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SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 3, 2026, 3:30 pm,
Headquarters Conference Room, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 109 S Lake of the
Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at the Headquarters Conference Room, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 109 S Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois. Commissioner Knott called the Special Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Knott called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Knott, Goodman and Bartlett. Hundley was absent with notice and Toalson was absent without notice.

Staff Present: Lorrie Pearson, Michael Daab, Brock Martin, Michael Ambrose and Rebecca Smith.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Health Insurance Provider Beginning July 1, 2026

Commissioner Bartlett moved the Board to approve the selection of United Healthcare as the new health insurance carrier for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and authorize the Executive Director to sign and execute all applications and related administrative processes required to establish United Healthcare as the new carrier. Michael Ambrose, HR Director, explained that the current insurance provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield, quoted a 20% increase in premiums to renew the plan, resulting in an annual cost increase of \$74,408.47 to the Forest Preserves. United Healthcare provided a quote for plans that have comparable coverage, affordable premiums for employees and the Forest Preserves, and that most providers who are currently in-network would remain that way. Commissioner Goodman seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Knott, Goodman and Bartlett. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:40 pm, Commissioner Knott moved to go into a closed session for “The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired,” as authorized by 5 ILSC 120/2(c)(5). Commissioner Goodman seconded. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Knott, Goodman and Bartlett. Motion carried.

At 3:50 pm, Commissioner Knott moved the Board back into open session. Commissioner Barlett seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

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MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Goodman made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 3:50pm.
Commissioner Bartlett seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.



Mark Toalson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District