inc., Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Release of Executive Session Minutes** – No Action

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hult moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Hult, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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