

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,
Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting, Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Education Classroom, Museum of the Grand Prairie, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:42 pm. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

AGENDA MODIFICATION – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Special Meeting on September 13, 2017
- B. Minutes of Executive Session on September 13, 2017
- C. Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 21, 2017
- D. Minutes of Executive Session on September 21, 2017
- E. Monthly Staff Reports

Commissioner Herakovich moved approval of the consent agenda. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Report - Commissioner Livesay reported she was unable to attend the September FPF meeting, but sent a report to the committee that was shared with the members. Interim Executive Director Wuellner noted at the last FPF meeting they discussed the 2018 FPF budget, a new commemorative bench program, and KRT Fundraising.

B. Citizen Advisory Committee Report – Commissioner Hays noted at the last meeting the Dark Sky Program was discussed and the committee is seeking a new member.

C. Commissioner Comments – Commissioners commended staff on the entrances to Lake of the Woods, Dark Sky lighting installations at Middle Fork, recent diversity/equity/inclusion activities, the recent River to Rail Ride, staff reports in the packet, and the Harriet Tubman program. Commissioners also thanked staff for the recent Middle Fork River tour. Commissioner Herakovich stated some of the highlights of her attendance at the 2017 NRPA conference, and noted with the 2018 conference being held in Indianapolis, she encouraged staff members to attend. Commissioner Livesay reported St Joseph businesses have recently installed more bike racks in town with the high usage of the KRT.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Kickapoo Rail Trail Match Update** – Interim Executive Director Wuellner gave an overview of the document that was in the Board packet. Commissioners thanked her for the report.
- B. 2018 Budget Update** – District Finance Director, John Baker, gave an overview of the document that was in the Board packet.

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- C. **2018 Employee Health Care Coverage** – District HR Generalist, Fran Bell, gave an overview of the document that was in the Board packet, noting the HMO 5000b was the recommendation of the compensation committee. Ms. Bell noted the plan was similar to the existing plan and would keep both district and employee costs down. Commissioners agreed and advised Ms. Bell to proceed with contract negotiations. Ms. Bell said it would be brought to the Board in November for Board approval.
- D. **General Announcements** – It was noted that Dave Huber, retired District Golf Professional, is being honored with a special Illinois Professional Golf Association Award, the Bill Heald Career Achievement Award.

Interim Director Wuellner confirmed with Commissioners that a fall timeline for a tour of Homer Lake would not work with their schedules. Therefore, a spring date would be scheduled. Also, Interim Director Wuellner confirmed with Commissioners that a November Study Session would take place prior to the monthly Board meeting and would include a discussion on golf operations.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Disbursements for approval

Commissioner Livesay moved approval of disbursements for September 22, 2017 through October 19, 2017 for a total of \$192,436.59. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

B. September Treasurer’s Report

Commissioner Hays moved approval of the September Treasurer’s report. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

C. Ordinance #2017-2 Annual Tentative Tax Levy

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Ordinance #2017-02 Annual Tentative Tax Levy for 2017 taxes due in 2018. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

D. Resolution R-2017-15 2018 Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approve Resolution R-2017-15, the Schedule of Regular Board Meetings from January through December of 2018, noting a change to the January Board meeting date, moving it to January 25th due to the IPRA/IAPD annual conference. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

E. Resolution R-2017-16 Investment Policy

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board adopt Resolution R-2017-16 Investment Policy. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

F. Kickapoo Rail Trail Change Order

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Change Order Authorization #05 for Phase One of the Kickapoo Rail Trail contract with Cross Construction for various items that result in a net credit of One Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Three dollars and Ninety One cents (\$197,193.91). Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

G. Board Member Travel to NRPA

Commissioner Hays moved the Board approve an additional \$362.78 for 2017 NRPA travel expenses for Commissioner Herakovich. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herakovich made a motion at 7:26 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. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kerins closed Executive Session at 8:20 pm and opened the Regular Meeting.

REGULAR SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hays moved adjournment of the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.