

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 20, 2019

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

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Brown, Brunner, Gerke, Henkel, Herman, Leon, McCammond, Schlupp, Snodgrass, Taylor, Tucker, Welker, and Whetsel.

Guests present: Jason Stoll, Fehr Graham Engineering; Dwight Bond, Morton Buildings, Inc.; Judy Fager and approximately 15 citizens.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Michelle Gerke administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected commissioners, Kris Baker (4-year term), Andy Gramer (4-year term), and Trevor Hogan (4-year term). The commissioners thanked Commissioners Conry and Ludwig for their service and they departed the meeting. The commissioners welcomed the new commissioners to the Board.

The board agreed that Executive Session was not needed.

VINCER MOVED AND GRAMER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON NOMINATED AND VINCER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF HOGAN FOR BOARD PRESIDENT. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON NOMINATED AND GRAMER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF VINCER FOR BOARD VICE PRESIDENT. VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER NOMINATED AND GRAMER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF PATTERSON FOR BOARD SECRETARY. BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER NOMINATED AND GRAMER SECONDED THE NOMINATION OF BAKER FOR BOARD TREASURER. GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON, VINCER – YES, BAKER – ABSTAIN, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND GRAMER 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. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO SET THE DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR AS THE CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY-DECEMBER). VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH BYRON BANK AS THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS. BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH ICE MILLER LLP AS THE DISTRICT'S BOND COUNSEL. GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH THE LUCAS GROUP AS THE DISTRICT'S AUDITING FIRM. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO ESTABLISH ANCEL, GLINK, DIAMOND, BUSH, DICIANNI, AND KRAFTHEFER AS THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL. VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION ESTABLISHING THE OGLE COUNTY LIFE AS THE DISTRICT'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER. BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION ESTABLISHING THE FOLLOWING BOARD COMMITTEES AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: BUILDING & GROUNDS/INTERGOVERNMENTAL, PROGRAM & RECREATION, AND LONG RANGE PLANNING. THE PERSONNEL/FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE GRAMER AND VINCER. GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Judy Fager. Mrs Fager read a statement regarding memorializing Mark Cameron at PrairieView Golf Club. She noted his efforts working with the junior golfers and coaching the Byron High School golf team. She read a statement submitted to her by Ed Clift, a previous director of the Byron Forest Preserve District, in support of memorializing Mr. Cameron. She requested that the new Toptracer facility be named after Mr. Cameron; or, a sign be placed at the practice facility in his memory. (Mrs Fager's statement was requested but it was not received.)

President Hogan opened the floor to Mike McHale. He echoed the comments of Mrs. Fager in support of memorializing Mr. Cameron at PrairieView Golf Club.

President Hogan stated that a memorial of some kind recognizing Mr. Cameron's efforts with the junior golfers at PrairieView is a good idea. He noted

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that there is a Junior Golf Fund available that could be used to establish some type of memorial. Brief discussion followed.

President Hogan stated that this topic will be on the June agenda for further discussion.

President Hogan opened the floor to Chris Remhoff. He expressed his gratitude to the Board and staff for their efforts in maintaining the trail systems within the District's preserves. He noted that his Roadrunners group moved their winter run from Page Park to the District's main site, the Jarrett Prairie Preserve and the Nardi Equine Preserve.

President Hogan opened the floor to Jason Stoll of Fehr Graham Engineering and Dwight Bond of Morton Buildings, Inc. to discuss the renderings of the new Toptracer facility. They requested Board approval of the site plan for the new facility. Jason stated that their intent is to have the least amount of impact on the golfers. Director Tucker noted that the facility should not obstruct the view of the course from the deck at the clubhouse. The road leading into the facility was discussed. Commissioner Baker expressed concerns regarding parking during construction especially for special events. Dwight stated that they would make sure areas are cleared for parking for events. Director Tucker suggested that the Board review their email with the PDFs of the layouts and ask questions and Director Tucker will bring it back to the Board in June.

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VINCER MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2019. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – ABSTAIN, GRAMER – ABSTAIN, AND HOGAN – YES.

The correspondence was noted and briefly discussed.

VINCER MOVED AND PATTERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2019. VINCER – YES, BAKER – ABSTAIN, GRAMER – ABSTAIN, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan welcomed the two new Board members and reminded them of the Boot Camp on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Board and staff that he has made the strategic plan a shared document on which it can be updated by many people as the goals are completed. Director Tucker noted that he will be adding this to the Department Head meeting agenda each month.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-8:19-8:23pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-8:23-8:25pm; Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-8:25-8:34pm-He informed the Board that there are nesting bobolinks at Bald Hill. He noted that bobolinks migrate over 12,000 miles. Matt Henkel, Golf Operations-8:34-8:45pm-President Hogan

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commended the clubhouse staff for their efforts at the Ducks Unlimited event that was held at the golf pavilion. The food was very good.

The policy regarding Commissioner benefits was discussed. Previous Commissioner Ludwig's proposal was to have the Commissioners pay 50% for a golf pass and programs. President Hogan agreed with this proposal. Commissioner Baker would like more information on the Commissioners' usage. He would also like to know the resolution to previous Commissioner Conry's concern at last month's meeting regarding the issues with the Corporate Pass. Commissioner Gramer stated that he doesn't think Commissioners should pay for golf but pay for other programs. Commissioner Patterson suggested that the Commissioners email President Hogan with their suggestions and he can put a couple options together for the Board to review at the June meeting.

Recognizing the Founding Fathers was discussed. President Hogan suggested doing video interviews with Ben Barton and Chet Kobel to get the recorded history of the development of the Forest Preserve. Director Tucker stated that he will follow up with them.

Director Tucker informed the Board that the District received another grant from the Clean Energy Foundation for \$837,000 to purchase more land next to the Bald Hill Preserve. The house on the land would be sold. Commissioner Gramer suggested that the deed for the sale of the house state that a cell tower

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cannot be placed on the property. Director Tucker noted that the purchase agreement should be ready by August.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AWARDING THE SLURRY SEAL BID TO DENLAR, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21, 596.65. BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

PATTERSON MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 02-19 TO INCLUDE CASH PAYMENTS RELATED TO HEALTH INSURANCE AS IMRF EARNINGS AND RESOLUTION 03-19 TO INCLUDE COMPENSATION PAID UNDER AN INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 125 PLAN AS IMRF EARNINGS. GRAMER – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

VINCER MOVED AND BAKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 9:16PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, BAKER – YES, GRAMER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Patterson, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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