

Journal of Proceedings
SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 5, 2024, 5:00 pm
Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green Street, Champaign, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting on Monday, February 5, 2024. Commissioner Kerins called the Special Meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Commissioner Hundley called the roll. The following Commissioners were in attendance: Goodman, Hundley, Kerins and Knott. Herakovich was absent with notice.

It was noted Commissioner Kerins would be acting at President Pro Tem, as Commissioner Herakovich, Board President, was not in attendance.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – Commissioner Herakovich was absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

A. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Kerins announced the next agenda item for the Board was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$272,321 General Obligation Limited tax Bonds for the purpose of paying costs of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District, and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to preserve written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

President Pro Tem opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of bonds were as follow: for the purpose of paying costs of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District.

Whereupon President Pro Tem asked for additional comments from the Commissioners. – None

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds– None

Whereupon President Pro Tem asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds – None

President Pro Tem then announced that all person desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with response to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

After a full discussion thereof, the President Pro Tem directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion. Upon the roll being called, the following Commissioners voted yes: Goodman, Hundley, Knott, and Kerins. Voted No: None. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed.

B. Approve Contract to Receive \$150,000 Grant from DEIO for Spillway at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve.

Commissioner Knott moved the Board approve the grant agreement from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$110,000 and authorized the Executive Director to execute the agreement. Commissioner Goodman seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hundley, Kerins, and Knott.

DISCUSSION

A. PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN

Pearson gave an overview of information that was supplied in the packet. Commissioners confirmed information regarding the current Comprehensive Plan timeline. Pearson advised the current draft Comprehensive Plan is in its final phase, so the Strategic Plan will be the next step to assist in creating an action plan.

Commissioner Knott moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:58 pm. Hundley seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hundley, Kerins, and Knott.

Wendy Hundley, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District