

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2017

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

Commissioners absent: none.

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

Guests present: Kevin Wills, First Midstate, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Director Tucker recommended removing Executive Session Agenda Items 13B and 13C. CONRY MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to Kevin Wills of First Midstate, Inc. to discuss the General Obligation Bond for 2018. He stated that the interest rate is slightly higher this year at 1.55% than last year at 1.35%. CONRY MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 17-8, an ordinance providing for the issue of \$1,830,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017A, 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 the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – ABSTAIN.

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

President Hogan reminded the commissioners that the Director's evaluations were due before the January board meeting.

President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:11-7:39pm-He updated the board on staff absences and a resolution to a citizen's concern regarding the District's recent land purchase. He distributed a handout containing the history of the District's properties. He updated the board on meeting with Prairie Forge Group regarding the renovation of the lower level of the Jarrett Prairie Center and upgrades to a District rental home. He reported that he met with a private citizen's group regarding developing a conservation district or county-wide forest preserve. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:39-7:43pm-He reported to the board on the progress of the new trail maps being developed. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:43-7:53 pm; Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:53-7:58pm-He reported that

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he's promoting the Corporate Passes for 2018. He noted that the rentals for this winter season have increased over last season.

President Hogan reminded the staff and commissioners of the upcoming Long Range Planning Committee meeting on January 24, 2018, at the Jarrett Prairie Center to discuss the District's Mission Statement and Vision Document.

LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:01 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 OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DISTRICT TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY. LUDWIG – YES, PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

CONRY MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:28 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. PATTERSON – YES, VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND VINCER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:29 PM TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING. VINCER – YES, CONRY – YES, LUDWIG – YES,  
PATTERSON – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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