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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve District Committee Minutes
August 21, 2013**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Committee met Wednesday August 21, 2013 at 7:10 p.m. in the Freedom Room in the Legislative Center. In attendance were committee members: Bob Brown, Dan Cribben, Sally DeFauw, John Gudmunson, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Tracy Jones and Chairman Julia Fauci. Guests present were Gary Hanson, Nathan Schwartz and Anthony Cvek.

DESIGNATION OF RESERVE OF AFTON WETLAND BANK

Chairman Fauci announced that there was only one item for discussion and that was Resolution R2013-52. She explained that what this Resolution is doing is waiving the fee that would normally be charged to a developer that destroys part of a wetland so that it can be brought to one of the Forest Preserve District's areas. Chairman Fauci continued that in this case the client is the DeKalb County Highway Department, which the Forest Preserve District works very closely with and has a good relationship with. She did reiterate to the committee that there is money being given away but the Wetland Bank Fund is doing well and that this exchange would be a very good thing.

Mr. Jones asked how many more acres of wetland there was. Chairman Fauci answered that Terry was not there to answer in exact numbers but there are ways that have been discovered to be able to expand the wetland into the Afton Addition.

It was moved by Mr. Gudmunson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and it was carried unanimously to forward this recommendation to the full board for approval.

Mr. Brown asked Chairman Fauci how high on the governmental chain does this have to go to be approved or does the State have to approve the mitigation. Chairman Fauci said that this is not a state program and this is going through the Army Corps of Engineers which is Federal and the Forest Preserve District is selling space in the bank.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Schwartz, DeKalb County Highway Engineer, what hoops he has to go through to prove the wetland is being mitigated. Mr. Schwartz answered that hopefully once these papers are signed this evening at the full board meeting, they send the paperwork to the Army Corps of Engineers who also oversaw and reviewed all of the Highway Department's paperwork and they will stamp approve. Chairman Fauci added that once the mitigation has taken place the Army Corps of Engineers will come out and check to make sure it was done.

Mrs. Haji-Sheikh announced some information to the committee about a local bicycle event that is happening August 26th in DeKalb and August 29th in Sycamore and the main focus of the event is to bring attention to bicycle trails in those two areas. This event is sponsored by Live Healthy DeKalb.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Gudmunson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Julia Fauci

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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