

MINUTES – ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT COMMISSION

December 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Simmons, Chairman. Roll call was taken showing a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Herbert Simmons, Chairman
Dick Battas
Tom Schrag
Mike Todd

Members Absent:

Jerry Albrecht, Excused

Others Present:

Sami Gruberman, Executive Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

None

MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Mr. Schrag and seconded by Mr. Todd, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2023 meeting.

Election of Officers was held. A motion was made by Mr. Todd seconded by Mr. Battas to retain the current office holders – Herb Simmons – Chairman and Tom Schrag, Vice Chairman. Motion passed unanimously.

REVENUE REPORT:

Ms. Gruberman advised current cash balance was \$3,025,282.46.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Ms. Gruberman gave the Activity Report which included Sugar Loaf Township and the Village of Swansea have outstanding grants from Cycle 29.

Upon a motion by Mr. Schrag and seconded by Mr. Todd, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Revenue and Activity Reports given by Ms. Gruberman. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

DISCUSSION AND AWARDING OF PARK GRANTS FOR CYCLE 29 ARE LISTED BELOW:

City of Belleville: Mower & Gator - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Cahokia Heights: Tractor - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Battas to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

MINUTES – ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT COMMISSION, cont'd

December 4, 2024

Page 2

Canteen Township: Play Equipment, Mulch & Signage - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to deny this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will NOT be funded.

Village of Caseyville: Mower - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Caseyville Township: Tractor w/ Attachments- \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Battas, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Collinsville: Ventrac – Tiller, Rake, Stump Grinder: \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to deny this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will NOT be funded.

Village of Dupo: Mowers & Equipment- \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of East Carondelet: Mower, Brush Cutter & Equipment- \$28,551.39. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Battas to approve this application. The motion passed with Mr. Simmons abstaining. This project will be funded.

Village of Fairmont City: Tractors & Mower- \$29,981.38. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Fairview Heights: Mower w/ Attachments- \$29,697.54. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Freeburg: Mower & Equipment - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Freeburg Park District: Utility Vehicle & Equipment - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Horner Park District: Mower & Roller - \$20,800. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Marissa: Mowers- \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Mascoutah: Mower - \$16,969.33. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Millstadt: Mower & Skid Steer- \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve this application. The motion passed with Mr. Todd abstaining. This project will be funded.

MINUTES – ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT COMMISSION, *cont'd*

December 4, 2024

Page 3

Village of New Athens: Mower, Pickleball Equipment & Trash Receptacles - \$29,500.31 Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application in the amount of \$16,969.33 for the mower. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of O'Fallon: Mower - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

St. Clair County: Mowers- \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Battas to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

St. Clair Township: Blower, Mower & Equipment - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of St. Libory: Tractor - \$30,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Shiloh: Mower - \$19,499. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Schrag to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Smithton: Mowers & Trimmers – \$26,359.98. Motion was made by Mr. Schrag, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. The project will be funded.

In other business, a discussion was held that Cycle 30 will have to be completed within 6 months, Cycle 31 will be a regular grant cycle, and the committee will meet in the Spring to discuss parameters for the grant.

Upon a motion by Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. Schrag, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.