



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5:00 pm,
Champaign Public Library – Main Library, Robeson Pavilion Room B, 200
W Green, Champaign, IL

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Remote Attendance
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Meeting attendees are encouraged to participate during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. For further details on how to participate in the Public Comment section of the meeting, please refer to CCFPD Resolution number R-2013-04.*
- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Commissioners to sell \$272,321 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds for the purpose of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District
 - B. Approve Contract to Receive \$150,000 Grant from DCEO for Spillway at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve
- IV. DISCUSSION
 - A. Process to develop the next strategic plan
- V. ADJOURNMENT

ORDER calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois, to sell \$272,321 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds.

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WHEREAS, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois (the “*District*”), is a duly organized and existing forest preserve district created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, including the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the “*Board*”) intends to sell bonds in the amount of \$272,321 for the purpose of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District (the “*Bonds*”); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, requires the Board to hold a public hearing concerning the Board’s intent to sell the Bonds before adopting an ordinance providing for the sale of the Bonds:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It is Hereby Ordered by the undersigned President of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

1. I hereby call a public hearing to be held at 5:00 o’clock P.M. on the 5th day of February, 2024, in the Champaign Public Library–Main Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board’s intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds (the “*Hearing*”).

2. I hereby direct that the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) shall (i) publish notice of the Hearing at least once in the *News-Gazette*, the same being a newspaper of general

circulation in the District, not less than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the Hearing and (ii) post at least 72 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board, which notice will be continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding the Hearing.

3. Notice of the Hearing shall appear above the name of the Secretary and shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO SELL \$272,321 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois (the “*District*”), will hold a public hearing on the 5th day of February, 2024, at 5:00 o’clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Champaign Public Library–Main Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$272,321 for the purpose of paying costs of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District.

By order of the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois.

DATED the 24th day of January, 2024.

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

Notice to publisher: Please be certain that this notice appears above the name of the Secretary.

4. At the Hearing, the Board shall explain the reasons for the proposed bond issue and permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits. The Board shall not adopt an ordinance selling the Bonds for a period of seven (7) days after the final adjournment of the Hearing.

Ordered this 24th day of January, 2024.

President, Board of Commissioners,
Champaign County Forest Preserve
District, Champaign County, Illinois

MINUTES of a special public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois, held in the Champaign Public Library–Main Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign, Illinois, in said District at 5:00 o’clock P.M., on the 5th day of February, 2024.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Bobbie Herakovich, the President, and the following Commissioners were physically present at said location: _____

The following Commissioners were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Commissioners to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No Commissioner was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Commissioners were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

At 5:00 o’clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Commissioners was a public hearing (the “*Hearing*”) to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$272,321 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds (the “*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 present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: for the purpose of paying costs of developing forest preserve lands in and for the District.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the Commissioners. Additional comments were made by the following:

(If no additional statements were made,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*.

(If no additional statements were made,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

(If no additional statements were made,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Commissioner _____ moved and Commissioner _____ seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following Commissioners voted AYE: _____

The following Commissioners voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS
COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois (the “*Board*”), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitute a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 5th day of February, 2024, insofar as the same relates to a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$272,321 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board at said meeting were conducted openly, that all votes taken at said meeting were taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 72 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

I do further certify that notice of said public hearing was posted at least 72 hours before said public hearing at the principal office of the Board, that at least one copy of said notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding said public hearing and that attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is a true, correct and complete copy of said notice as so posted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of said District, this 5th day of February, 2024.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

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EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
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By order of the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois.

DATED the 24th day of January, 2024.

Wendy Hundley
Secretary, Board of Commissioners,
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[TO BE POSTED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS]

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SPECIAL MEETING CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Commissioners (the “*Board*”) of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, Champaign County, Illinois (the “*District*”), and as such official I do further certify as follows:

1. That on or before the 24th day of January, 2024, a special meeting of the Board was called for the 5th day of February, 2024 (the “*Meeting*”), by the President of the Board of his own motion or on the request of two (2) or more of the members of the Board.

2. That the President of the Board caused a notice of the Meeting, including the agenda for the Meeting (the “*Board Notice*”), to be given to all members of the Board by personal service or mail or by facsimile or electronic transmission, as provided by the rule of the Board, not less than 72 hours before the Meeting.

3. That all of the news media, if any, that have filed a request for such notice were also given the Board Notice in the same manner as was given to said members of the Board.

4. That attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* is a true, correct and complete copy of the Board Notice.

5. That on or before the 2nd day of February, 2024, public notice of the Meeting, including the agenda for the Meeting, was posted at the District Office, 109 S. Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois, the same being the principal office of the Board (the “*Public Notice*”), and that at least one copy of the Public Notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 72-hour period preceding the Meeting.

6. That on said day the Public Notice was also supplied to the news media described in paragraph 3 hereof.

7. That attached hereto as *Exhibit 2* is a true, correct and complete copy of the Public Notice.

8. That the Meeting was duly called, noticed and held in strict compliance with all of the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act the State of Illinois, as amended, the ordinances and resolutions of the District and the rules, regulations and proceedings of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature and the seal of the District, this 5th day of February, 2024.

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

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