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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS
April 18, 2018

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. President Pietrowski called the meeting to order and the Secretary called the roll. Those Commissioners present were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and President Pietrowski. Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Jones were absent. A quorum was established with twenty-two Commissioners present and two absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mr. Faivre moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting. Mr. Roman seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski asked for a voice vote on the approval of minutes. All Commissioners voted yea. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Cribben seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski asked for a voice vote to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD FROM THE FLOOR

There were no persons to be heard from.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution FP-R2018-03: Afton South Prairie Land Trade

Motion

Mr. Brown moved that the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners do hereby approve a land trade of approximately 2.5 acres of land along Little Rock Creek at 11285 McGirr Rd. (Part of PIN 11-36-100-003) with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District for approximately 5 acres of land at the Afton South Prairie (PIN 11-36-100-004). Mrs. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Commissioners voting yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and President Pietrowski. All Commissioners present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution FP-R2018-04: FY 2017 Year-End Budget Transfers

Motion

Mr. Brown moved the DeKalb Forest Preserve District Commissioners hereby approves the appropriations, budget transfers and amendments as set forth on Attachment A to the resolution for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017. Mr. Roman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Commissioners voting yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and President Pietrowski. All Commissioners present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution FP-R2018-05: Amendments to the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Travel

Policy

Motion

Mr. Brown moved that the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners hereby approve the Travel Policy with an amendment date of April 18, 2018 regulating the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of its officers and employees and shall be in full force and effected from and after its passage. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Chairman Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the motion. Those Commissioners voting yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and President Pietrowski. All Commissioners present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims

Motion

Mr. Brown moved to approve the payment of claims for the month of April 2018, and the off cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$1,253,632.46. Ms. Askins seconded the motion.

Mr. Brown also clarified that the Claims this month were much higher than normal due to the Potawatomi Addition Land Acquisition that took place last month.

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Roll Call Vote

President Pietrowski called for a roll call vote on the approval of the April Claims. Those Commissioners voting yea were Mr. Plote, Ms. Polanco, Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Reid, Mr. Roman, Mr. Whelan, Ms. Willis, Ms. Askins, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Brown, Mr. Bunge, Mr. Cribben, Mrs. Emmer, Mr. Faivre, Mr. Frieders, Mrs. Haji-Sheikh, Mr. Hughes, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, Mr. Luebke, Mr. Osland, and President Pietrowski. All Commissioners present voted yea. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh shared that in observance of Earth Day 2018, on Monday April 23, electronic items can be dropped off at Tollway headquarters at the DeKalb Oasis. A Tollway truck will be located in the parking lot on the eastbound side of the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

Mr. Brown shared that trail cleanups were happening in the upcoming weekend.

The Northwest Suburban Astronomers (NSA), in cooperation with the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District, will be hosting a public star party on Saturday, May 5th, at Afton Forest Preserve, located at 13600 Crego Road, south of DeKalb, Illinois.

Saturday, May 12th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the day before Mother's Day, University of Illinois Extension will be offering guided wildflower walks at the Natural Resource Education Center (NREC) in Russell Woods Forest Preserve.

Lastly, the 2018 Camp Russell brochures are out and signup has begun.

Mr. Roman thanked all of the County Board and County Staff for all their support and well wishes to he and his family since they found out his young son was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

Mr. Whelan moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Haji-Sheikh seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Pietrowski called for a voice vote on the adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.

Douglas J. Johnson, Secretary
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
District Commissioners

Mark Pietrowski Jr., President,
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
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