

MINUTES OF THE BERKELEY PARK DISTRICT

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Larem at 5:15pm at the Lind Building. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners' Present: M Carpenter, T. Larem, P Smith, R Sudduth,

Commissioners Absent: G. Sada (Arrived at 5:08pm)

Others Present: District Administrator, Brian Ramsey; and Attorney, Megan Mack

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth, second by Commissioner Sada, to approve the Meeting Agenda for February 5, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Old/Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Review and approve the recommendation as presented by Chuck Szoke to enter into an Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP or Naperville as related to Governmental Accounting Services for the Berkeley Park District.

Administrator Ramsey read the Narrative as provided in the Board Packet and a general overview of Mr. Szoke's summary as related to the RFP for Financial Services and the Finance Committee to recommend Lauterbach & Amen to provide the Financial Services as requested in the RFP.

General discussion with various questions and responses provided by Administrator Ramsey. Commissioner Sada inquired if this will replace Art (Schenone) as our Treasurer. Mr. Ramsey indicated that it would, and that Mr. Schenone was offered an opportunity to respond to the RFP but chose not to submit a proposal. Mr. Szoke contacted 12 separate entities with the RFP information, including Art Schenone, but we only received a response from three. Commissioner Smith inquired if Seldon Fox were contacted since they already do the Financial Statement annually for the District?

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Administrator Ramsey explained that they were contacted and chose not to respond. Even though the District is not required to complete a Financial Audit, we are required to provide a Financial Statement to the State and County, and that Seldon Fox cannot do both services. You want a separate Financial agency to monitor the other. We can still continue to use Seldon Fox to perform our annual Financial Statement Report.

Further discussion indicated that the services provided by Lauterbach & Amend will actually cost less than the services currently provided by Art Schenone, and that we also anticipate improved reporting as referenced in the RFP.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to enter into an Agreement with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP or Naperville as related to Governmental Accounting Services for the Berkeley Park District. Second by Commissioner Sudduth. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Smith and Sudduth. Voting "no" Commissioner Sada.

Motion carried 4-1.

Public Comment: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 5:28pm, a motion was made by Commissioner Smith to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel 5 ILCS under the Illinois Opens Meeting Act. Second by Commissioner Sudduth. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Smith, Sudduth, and Sada. Motion carried 5-0.

At 5:55pm, a Motion was made by Commissioner Sudduth to return to the Open Session of the Special Board Meeting. Second by Commissioner Sada. Motion Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sada to approve the hiring of a Malik Carson for the position of Program Coordinator at the salary level as recommended by Administrator Ramsey. Second by Commissioner Carpenter. Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Smith, Sudduth, and Sada. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

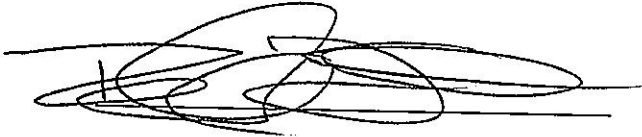
A motion was made by Commissioner Larem and seconded by Commissioner Smith to Adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm. Roll Call Voting "aye" were Commissioners Carpenter, Larem, Smith, Sudduth, Sada. Motion carried 5-0.

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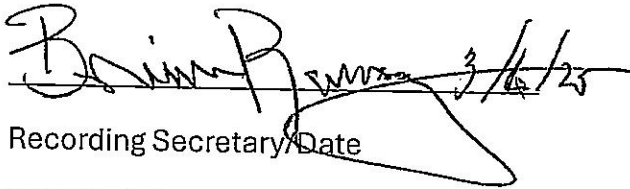
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Board Secretary



President



Recording Secretary/Date