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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – PUBLIC HEARING
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

Thursday, January 20, 2022

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

Via Zoom meetings (www.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 841 0004 0630

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting to hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 20, 2022 via Zoom due to the Illinois Governor’s Executive Order 2020-10. Commissioner Goodman called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Hays called the roll. The following Commissioners were in attendance by both audio and video: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC HEARING

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2021-02 OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hays moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Andrew Kerins, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District

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REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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REMOTE ATTENDANCE – All commissioners were remote via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None (via previous email)

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 16, 2021**
- B. Monthly Staff Reports**
- C. Disbursements for Approval**
- D. December Treasures Report**
- E. Board IAPD/IPRA Conference Travel**
- F. R2022-01 Surplus Goods**
- G. CAC Appointments**

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to approve the consent agenda (Items A – G). Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

A. Forest Preserve Friends Foundation

Commissioner Livesay reported the group had recently met and discussion included; FPF 2022 Budget, Ryan Anderson gave a review of 2021 funding initiatives and grants, and the group noted interest in working with other Boards (CCFPD & CAC) to see where their support may be of assistance.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Commissioner Hays noted the group recently met and discussion included: Hazen Bridge and Tomlinson Cemetery. Hays also thanked the Board for the earlier consent agenda vote on new members to the committee. Goodman stated the CAC members are a great group.

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C. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners cited the following items from staff reports and observations:

- Heron View visitation numbers
- Repurposed boat structure at the Peninsula
- Media coverage
- Golf numbers
- Grants info
- KRT work
- Programming
- Upcoming Museum Escape Room event
- Willow Pond work
- Volunteer invasive cleanup work at Homer Lake
- Museum Strategic Institutional Plan
- Museum oral history efforts

Commissioners also commended staff on the work of all District staff as noted in the staff reports.

Goodman also reported the Golf Committee had recently met, and the group noted support and excitement for the new electric golf carts that were recently Board approved. Goodman also advised there will be volunteer cleanup days at the course on March 10th & 11th.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director Announcements – Pearson reported the Botanical Gardens Night Lights event was enjoyed by over 4,500 people during the 10 nights it was opened, and today is the kick off of the Snowflake Search event, and event to get people outside and to help keep them healthy!

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. 02021-02 2022 Annual Budget and Appropriations

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve Ordinance 2021-02: Annual Budget & Appropriation for the 2022 fiscal year. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

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B. O2022-01 Providing for the issue of \$492,729 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022- *for the purpose of paying costs of maintaining forest preserve lands and facilities in and for the District and for the payment of the expense's incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the Corporate Fund of the District*

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the issuance of \$492,729 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2022, of the District, for the purpose of paying costs of maintaining forest preserve lands and facilities in and for said District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal land interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the corporate fund of the District. Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

C. R2022-02 Phase 2C Ogden, Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation – KRT

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board adopt Resolution 2022-02 approving a local public agency agreement (LPA) for the construction engineering and construction of the Kickapoo Rail Trail, from 2650E to 2800E in Ogden, in an amount of \$136,480.00. The project bid will be let by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Commissioner Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

D. Request to Acquire Collections

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the request to acquire the following items included in the following offers: IDOT Snowy Owl. Commissioner Livesay seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

E. Museum and Education Dept. Strategic Institutional Plan

Commissioner Herakovich moved the Board approve the Museum and Education Strategic Institutional Plan for 2022-2027. Commissioner Hays seconded. Commissioner Herakovich amended her motion to also include **Item F**: Resolution 2022-03: Supporting the Museum of the Grand Prairie, and **Item G**: The Museum and Education Department Ethics Statement. Commissioner Hays seconded. Museum & Education Director, Barb Ohlschlager-Garvey reported the document has been worked on over the past 4 years by staff. Commissioners commended staff on their work on the plan, noting they should be proud of their work on the document, and the high level of professionalism the document shows. Commissioners asked if being accredited helped with obtaining grants. Staff noted there isn't grants that only accredited agencies can obtain, but the accreditation status is helpful. Commissioners suggested a study session be used for future year reviews of the documents. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

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H. HR2022-04 HR Policy: Temporary Weekly COVID 19 Testing Policy

Commissioner Kerins moved the Board approve Resolution: 2022-04 pertaining to the Districts Temporary COVID-19 Weekly Testing Policy. Commissioner Herakovich seconded. HR Generalist, Dara Edgington, stated due to the high number of positive COVID-19 cases at the District, that staff felt the need to respond to keep the workplace safe. Kerins noted he was happy to see the policy in place. Livesay asked if the test would be administered on site and how often would a review of the policy be performed. Edgington reported staff would be given time during the working shift to get tested locally, and locations in Urbana and Rantoul should assist travel time for Homer Lake and Middle Fork staff; and Pearson noted she would review local COVID-19 data weekly to see if an adjustment needs to be made. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

At 7:00 pm, Commissioner Kerins moved to adjourn to Executive Session for 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. Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

Commissioners Kerins moved to adjourn back to regular session at 7:12 pm. Herakovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins, and Livesay.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kerins made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:13 pm. Hays seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Goodman, Hays, Herakovich, Kerins and Livesay. Motion carried.

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