

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JULY 18, 2016

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

Commissioner absent: Conry.

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

Guests present: None.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Director Tucker deleted Agenda Item 14B, Executive Session 2(C)(5) from the agenda. LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. CONRY – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2016. HOGAN – ABSTAIN, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, AND BROOKS – YES.

The correspondence was noted.

LUDWIG MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2016. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

The board discussed setting meeting dates and times for upcoming special meetings. The Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance meeting

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will be held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 5 pm. The Annual Budget Workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, beginning at 5:30 pm.

President Brooks stated that she's impressed with the path around the nursing home and the signage along the path.

President Brooks opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administration Department-7:10-7:24 pm-He informed the board that the date for the next hunting lottery is set. Allowing archery hunters onto the preserves is helping control the deer population. The Byron Chamber playday is August 25. ByronFest went very well again this year. He and Mark have been meeting with potential sponsors for the new museum. Byron Bank has committed to \$50K over the next ten years to sponsor the immersive theater. Tentative dates for the museum have been set. It should be completed by September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will invite the sponsors to visit on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will host a Business After Hours on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Will setup a luncheon meeting with Nachusa Grasslands, Natural Land Institute, etc. He and Mark met with Buster Barton, Mary Morgan School Principal, regarding students coming to the new museum. President Brooks suggested meeting with other area principals as well. Mark Herman, Education Department-7:24-7:29 pm-He introduced our new preschool teacher, Crystal Prue. He is working with Gary Gullett regarding photos for the new museum and the movie. Exhibit installation begins September 6<sup>th</sup> with completion by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Russell Brunner,

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Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:29-7:37 pm-President Brooks informed him that it's nice that a nearby resident is cutting back the thorny vines that encroach upon the trails at Ripplinger. Brief discussion followed. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:37-7:50 pm-He noted an article in the IPRA Magazine regarding our Junior PGA program and the effect it has on the community. He will be working with our preschool program to introduce the students to golf. He informed the board about Pokémon GO! players creating issues on the course, just walking around the course, showing up at 5am, etc. Matt Henkel, Golf Maintenance Department-7:50-7:59 pm-He informed the board that there is only 65 days until fall!

Director Tucker informed the board that the Finance/HR Manual has been completely reviewed by staff and will be revised and updated. Staff will begin reviewing the Risk Management Manual soon.

Director Tucker informed the board that the bids for the deck at the Jarrett Prairie Center came in over budget. He met with maintenance staff to discuss the possibility of our staff building the deck to save money. Due to the elevations and the concrete work involved, staff wasn't comfortable with doing the work. Discussions of the high bids followed. The bids could be higher due to contractors being so busy at this time of year and not really needing the work. Commissioner Auker suggested delaying the project if it will save money. Shawn noted that there is surplus in the General Fund that could be used for the project.

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President Brooks questioned where the hospitals are on sponsoring anything with the museum project and the possibility of one of them sponsoring the deck. Director Tucker stated that they have met with two of them so we should know something very soon. He then suggested that we at least get the concrete work completed this fall and re-bid the deck work next year to be completed in the spring. The board generally agreed with his suggestion.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:13 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 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. AUKER – YES, CONRY – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:42 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. CONRY – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND BROOKS – YES.

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AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:43 PM TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES,  
CONRY – ABSENT, AND BROOKS – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Hogan, Secretary  
Board of Commissioners

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