

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017

Commissioners present: Conry, Hogan, Ludwig, Patterson, and Vincer.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, Henkel, Herman, McCammond, and Tucker.

Guests present: Mike Eytalis, Services Unlimited.

The meeting was call to order at 7 pm.

CONRY MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Mike Eytalis of Services Unlimited. Mr. Eytalis described an incident that occurred in January 2017 regarding a power loss and phone lines being severed. He stated that he was called to assess and repair the situation. After he assessed the situation, he realized that he would need to call on his partner company, CanDuit Electric, to assist since the repair job required better equipment than he had. After locating the problem with the power, they decided not to call J.U.L.I.E. since there was an upcoming event in the Jarrett Prairie Center and it would take 2-3 days to get it marked to dig. In the process of digging, they severed a phone line. The District had Frontier repair the phone line. Frontier billed the District \$535.80. The District billed CanDuit for reimbursement of the \$535.80. Mr. Eytalis doesn't feel responsible for the entire amount and asked the board if he could split the bill with the District and pay half of it. He thanked the board for their time and departed the meeting.

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PATTERSON MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2017. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted and discussed briefly. Director Tucker noted that he received apology letters from the girls who stole signs from the He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2017. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan asked the board to decide on a date for the Annual Budget Workshop meeting. The meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2017, at 5:30 pm. He reminded the board of State Conference and to let Michelle know if you can attend.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:18-7:31pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:31-7:36pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:36-7:52pm-He reported that the District received a \$6,000 grant to buy prairie seed for the He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve. Commissioner Patterson informed Russell that he received a call regarding the condition of the docks at He-Leo. Russell stated that the docks should be replaced in the 2018 Capital Budget. President Hogan asked about repairing the washouts at the Colman Preserve. He asked if a bridge can be

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installed and if it has to be approved the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. Russell stated that he would check into it. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:52-7:58pm-He stated that since PrairieView drains so much better than most courses in the area, we gained golfers due to the rains. Commissioner Vincer asked about the timing of replacing the irrigation system on the course. Director Tucker stated that he would like to do a 5-year budget plan that includes the irrigation system with the installation of the fiber optic landline for the District's computer network, the remodeling of the lower level of the Jarrett Prairie Center, and the purchasing of land. This will be discussed at the October Budget Workshop.

The Policy Manual Revision Update was noted and discussed briefly.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:02 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTVE SESSION UNDER 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY, UNDER SECTION 2(C)(5) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE DISTRICT, AND UNDER SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION

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AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. CONRY – YES,
LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:27 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES,
VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:28 PM
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY –
YES, LUDWIG – YES, HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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