

Journal of Proceedings
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Kickapoo Rail Trail, East Street & Maple Street
Ogden, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 for a ribbon cutting event at the Kickapoo Rail Trail, Ogden, Illinois. Commissioner Herakovich, Hundley and Kerins were present. Commissioners Goodman and Livesay were absent with notice.

At 5:23 pm, Commissioner Kerins welcomed those in attendance and thanked the Village of Ogden, the Farnsworth Group, the KRT Steering Committee members, and Tim Bartlett with the Urbana Park District for their work on the project.

The Special Meeting closed at 5:35 pm.

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

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 15, 2022, Immediately following the Special Meeting
Ogden Rose Library, 103 W Main Street, Ogden, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at the Ogden Rose Library, 103 W Main Street, Ogden IL immediately following a Special Meeting. Commissioner Kerins called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:51 p.m. Commissioner Hundley called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Commissioners Goodman and Livesay were absent with notice.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS– None

PRESENTATION – **2023 Budget Updates-Budget Requests, Projects and Equipment, and Compensation** – Finance Director John Baker and Deputy Executive Director Michael Daab reviewed documents that were included in the meeting packet, noting that the Lake of the Woods Spillway project would be shown in 2023. HR Manager, Dara Edgington, gave an overview on the 2023 Compensation material included in the packet, including pay equity, wage pool and proposed grade changes, and a ¾ time to full-time position. Edgington asked the Board if they were comfortable with the plan going forward. Commissioners present were in agreement with material that was presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 18, 2022**
- B. Minutes of Executive Session on August 18, 2022**
- C. Monthly Staff Reports**
- D. August Treasurers Report**
- E. Disbursements for Approval**
- F. Resolution 2022-19 Financial Signatories**
- G. Approve Purchase of Utility Vehicle**

Commissioner Herakovich made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items A – G as noted on the agenda). Commissioner Hundley seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation

Executive Director, Lorrie Pearson, noted the group recently met and meeting discussions included; 3-River Society should hopefully be up and running by the end of the year for year-end giving initiatives; and also discussed, endowment initiatives.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Marketing Manager, Lisa Sprinkle, noted the group had not met since the last meeting.

C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners cited the following items from staff reports and observations:

- HQ basement remodel work
- Peoples Choice Awards received by the District
- Website updates
- Invasive removal
- Lincoln's Challenge work
- New District staff
- OSLAD grant work
- Golf numbers and course conditions

Commissioners Hundley noted she has completed tours of all preserves and facilities, and commended staff on all their work, and the great team at the District.

Commissioner Kerins noted he had recently attended a meeting where Jayne DeLuce, CEO of Visit Champaign County, spoke. Kerins reported DeLuce gave information regarding the Champaign County African American Heritage Trail and mentioned Mark Hanson's, Curator of Collections and Exhibits, work with the program.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director Announcements – Pearson noted thanks to Commissioners and staff that attended the earlier KRT ribbon cutting event; reported staff restructuring at the Museum is underway; Nina Carmichael, new hire Leadership in Conservation Fellow had started in the position and will be attending a meeting in the near future; and lastly, Pearson noted an upcoming exhibit at the Interpretive Center that will include photos from Doug Mills, with the exhibit installation being overseen by Mark Hanson, along with assistance from the Interpretive Center staff. Commissioners commended the collaboration.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2022-14 Authorizing Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant

Commissioner Hundley moved the Board approve Resolution 2022-14, authorizing the application for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant, with an estimated \$400,000 District financial obligation, administered through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Commissioner Herakovich seconded. Commissioners commended

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Bridgette Moen, District Planner, for her work on the report, and appreciated the work of surveying the community on desired uses of the land. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins.

B. Resolution 2022-16 Camping Fees

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board Approve Resolution 2022-16 Camping Fees. Commissioners Hundley seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Motion carried.

C. Resolution 2022-17 Golf Fees

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board Approve Resolution 2022-17 Golf Fees. Commissioners Hundley seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Motion carried.

D. Resolution 2022-18 Pavilion and Other Fees

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board Approve Resolution 2022-18 Pavilion and Other Fees. Commissioners Hundley seconded. Hundley suggested annual pricing increases needed if updates to facilities are made. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Motion carried.

E. Approve Utility Authorization

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board authorize the Executive, Deputy Executive Director or Business and Finance Director to approve gas and electric utility contracts when a maximum \$.05 therm-natural gas benchmark is met for Ameren-serviced facilities for the years 2023-2025. Commissioner Hundley seconded. Baker advised this allowed for flexibility. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hundley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:24 pm. Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Herakovich, Hundley, and Kerins. Motion carried.

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SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 5, 2022, 5:00 pm
Headquarters, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet, Illinois
Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.us) | Meeting ID: 884 3220 2876

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 via Zoom due to the Illinois Governor’s Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Goodman called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Livesay called the roll. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Goodman, Herakovich, Hundley, and Livesay. Commissioner Kerins arrived at 5:10 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Amended Utility Authorization

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board authorization for the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or Business Finance Director to approve gas and electric utility contracts when a maximum \$.70 therm-natural gas benchmark is met for Ameren-serviced facilities. Herakovich amended her motion to include the years 2023-2025. Commissioner Livesay seconded. Deputy Executive Director Mike Daab gave an overview of the information supplied in the Board packet. Herakovich confirmed the renewal clause, and Hundley suggested talking with other vendors. Staff advised the timing of creating RFPs; contacting more vendors and getting responses back would cost the District in the long run. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, and Livesay. Commissioner Hundley voted “no”. Motion carried.

B. Approve Covered Bridge Change Order

Commissioner Livesay moved the Board approval for a change order request for Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve Covered Bridge Roof Replacement Project from Roofs by Otto’s for Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred dollars and 00/100 (\$17,500.00). Commissioner Herakovich seconded. District Planner, Bridgette Moen, gave an overview of the information that was supplied in the change order. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, Hundley, Kerins, and Livesay.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Livesay moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 5:20 pm. Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Herakovich, Hundley, Kerins, and Livesay.

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