

FOREST PRESERVE PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE

August 27, 2009

The Forest Preserve Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, at 8:30 a.m. August 27, 2009 in the Main Conference Room of the District Offices at the Fox Valley Ice Arena, 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, Illinois 60134.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mitchell, Committee Members Frasz, Ford (late), Hoscheit (late), Jones, Kenyon (late), Kissane, Kunkel (late), Leonberger, Mayer and Wojnicki.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Davoust.

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Director Meyers, Director of Finance Quinlan, Director of Natural Resources Ullberg, Director of Community Affairs Metanchuk, Director of Planning and Development Culp, Manager of Human Resources Smith, Chief Gilloffo, Attorney Hodge, Commissioners Lewis, Shoemaker and Citizens of Kane County.

-MINUTES: Chairman Mitchell called for the minutes of the August 6, 2009 meeting to be approved.

-Motion by Wojnicki, seconded by Frasz, to approve the August 6, 2009 minutes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION OF FERSON CREEK DAM REMOVAL GRANT WITH COUNTY AT LEROY OAKES FOREST PRESERVE. Ken Anderson of Kane County Environmental Management presented a request from Kane County for the Ferson – Otter Creek dam modification project. Kane County is applying for a grant from the IDNR for the dam modification which will connect Ferson and Otter Creeks to the Fox River and allow for fish passage from Ferson and Otter Creeks to the Fox River.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS.

PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR THE BURNIDGE / PAUL WOLFF FOREST PRESERVE CAMPGROUND ASPHALT PAVED DRIVEWAYS. Director Quinlan presented the bids for the Burnidge /Paul Wolff Forest Preserve Campground Asphalt Paved Driveways. This bid was sent out to 15 vendors with 4 responding. The low qualified bidder is Evans and Son of West Chicago in the amount of \$169,197.50. The base bid amount is \$115,428.50, Alternate # 1 for the paving of the west service gravel road in the amount of \$30,512.00, alternate # 2 for paving pathway to the west pond in the amount of \$5,510.00 and Alternate # 3 for removing/replacing the asphalt for 10 RV spaces in the amount of \$17,747.00 for a total of \$169,197.50.

PRESENTATION OF BIDS FOR THE REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ASPHALT TRAIL AT RACEWAY WOODS FOREST PRESERVE. Director Quinlan

presented the bids for the removal and installation of new asphalt trail at Raceway Woods Forest Preserve. This bid was sent out to 15 vendors with 5 responding. The low qualified bidder is Evans and Son of West Chicago in the amount of \$264,834.00. The base bid of \$245,801.00 and Alternate B grind, pave and restore 4,660 sf in the amount of \$19,033.00 for a total of \$264,834.00.

PRESENTATION OF RACEWAY WOODS FOREST PRESERVE BRIDGE ENGINEERING AND PRESENTATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DUNDEE TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT FOR RACEWAY WOODS FOREST PRESERVE IMPROVEMENTS. Executive Director Meyers presented the request for approval for the Raceway Woods Forest Preserve Bridge Engineering. This preserve is located along Route 31 and Huntley Road and encompasses the old Meadow Dale Raceway. This preserve is owned by the District, Dundee Township and the Dundee Township Park District with approximately 330 acres in all. The District owns the major portion of the race track and while resurfacing the track the District will be doing the engineering for the abutments for the trail bridge to cross over the ditch (culvert) located along the track. This bridge is being relocated from the Stearns Road Bridge project and relocated on the track to make the continuous loop for the track pathway. Dundee Township Park District is donating \$50,000 for this project and upon completion will deed the 55 acres to the District.

-Motion by Jones, seconded by Frasz, to approve the bid from Evans and Son for the Burnidge /Paul Wolff Forest Preserve Campground and the Raceway Woods trail paving as presented and the engineering for the Raceway Forest Preserve Bridge engineering. Commissioners voting in the affirmative: Frasz, Ford, Jones, Kissane, Leonberger, Mayer and Wojnicki. Commissioners abstaining; Mitchell; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE FITCHIE CREEK CULVERTS. Director Culp presented the change order for the Fitchie Creek culverts. During the parking lot construction the degraded culvert was discovered and needs replacement. This change order is for the replacement of the new culvert for \$2,410.00.

-Motion by Frasz, seconded by Leonberger, to approve the change order for the Fitchie Creek culvert; motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL AT BREWSTER CREEK LODGE. During the renovations at Brewster Creek loose tile was discovered which has asbestos in the glue, thus the floor needs to be removed properly and replaced to remove all the asbestos. Change order in the amount of \$20,231.20.

-Motion by Kenyon, seconded by Ford, to approve the change order for the removal of asbestos at the Brewster Creek Lodge; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

PRESENTATION OF BOWES CREEK WOODS FOREST PRESERVE ENGINEERING AND WETLAND DELINEATION PROPOSALS. Director Culp presented the Bowes Creek Woods

Forest Preserve engineering and wetland delineation proposals. These proposals include the engineering for the drives, parking areas, trail and wetlands. This project is included the Bowes Creek grant. Cost for engineering is \$46,105.00 and the wetland delineation is \$12,510.00.

-Motion by Kenyon, seconded by Wojnicki, to approve the engineering for Bowes Creek

PRESENTATION OF EASEMENT REQUEST BY NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR FIBER OPTIC INSTALLATION ALONG THE FOX RIVER TRAIL. Director Holan presented an easement request for fiber optic installation along the Fox River Trail.

Representatives from School District 300 and NIU presented the request to run a fiber optic infrastructure along the Fox River Trail which would tie into the NIU net that includes Chicago, Naperville, Rochelle, Rockford and Hoffman Estates. This network is supported by the local governments and only for their use. The request is to run the fiber optic from Algonquin to I-90 along the bike path on the east side along the edge of the path. This will be done by directional boring 4 feet under the ground with occasional hand hold boxes which are concrete along the side of the pathway. Work is being done with the Army Corp of Engineers for boring under the bridges. There will be 96 strands of cable available for lease. This fiber optic line will tie all the 911 services together. Conceptually the Commissioners see the benefit in this plan. Staff will review this project and return next month with their input. The question arose as to what the benefits would be for the District. It was stated that the lines would be run for any District use but the use fee would apply. This will come back to committee next month.

PRESENTATION OF REQUEST BY THE GRAND VICTORIA CASINO / CITY OF ELGIN FOR EMERGENCY EGRESS FROM THE RIVERBOAT. Executive Director Meyers presented information from the Grand Victoria in Elgin which is now becoming a land based casino and is in need of egress points for emergencies. They will be closing the bike trail for 6 weeks and will re-locate bike and pedestrian traffic while under construction. Signage will be placed along the trail during construction.

YEAR END PRESENTATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS. Executive Director presented some of the Capital Projects to committee for their review. This was just a small portion of the completed projects the entire list of capital projects will be placed on the District website.

Commissioner Shoemaker requested the District name one of the lakes or ponds for Chuck Seigler. Chuck was the District Superintendent for many years and loves to fish. Commissioner Shoemaker feels it would be appropriate to honor Chuck by naming one of the lakes for him.

President Hoscheit stated that this is done periodically and presently there is no set policy. This request will be reviewed by staff and presented to the Community Affairs Committee for approval prior to moving it forward.

Discussion also occurred on the history of the area. Many area residents do not know the history surrounding the preserves and we need to educate the public on the history of the area.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was duly adjourned on a motion by Kissane, seconded by Wojnicki to 10:00 a.m., September 24, 2009 to the office of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, Illinois.

Patricia Hestekin
Recording Secretary