

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2017

Commissioners present: Auker, Brooks, Conry, Hogan, and Ludwig.

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Kevin Wills, First Midstate, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks opened the floor to Kevin Wills of First Midstate, Inc. to present an ordinance for the issue of General Obligation Bonds. He stated that we are waiting for the final EAV of ComEd to set the final dollar amount. The tax rate will be consistent with the 2016 levy. Byron Bank has agreed to purchase the bonds again once the amount has been set. The board thanked Kevin for his presentation.

AUKER MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-1, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING FOREST PRESERVE LANDS IN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY

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THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

CONRY MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2016. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – ABSTAIN, AND BROOKS – YES.

The correspondence was noted. President Brooks commended the staff on the 2016 PDRMA audit.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER. Pass sales were discussed. Sales were down due to the time limit for purchase being extended into the following year. Credit card processing fees were discussed. Shawn stated that TransNational is the best price we could find for processing our transactions. It was discussed offering a discount for paying with cash. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

President Brooks reminded the board that state conference is this week.

There was no bike path report.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:20-7:35 pm-He informed the board about the windows at the Jarrett Prairie Center cracking shortly after

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the tinting was installed. We will be submitting the claim to PDRMA for reimbursement. He asked the board their opinion on whether or not to continue the Blaze in its current format. Commissioner Hogan suggested that the money used for the Blaze should be focused on advertising on social media. Commissioner Conry suggested stop doing it the current way and see if anyone notices, then address it. President Brooks noted that the Blaze should be on our Facebook page and website. Michelle stated that the Blaze is currently posted to our website and all of the articles and programs are listed in various other places on our website. She informed the board that a survey of some kind will be included in the next two Blazes notifying people that it will be discontinued in its current format but they will be able to find all of the information on our website. They will also be given an option of receiving some sort of correspondence via USPS mail if they choose. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:35-7:37 pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:37-7:41 pm-He has begun the process of the Colman Preserve becoming an Illinois Nature Preserve. This will be his project over the next couple of months. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:41-7:48 pm-He informed the board that PrairieView will be hosting a 25th Anniversary Celebration on June 9th, 2017, to include night golf, a dinner buffet, bonfire, and maybe fireworks. Greg Welker (for Matt Henkel), Golf Course Maintenance Department- 7:48-7:53 pm.

It was noted that the District's Policy Manuals are still being reviewed and updated and will be presented to the board for approval.

LUDWIG MOVED AND CONRY SECONDED A MOTION TO AWARD THE GOLF TRACTOR BID #01FY2017 TO MIDWEST EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,362. CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:56 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 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 AGAINST, AFFECTING OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:16 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

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AUKER MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:17 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. AUKER – YES, CONRY – YES, HOGAN – YES,
LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hogan, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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