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FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY
BOARD SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
DECEMBER 2, 2009

Communication

ITEM #1

Request permission to disburse \$150,000 in initial funding to the Forest Preserve Foundation as provided for in the FY2009 Budget. To be taken from Account #019900-620090. The Chief Financial Officer has verified that sufficient funds exist in the aforementioned account to meet the obligation.

Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement

ITEM #2

At the December 12, 2007 Real Estate Committee Meeting, the Real Estate Committee of the Board voted to direct Forest Preserve District (“District”) staff to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with the Village of Wheeling (“Village) for the enhancement and restoration of an approximately 11.4 acre parcel of land located on the east side of Milwaukee Avenue a half-mile south of Lake-Cook Road in Wheeling, IL (the “Wheeling Parcel”. District staff subsequently met with Village representatives to facilitate the development of a mutually beneficial plan for the Wheeling Parcel.

District staff believes the current plan, as captured in the attached IGA, is consistent with the mission of the District. The plan includes ecological restoration of the Wheeling Parcel including, but not limited to the removal of various invasive plant species, hydrologic restoration, and restoration of the native plant communities. In addition, a multi-use trail spur to an existing adjacent trail, and various interpretive signs would be added to the Wheeling Parcel.

The proposed improvements to the Wheeling Parcel will be made and maintained by the Village at no cost to the District. Approval of the attached IGA is recommended.

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Resolution

ITEM #3

Commissioner Larry Suffredin submitting a resolution in recognition of the 25th Annual New Year's Day Paddle.

**Resolution
Recognizing the 25th Annual New Year's Day Paddle**

WHEREAS, the Annual New Year's Day Paddle down the Ralph Frese Water Trail on the scenic North Branch of the Chicago River will be held for the 25th year on January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Annual New Year's Day Paddle draws canoeists and kayakers from the greater Cook County area who enjoy the natural beauty of the river and forest preserves in their winter glory; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, more than 200 people participated in the event; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 the Forest Preserve District of Cook County sponsored the event and provided staff and resources to support the event; and

WHEREAS, the Annual New Year's Day Paddle is a cherished community event that is a wonderful opportunity for people to enjoy and learn about the river and forest preserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County does hereby recognize the Annual New Year's Day Paddle on January 1, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Commissioners, staff, and residents are encouraged to participate in the 2010 New Year's Day Paddle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the official proceedings of this Honorable Body.