

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, March 17, 2016
Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner White called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. Roll was taken with the following Commissioners present: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

APPROVAL OF FULL AND CONSENT AGENDAS – President White noted approval will be moved after the Special Presentation – Community Service Award.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Commissioner White and Executive Director Olson presented the Upper Sangamon River Conservancy members that were present an IAPD/IPRA Community Service Award. Director Olson thanked the group for their work and their efforts of preservation of the Sangamon River.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVAL OF FULL AND CONSENT AGENDAS – Commissioner Hult requested removal of item I. Willow Pond Construction Engineering removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Commissioner White noted it would be taken off the Consent Agenda and put on the regular agenda after Consent Agenda approval. Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the Consent Agenda (Items A through O)

- A. Minutes of February 18, 2016 Study Session, Special Meeting and Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of January 21, 2016 Executive Session
- C. Monthly Staff Report
- D. Annual Staff Reports
- E. Citizen's Advisory Committee Report
- F. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Report
- G. Disbursements for Approval
- H. February Treasurer's report
- I. Willow Pond Construction Engineering
- J. Memorandum of Understanding Between FPF and CCFPD
- K. Resolution # R-2016-002 - District Surplus Equipment
- L. Resolution # R-2016-03 – Gifts, Bequests and Donations Policy
- M. Resolution # R-2016-04 – Debt and Capital Assets Policy
- N. Resolution # R-2015-11 – Purchasing Policy
- O. Middle Fork Shower House Repairs

Noting the removal of Item **I. Willow Pond Construction Engineering** from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

I. WILLOW POND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the proposal for Willow Pond Construction Engineering Plans from Hey & Associates for \$11,500. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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COMMISSIONERS' REPORT – Commissioners thanked staff for the monthly and annual reports, and commended staff for adding numbers/comparisons/facts/programming and sustainability reporting, as this helps to see the work accomplished and the numbers served. Commissioners also commented on a KRT master plan, traffic counters, IDNR's spillway report and suggested staff try again for granting options for the Botanical Gardens Waterfall through the Stevick Grant.

Commissioner Herakovich advised that the Prairie Dragon Paddlers had requested use of Homer Lake or River Bend. Executive Director Olson noted the group can request a District Special Use Permit form and forward it to Angie Clayton's attention.

Commissioner Livesay volunteered to request information from other Forest Preserves, Conservation and Park Districts about their policies for Board approval prior to requesting/writing grants. Livesay also noted 'Rockin' for the Trail', a fundraising event for the Kickapoo Rail Trail, will be held July 9th beginning at 7 pm at The City Center, Champaign.

A. **Community Engagement Group** – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Executive Director Olson noted in addition to his report, he wanted to highlight the recent IPRA magazine that featured golfing information from Dave Huber.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Recreational Trails Program - Kickapoo Rail Trail, Phase 2a**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board execute a financial certification statement as part of an application for Recreational Trails Program grant. If approved, the \$200,000 grant would fund a 1/3 mile stretch of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, from Main to Seventh Streets in St. Joseph. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Granting information and monies that would be received were reviewed including that notification of award for this grant will not be revealed for 18-months. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

B. **Naming "Saddlecase Caddisfly Creek" at Buffalo Trace**

Commissioner Hult moved the Board approve the pursuit of naming a stretch of flowing water "Saddlecase Caddisfly Creek" at the Buffalo Trace area of Lake of the Woods, per United States Board on Geographic Names protocol. Commissioner Kerins seconded. The suggested name refers to a type of macroinvertebrate that is rare in Illinois and indicates the highest quality of water in the RiverWatch program. 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 7:58 p.m. to convene into Executive Session under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, specifically section 2 (c) 1 The appointment, employment, compensation, 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) 5 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 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. Commissioner Kerins seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted "yes": Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

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The Executive Session closed and Regular Session opened at 11:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Release of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Herakovich moved per legal counsel, the release of 30 dates of executive session minutes. Commissioner Hult seconded. Legal Counsel stated he would provide at listing of those 30 dates, noting 22 of those 30 would be partial release. Legal Counsel also added recorded session from August 17, 2014 and prior could also now be destroyed, as they are beyond the 18-month timeline. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hult, Kerins, Livesay and White. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hult moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 11:13 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