

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 19, 2014

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

There were no board or staff additions or changes to the agenda.

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

President Ludwig opened the floor for nominations of officers.

BROOKS NOMINATED AND BREEN SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF HOGAN FOR BOARD PRESIDENT. BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

LUDWIG NOMINATED AND AUKER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF BROOKS FOR BOARD VICE PRESIDENT. HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

LUDWIG NOMINATED AND AUKER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF BREEN FOR BOARD SECRETARY. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

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LUDWIG NOMINATED AND BREEN SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF AUKER FOR BOARD TREASURER. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME AND PLACE FOR THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM AT THE JARRETT PRAIRIE CENTER, 7993 NORTH RIVER ROAD, BYRON. BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR AS THE CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY-DECEMBER). HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH BYRON BANK AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH FIRST MIDSTATE INC / CHAPMAN & CUTLER AS THE DISTRICT'S BOND COUNSEL. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH BEGGIN, TIPP, AND LAMM AS THE DISTRICT'S AUDITOR. BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN - YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION ESTABLISHING THE OGLE COUNTY LIFE AS THE DISTRICT'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION ESTABLISHING THE BOARD COMMITTEES AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO INCLUDE BUILDING & GROUNDS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL, PERSONNEL/FINANCE, AND PROGRAM & RECREATION. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2014. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSTAIN, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2014. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

There was no President's Report. There will be a Bike Path Committee meeting on Thursday, May 22nd.

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President Ludwig opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:16-7:34 pm-He noted that grand openings are being scheduled. The He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve grand opening will be Saturday, July 5th with a cookout for the public to hopefully attract boaters to the park. The grand opening date for Howard Colman Hall Creek Preserve is still being discussed. The fencing issue at the Ripplinger Preserve was discussed. PDRMA recommends that we write an ordinance stating what our rules will be regarding fencing as we develop our properties. Putting a port-a-john at/near Heritage Farm and River Park was discussed. It was decided to put a red one next to a barn at Heritage Farm. Todd is hosting a Director's meeting for Illinois Forest Preserve and Conservation Districts to include topic discussions, lunch at the golf course, and tours of the District's properties and facilities. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:34-7:46 pm-He updated the board on the interviews that staff had with the museum designers. Trevor also attended most of the interviews and reported that he was impressed with what they could do. He said that we need to budget to re-design the museum as a regional draw. He feels that it's overdue for an upgrade and needs a fresh new look. Spending \$500,000 to \$750,000 needs to be considered since we've put a lot of money into buying land and upgrading other facilities. Grant research will be done to try to offset some of the costs. Mark stated that staff has agreed to work with Split Rock and designer Matt Kirchman who worked at the Forest Preserve as an intern over 20 years ago and is now a worldwide museum designer. Mark will schedule them to present at the August board meeting as we

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begin our budgeting process. Commissioner Auker asked if we could approach the Byron Museum District to see if we can work with them on this project. Todd stated that he and Mark will meet with them. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:46-7:53 pm-They have been getting the He-Leo Two Rivers Preserve ready for the public, installing the sand volleyball court, the parking lot, and making a path to the Leaf River. It was noted to have IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) remove the “Club Entrance” sign at this property since it’s no longer a boat club. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-7:53-8:15 pm-He noted that the new menu and service at the clubhouse is going well. He distributed a handout with information on Deer Valley Golf Club and Banquet Facility and Senica’s Oak Ridge Banquet Facility. He encouraged the board to move forward with building a banquet facility at the golf course to increase revenue. He believes that the irrigation system on the course is going to hold up well now with the new pump station. So, he feels that funds should be allocated to build a banquet facility.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2012. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES, AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:16 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 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, AUKER –
YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:01 PM TO
COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS –
YES, HOGAN – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:02 PM TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – YES, HOGAN – YES,
AUKER – YES, AND LUDWIG – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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