

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 15, 2013**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Committee met Wednesday, May 15 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Liberty Room of the Legislative Center. In attendance were committee members: Ms. Fauci, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gudmunson, Mr. Brown, Ms. DeFauw and Ms. Haji-Sheikh. Superintendent Hannan was absent. Guests: County Administrator Gary Hanson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Fauci noted there had not been an April meeting, and since the Committee was meeting earlier than normal to resolve the IMRF representative issue – the March minutes would be approved at a later point.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Fauci noted that the purpose of the meeting tonight relates to a resolution to recognize Mr. Peter Steffen as the Forest Preserve Representative to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Board.

APPROVAL OF NEW REPRESENTATIVE TO IMRF BOARD

Ms. Fauci began by noting that the prior representative was Gary Hanson in his role as Finance Director. Now that he has move into the role of County Administrator, his replacement will now be taking the position as representative.

Mr. Hansen noted the position is referred to as the Authorized Agent and as such acts as the IMRF point of contact with the County, signs off on enrollments, re-enrollments and pension applications. This individual also casts a vote on the IMRF board. The Authorized Agent role has resided within the job description of the Finance Director – but must be approved by the County Board.

Mr. Brown asked if all employees are represented by this individual. Mr. Hanson responded that this applies only to those who work 1000 or more hours annually. The prior limit had been 600 hours, but the County moved to 1000 hours to assist in cost savings on contributions. He added that law enforcement officers employed by the County are represented by SLEP (a variation of IMRF).

Ms. Haji-Sheik moved to approve Mr. Steffen as the County IMRF representative, seconded by Ms. DeFauw and the motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Ms. Fauci noted that Mr. Hannan could not attend this evening's meeting but did send several reports for the Committee's review.

Ms. Haji-Sheik asked about an agreement she had read about that implied the Forest Preserve had annexed some DeKalb Park District land around the County Farm trail.

Ms. Fauci clarified that what was done was an intergovernmental agreement regarding equipment sharing and plantings being donated by the Preserve to assist in recovering the land that was cleared by Commonwealth Edison last year.

She added that the Clean Energy people who have given money to the Preserve in the past have toured the planting area and are very pleased with the choices and plans being made.

Ms. Fauci then commented that she and Steve Reid and Mr. Hannan recently met an individual from Wisconsin, who is extremely knowledgeable about cabin restorations and was a recent visitor/consultant on the Miller Ellwood cabin.

She also added that the Stewardship Program and the Memorial Tree donations have been very successful this past year.

Ms. Haji-Sheik asked where Adee's Woods is located. Ms. Fauci and Mr. Jones responded that it was located on Annie Glidden road between Old State and Route 64. While it is a small Preserve, it is well known as an excellent spot for bird-watching.

On a related note, Ms. Fauci commented that she had seen 2 Bald Eagles at the Prairie Oaks Preserve.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gudmunson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fauci, Chairperson
Forest Preserve District Committee
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