



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

May 4, 2012

The Executive Committee meeting was held Friday, May, 2012, at 8:40 a.m. in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices of the Forest Preserve District, Fox Valley Ice Arena, 1996 South Kirk Road, in Geneva, Illinois.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Hoscheit

Committee Members: Commissioners Davoust (late), Ford, Frasz, Hurlbut (late), Kenyon, Lewis, Mitchell, Tredup (late), Van Cleave, Vazquez (late) and Wojnicki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kunkel and Lindgren.

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Director Meyers, Director of Finance Stanish, Director of Community Affairs Metanchuk, Director of Planning and Development Culp, Director of Operations and Maintenance Holan, Director of Natural Resources Ullberg, Human Resource Manager Smith, Chief Gilloffo, Attorney Hodge and Citizens of Kane County.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2012 as read, by Commissioner Kenyon and seconded by Commissioner Lewis, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Several citizens addressed the committee in regards to Fabyan Forest Preserve as follows:

Virginia Babcock of Batavia addressed the Committee in regards to Fabyan Forest Preserve and the music venue. Illinois is known to be the prairie state and to remove the hundred year old oaks to create roadways and parking lots is unacceptable. The Forest Preserve mission is to preserve and protect nature and wild life. The residents of Kane County have placed the preserves in your hands to nurture the preserves and keep the native trees and plants. Residents are also disappointed with the closing of the Bliss Woods Campground facilities. Presently there is an advisory petition being passed around to maintain Fabyan Forest Preserve as a natural habitat and not a music venue. An 1835 survey showing that 1/3 of the preserve has disappeared.

President Hoscheit stated that Bliss Woods was closed to the environmental issues with the septic system. A new campground is being built in Big Rock and will open next year. The concert venue at Fabyan is not a Forest Preserve plan. The District does not support the music venue and hopefully the task force will reverse their plans for it.

Kathy Valle of Geneva addressed the Committee in regards to mountain bikes handing out the terms/language the riders use. These riders need a place to ride and not destroy the bike paths and trails others use.

Fran Caffey of Aurora addressed the Committee in regards to the east Fabyan Forest Preserve, stating that it appears to be neglected and asked how does the Committee decide which areas to work on? There are many volunteers who would be willing to help maintain this area. There are 150 year old oak trees that need to be treated as treasures.

Director Ullberg answered that by leaving the forest alone it creates the ecosystem that keeps the plants and the trees nourished and growing.

Sharon Jones of Geneva addressed the Committee in regards to Fabyan East and how quiet and

beautiful it is up on top of the hill by the old girls home.

James Cullen of Geneva addressed the Committee stating he believes that there should be no bike riding in some areas of the preserves.

BILLS: Chairman Hoscheit called for a motion to approve the bills for payment.

-Motion by Van Cleave, seconded by Vazquez, to approve the bills for payment; motion carried.

General Fund	\$ 63,270.93
Construction & Development Fund	\$ 60,393.97
Land Acquisition Fund	<u>\$ 7,427.79</u>
TOTAL ALL BILLS	\$131,092.69
Utility Disbursements	<u>\$ 13,187.02</u>
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TOTAL ALL TD'S	<u>\$1,835,979.93</u>
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Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Davoust, Ford, Frasz, Hurlbut, Kenyon, Lewis, Mitchell, Tredup, Van Cleave, Vazquez and Wojnicki; motion carried/

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Frasz announced the following events:

- Grand Opening Bowes Creek Woods May 12
- Grand Opening Elburn June 2
- Grand Opening Schweitzer Woods June 9
- Relay for Life June 22 – 23
- Kane County Fair July 18 - 22

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

- **PRESENTATION OF THE 2012-2013 BUDGET:** Commissioner Ford stated that this is a balanced budget and needs to be moved to the Full Commission.

Any questions on the budget, please contact Director Stanish, Executive Director Meyers or President Hoscheit.

-Motion by Kenyon, seconded by Wojnicki, to move the budget to the Full Commission; motion carried.

LAND ACQUISITION / ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY GOLF COURSE REPORTS:** Commissioner Tredup presented the quarterly golf course reports. Both courses fell short this year and had to make additional payments from their reserves to reach the agreed upon amounts. Settles Hill is hoping to open June 1 as Waste Management is restoring damage to the course.

Executive Director Meyers has been working with Waste Management and GolfVisions on the project. Staff has inspected and repaired the bridges on the course. Staff will continue to work with Waste Management and GolfVisions on the financial aspects of the project.

- **PRESENTATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN THE BLACKBERRY FARMS SERIES OF SIMON AND SOHN SERICS LLC PROPERTY LOCATED IN BLACKBERRY TOWNSHIP:** Director Culp stated Simon property has 156 acres and is adjacent to Dick Young – Nelson Lake Forest Preserve and would allow for a second entrance off Bliss Road. The addition of this property would create a preserve just under 1,300 acres.

-Motion by Vazquez, seconded by Frasz, to approve the request to acquire the Simon property adjacent to the Dick Young – Nelson Lake Forest Preserve; motion carried.

PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

- **PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR TREE TRANSPLANTING AT VARIOUS FOREST PRESERVES:** Commissioner Mitchell presented the bids for tree transplanting at various forest preserves. This bid was sent out to 12 contractors with 2 responding. The low qualified bidder is for digging and transplanting 26 trees at Fox River Bluff – West is Big Trees from Minooka, Illinois in the amount of \$9,350.00 and for transplanting 30 trees at Burnidge Forest Preserve in the amount of \$6,500.00 for a total of \$15,850.00 and the low qualified bidder for digging and transplanting 30 trees at Campton Forest Preserve is ArborCare of Frankfort, Illinois in the amount of \$6,900.00 for a grand total of \$22,750.00.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Frasz, to approve the bids from Big Trees in the amount of \$15,850.00 and ArborCare in the amount of \$6,900.00 for a grand total of \$22,750.00 for tree transplanting; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF BIDS ASPHALT RESURFACING OF TRAILS AT VARIOUS PRESERVES IN THE NORTH DIVISION:** Commissioner Mitchell presented the bids for the 4 miles of trail resurfacing in the North Division. This bid was sent out to 12 contractors with 2 responding. The low qualified bidder is Evans and Son of West Chicago in the amount of \$250,258.00.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kenyon, to approve the bid from Evans and Son of West Chicago, Illinois for the 4 miles of trail resurfacing in the North Division in the amount of \$250,258.00; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR SALT SHED FOR SOUTH OPERATIONS DIVISION AT GRUNWALD FARMS FOREST PRESERVE:** Commissioner Mitchell presented the bids for the salt shed for South Operations Division at Grunwald Farms Forest Preserve. This bid was sent out to 15 contractors with 3 responding. The low qualified bid is from Cleary Buildings of Sandwich in the amount of \$49,000.00

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Ford, to approve the bid from Cleary Buildings of Sandwich in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the salt shed for south operations; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FROM ENCAP FOR WETLAND MITIGATION AT FITCHIE CREEK FOREST PRESERVE:** Director Culp presented the proposal from EnCap for wetland mitigation at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve in the amount of \$19,985.00. This is part of the grant for the 2 creek crossings and the proposed mitigation plan that has been put together with the help of the Restoration Staff.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Ford, to approve the proposal from EnCap for the wetland mitigation at Fitchie Creek Forest Preserve in the amount of \$19,985.00; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED MUSEUM GRANT SUBMITTAL FOR THE CREEK BEND NATURE CENTER AND NEW EXHIBITS. S FOR REFORESTATION PROJECTS AT BURNIDGE AND BIG ROCK FOREST PRESERVES:** Commissioner Mitchell presented the proposed grant submittal for the Creek

Bend Nature Center and new Exhibits. This is a new and a great program for the citizens of the county.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Davoust, to approve the proposed Museum Grant request for the Creek Bend Nature Center and new exhibits; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF A FIVE YEAR 911 SERVICE SUBSCRIBER AGREEMENT WITH KANECOMM:** Executive Director Meyers presented the request for the five year 911 Service Subscriber Agreement with KaneComm. The KaneComm Dispatch Center provides dispatch services for our police department. The Kane County Board has established a fee schedule for each user group's fair share of the telecommunications cost. The District cost will be \$26,476.39.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Vazquez, to approve the Five Year Service Subscriber Agreement with KaneComm in the amount of \$26,476.39; motion carried.

- **PRESENTATION OF CHANGE ORDER # 7 AND # 9 FROM FOXFIELD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CREEK BEND NATURE CENTER PROJECT:** Director Culp presented Change Order # 7 from Foxfield Construction for the Creek Bend Nature Center Project. This Change Order is for the upgrade of the fire suppression system as required by local codes in the amount of \$12,283.00. Change Order # 9 is to reside the original structure to match the siding being used on the new exhibit space in the amount of \$51,700.00.

-Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Davoust, to approve Change Order # 7 in the amount of \$12,283.00 for the fire suppression upgrade and Change Order # 9 for the siding in the amount of \$51,700.00 from Foxfield Construction for the Creek Bend Nature Center Project; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PRESIDENTS COMMENT'S:

Commissioner Mitchell recommended the Commission pass a resolution stating the District does not support mining on its property.

President Hoscheit stated the following: Brunner Forest Preserve – the League of Women Voters have had an independently investigated the mining at Brunner Forest Preserve with a 100+ page written document. Some of the comments in the document are personnel. The Commissioners look out for the District as a whole. There have been no private meetings or discussions in private. All the meetings have been open public meetings. The document mentioned a meeting up in Dundee where the District noticed it, that was because the Open Meetings Act requires that when a majority of the Commissioners attend a meeting it must be notices. The District has numerous Intergovernmental Agreements with other County agencies; these agreements benefit the District and the County. The District and the Commissioners are not in favor of mining on District property. This report is critical of the District's Construction and Development of properties. The Committee did visit the Max McGraw property where the mining project is creating a lake and fishing area for the citizens.

Commissioner Lewis commented that the Committee has always brought up items for discussion prior to any decisions being made. The Committee is always receptive and seeks public comment. In regards to the Brunner property the whole issue of mining has been misunderstood issue. We are not disturbing the land, possibly moving gravel on properties to create roadways and parking areas.

Executive Director Meyers announced she meet with IDNR Director Miller and thanked him for his support. He stated that Kane County has the best grant requests he has seen.

ATTACHMENTS:

Chairman Hoscheit called for a motion on the Bond Analysis Report, the Fox River Trust Report for March and the Income and Expense Statement.

-Motion by Vazquez, seconded by Frasz to approve the Bond Analysis Report, the Fox River Trust Report for March and the Income and Expense Statement; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned on a motion by Lewis, seconded by Kenyon to 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 1, 2012, at the administrative offices of the Forest Preserve District, 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, Illinois. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary