

**Minutes of the Special Study Session Meeting  
Of the Board of Commissioners  
Sycamore Park District  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

The special study session meeting of the Sycamore Park District Board of Commissioners, DeKalb County, Illinois, held at the Sycamore Park District Riverview Room, 940 E. State St. in Sycamore, Illinois is called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

Will the recording secretary please call the roll.

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are physically present and will be participating in the meeting in person: **Commissioner Ackmann, Doty, and Strack.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present but will be participating in the meeting via video and/or audio conferencing: **Commissioner Kroeger.**

The following Sycamore Park District Commissioners are not physically present and will not be participating in the meeting at this time: **Commissioner Graves.** Commissioner Graves arrived at 6:28 pm.

Staff members present were Director Bailey, Jeanette Freeman, and Jackie Hienbuecher.

**Motion**

Commissioner Ackmann made a motion to permit Commissioners Kroeger to participate remotely. Commissioner Strack seconded the Motion.

**Roll Call**

Vice Pres. Doty called for a roll call to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

**Guests: None**

**Banking Request for Proposal:** Supt. Hienbuecher noted it came down to two banks – First Midwest and Resource. The main differences were: Resource charged a \$10/month fee for direct deposit, whereas this is included in First Midwest. Overall, the fees were less with First Midwest. Supt. Hienbuecher noted our relationship with First Midwest is good. She also noted her concern with the fees and costs to make the change, which includes check stock, etc. Also, we have our Visa account through First Midwest and this has worked well, whereas Resource does not offer this. The board suggested to keep monitoring the situation and set up a view in a few years. Director Bailey noted we can set up an RFP every 3-5 years.

**Motion**

Commissioner Ackmann made a motion to stay with First Midwest at this time and to add to strategic plan to do as 5-year review. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

**Roll Call**

Vice Pres. Doty called for a roll call to approve the motion. Commissioners Ackmann, Doty and Kroeger voted Aye. Commissioner Strack voted Nay. Motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Graves was absent.

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**Tax Levy:** Director Bailey went over the two different options. Supt. Hienbuecher noted this is the same information she sent out and this is just for ratification of Option 1. She was given the consensus of what to do from 4 board members. Director Bailey went over the two different options.

**Motion**

Commissioner Ackmann made a motion to go with Option 1 to increase the Levy and CPI by 1.4%. Commissioner Kroeger seconded the Motion.

**Roll Call**

Vice Pres. Doty called for a roll call to approve the motion. All Commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Graves was absent.

Commissioner Graves arrived at 6:28 pm.

Director Bailey noted the Foundation is changing their launch party to an open house. She will be sending an email to board and staff that can be shared with anyone. The Foundation will be talking about educational opportunities and educating the public on what the Park District is doing.

**Next Study Session:** None was scheduled.

**Motion**

The Board adjourned the Regular Session at 6:32 p.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Strack. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ackmann.

**Voice Vote**

Vice Pres. Doty called for a voice vote to approve the motion. All commissioners present voted Aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeanette Freeman  
Recording Secretary  
Sycamore Park District