

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

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

Commissioners absent: Cravatta.

Staff present: Brunner, Gerke, Heesaker, McCammond, Murray, Tucker and
Wolf.

Guests present: none.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Director Tucker removed Mayor Chris Millard as a guest on the agenda. The board added Election of Secretary Pro Tem due to Commissioner Cravatta's absence.

BROOKS MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

HOGAN MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER LUDWIG AS SECRETARY PRO TEM. HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, AND BREEN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BROOKS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2011. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

The correspondence was noted and discussed briefly.

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LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2011. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

President Breen reminded the commissioners of the upcoming special meetings: October 3rd @ 5:30 pm – Tentative Budget and Appropriation Meeting and October 13th @ 6 pm – Annual Budget Workshop.

The discussed the Recreation Path the affects of the construction on the path near the school.

President Breen opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports: Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:11-7:25-He informed the board that other organizations have verbally agreed to invest in the hotel project. He reported that the meeting the District hosted for the Nature Conservancy went very well. He informed the board that the ByronFest Committee is currently discussing paying agencies that help out at the festival. He will keep the board posted on the outcome of these discussions. The ByronFest ticket booths were discussed. Commissioner Brooks suggested putting the District logo on the booths. Richie Wolf, Education Department-7:25-7:28 pm-He reported that they saw osprey, hawks, and eagles on a District canoe trip over the weekend. He informed the board that they would not have to judge the hay ride scenes this year at Halloween on the Prairie. One group will be doing all of the scenes. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:28-7:31 pm; Steve Murray, Golf Course Operations-7:31-7:35 pm; Cheryl Heesaker,

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Stone Quarry Recreation Park Department-7:35-7:40 pm-She reported that Stone Quarry staff was part of the Challenge Day that was held at the school.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO TAPE RECORDINGS OF MARCH 15, 2010. CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

The board discussed the Petition for Annexation with the City of Byron that was approved at last month's meeting. Michelle will check with Clay Lindsey to make sure he has received it. The board decided to table the Annexation Agreement until the public hearing is held at the City of Byron.

The board decided to wait to hear from the City of Byron regarding the Hotel Development Phase 2 Project and the other investment commitments.

HOGAN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:46 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

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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, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, AND BREEN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND HOGAN SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:44 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

BROOKS MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:45 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BROOKS – YES, CRAVATTA – ABSENT, HOGAN – YES, LUDWIG – YES, AND BREEN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ludwig, Secretary Pro Tem
Board of Commissioners

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