

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

02/21/12 @4:45 pm

PRESENT: Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, V. Dueysen, K. Harmon, K. Maranda, S. Sallows, R. Simmer, F. Schultz.

ALSO: Jeff Craver, Director and Phil Banaszek, Commissioner.

Chairman Rockwell called the special meeting to order at 4:45 PM on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office in the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

The Chairman said the first order of business was the bids on the giraffe deck replacement project. There were two bids and the low bid was from Estes Construction in the amount of \$60,300. The Society is willing to pay for the cost of this project.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to award the project to Estes. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Access proposals for self evaluation on Forest Preserve properties. Three proposals were submitted and the low bid was from Recreation Accessibility Consultants in the amount of \$13,116.

MOTION: Ms. Harmon moved to approve the low proposal of \$13,116. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of website services for the District. There were eleven proposals that came in for the services and four were selected for interviews. Mr. Craver and Chairman Rockwell would recommend Upstream in the amount of \$28,500. The Chairman said Pear Advertising has proposed to do the content and design for the Zoo only.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve Upstream for our website services. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was approval of AFSCME 2025A labor agreement. Chairman Rockwell said the full County Board will be acting on this first tonight and the Forest Preserve Commission won't need to go into closed session and rehash everything, we will probably just need to vote without much discussion. The general wage increase is 2%, 2% and 2% for the next three years. The one issue that did affect us is that we have an employee at the Zoo who was handling all the animal records as well as the office and

the finances and she's way out of her job scope so we needed to change the job description and the union agreed to that.

The second issue is that Mr. Rockwell thought it was ironic that we gave a clothing allowance even though we paid for their uniforms. There isn't any clothing allowance anymore. All the park employees will be provided uniforms, just like the Zoo, if this gets ratified. So we did buy their clothing allowance back for them. Mr. Rockwell said these are my proposals. Dr. Simmer did not agree with the 2%.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the labor agreement proposals. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried. Dr. Simmer and Ms. Sallows voted no.

Submitted by;

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