

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee Meeting,
Monday, February 1, 2016**

The Education, Cultural Resources and Public Affairs Committee met Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Lake County Forest Preserves, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

- 1.0 **Call to Order** -With a quorum present, Chairman Craig Taylor called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners Present:

Craig Taylor, *Chair*
Mary Ross Cunningham, *Vice Chair*
Chuck Bartels
Steve Carlson
Audrey Nixon
S. Michael Rummel
Jeff Werfel

Also Present:

Ann B. Maine, <i>President</i>	Steve Neaman
Linda Pedersen	Mary Kann
Terry Wilke	Jim Ballowe
Steven Mandel	Randy Seebach
Tom Weber	Jim Anderson
Bonnie Thomson-Carter	Rebekah Snyder
Carol Calabresa	Eileen Davis
Alex Ty Kovach	Debbie Maurer
Mike Tully	Maureen Clausen
Nan Buckardt	Matt Norton, <i>Holland & Knight</i>
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	

Absent:

Brent Paxton
Nick Sauer

- 2.0 **Pledge Of Allegiance** – Committee Chair Craig Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3.0 **Public Comment**–There was no public comment.
- 4.0 **Addenda to the Agenda** – There were no addenda to the agenda.
- 5.0 **Executive Director Comments**- Executive Director Kovach provided updates on the following:
- Preservation Foundation planned giving;
 - Illinois Coastal Management Program grant proposal for Blandings turtle monitoring at Illinois Beach State Park;
 - Pilot buckthorn removal project donor commitment;
 - First Folio preview event at the Museum on February 2 for Preservation Foundation donors;
 - Leadership team meeting to identify endowment and project opportunities for the Preservation Foundation;
 - Work on 5 Core Values. All staff worked on Communication last week. 1 Core value training left, Collaboration to be done in the next quarter ;
 - Volunteer Recognition Brunch on February 27 at Greenbelt Cultural Center;
 - Due diligence work with University of Illinois and Newberry Library as possible future home for the Curt Teich Post Card Archives. Staff recently visited the Newberry library. Expect to bring a recommendation forward in March;
 - Profiles in Excellence is February 7 at Greenbelt Cultural Center;
 - President Maine and staff met with the District’s legislative consultant to review our legislative program;
 - Joint Legislative Breakfast on February 26 at Lake Bluff Park District;
- 6.0 **Correspondence** – None

7.0 **Approve Minutes**

7.1 Approve Open & Closed Session Minutes from January 4, 2016. Motion by member Carlson, second by member Nixon. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) erase Verbatim Recordings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the District's Policy on Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Records, as provided in Exhibit 1 to staff's February 1, 2016, memorandum. – Executive Director Kovach gave a summary of the Recommendation. Motion by member Ross Cunningham, second by member Rummel to approve the item as presented. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution adopting the Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. - Director Neaman reviewed each change made to the document when the initial draft was reviewed by the Finance & Administrative Committee. During review and discussion the Committee made changes to the following items:

- 1) Page #13, #1 - Add "cultural" after educational.
- 2) Page #15, #2.1 – Remove "implementation" add "complete the construction of" and remove "included" add "funded".
- 3) Page #15, #2.8 – Remove "master" and "includes identification of" add "plan that identifies a funding strategy for capital and operational expenses".

After discussion, motion to accept with changes by member Nixon, second by member Bartels to approve the item with changes. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously; the recommendation was forwarded to the Land Preservation & Acquisition Committee.

8.3 Review proposed changes to the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as part of the FY 2016-2017 budget process. President Maine made opening remarks and Director Seebach briefed the committee on the proposed CIP. He reviewed the 11 projects completed during the past year. He then noted the 12 adjustments to existing funded project listed on the recommendation, and discussed the following projects:

- 1) Millennium Trail-Rollins Road Crossing +\$250,000.
- 2) Millennium Trail-Grand Avenue Crossing +\$173,000. President Maine requested that Mr. Seebach discuss grant funded projects. Mr. Seebach explained 80/20 grant cost structure and a discussion ensued about the need to look closer at the grant requirements and the costs;
- 3) Spring Bluff Wildlife Observation Area (\$160,000).
- 4) Upper DPR-USACE Phase II Ecosystem Restoration (\$3,000,000).
- 5) Waukegan Savanna Phase I +\$450,000, a discussion ensued on the Waukegan Savanna dog exercise area project. President Maine noted a lot of discussion was made at that the joint committee meeting. Directed to bid the project with alternates to keep the costs down and if need be make cuts.
- 6) Wright Woods/McArthur Woods Dam Removal +\$690,000.

Director Seebach then summarized the five new projects recommended for funding or added to the CIP as listed on the recommendation memo.

- 1) Pine Dunes – Wildlife Conversation Facility: Relocating 2 facilities to Pine Dunes McClure building \$50,000 cost for renovation.
- 2) Ray Lake – Cuneo Restoration: \$1,000,000 grant. \$85,000 is marked for habitat restoration.
- 3) Rollins Savanna - Boardwalk - \$350,000 – Raise the trail up with a boardwalk because of frequent flooding.
- 4) Ryerson Barn – Education Classroom: Remove Borland & Cramer cabins, educational programs to be relocated to the Barn. Renovations costs \$175,000.
- 5) District-wide reforestation - \$150,000 a year. As a part of the Oak Ecosystem recovery plan.

Director Seebach reviewed the CIP spreadsheet and the 5 year requirements.
 Director Seebach and Director Anderson reviewed the Potential Unfunded Capital Improvement Projects list.

9.0 **Old Business** – None

10.0 **Department Reports**

10.1 Education Report – Did not present.


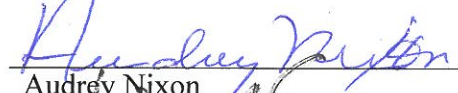
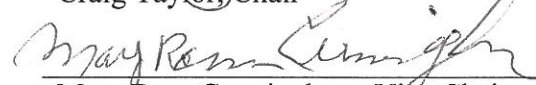
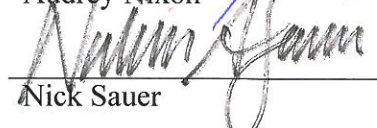
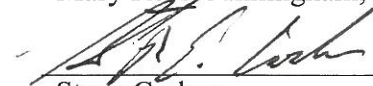

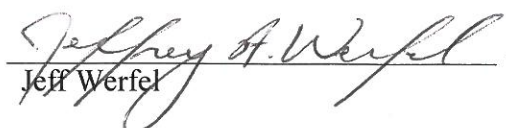
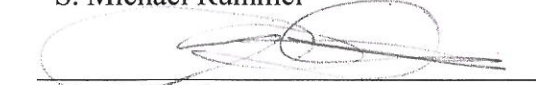
10.2 Public Affairs Report - Did not present.

11.0 **Executive Session** – None

12.0 **Next Meeting** – February 29, 2016

13.0 **Adjourn** - With no further business; motion by member Carlson, second by member Ross Cunningham to adjourn. Voice vote had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 am.

APPROVED:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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