



PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of Monday, February 1, 2016

The Lake County Forest Preserve District's Planning and Restoration Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2016. The meeting was convened at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

Committee Members Present:

Bonnie Thomson Carter, Chair
 Carol Calabresa
 Bill Durkin
 Sandra Hart
 Diane Hewitt
 Tom Weber

Also Present:

Ann Maine, President	Steve Carlson
Alex Ty Kovach	Linda Pedersen
Mike Tully	Rebekah Snyder
Randy Seebach	Allison Frederick
Jim Anderson	Debra Ramai
Steve Neaman	Helena Keller
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Matt Norton, <i>Holland & Knight</i>
Nan Buckardt	Gary Beggan, <i>Village of Third Lake</i>
John Nelson	Barb Thompson, <i>Lake County Audubon</i>
John Tannahill	
Mary Kann	

Committee Members Absent:

Nick Sauer, Vice-Chair
 Sid Mathias
 Craig Taylor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2016

Motion by member Durkin, second by member Hart to approve the Open and Closed Session Minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, with member Hewitt abstaining, and the Minutes were circulated for signatures.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5.0 ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Letter from Village of Third Lake regarding assistance with paved trail access to the Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve trail system

Director Seebach presented a written request from the Village of Third Lake for the District's assistance to expand the Rollins Savanna trail system by paving the dirt trail that is being used by Village residents to access the preserve. The Village's Board of Directors has committed \$30,000 to offset the estimated cost of \$75,000 for the Lake Avenue connection.

Discussion ensued and included comments from the Village Mayor, Mr. Gary Beggan. It was explained that the District has already made decisions regarding which capital projects would be funded for the upcoming fiscal year, and that no funds would be committed toward the trail connection at this time. Mr. Beggan was asked if the Village's board might be willing to reserve the \$30,000 for the District to consider the project for its 2017/2018 fiscal year. Mr. Beggan responded that he would take the suggestion back to the members of his board.



7.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Kovach presented an update of District projects, news and upcoming events including:

- The Preservation Foundation’s estimate of known estate gifts totals \$7.5 million, an application has been submitted to the Illinois Coastal Management Program for a \$48,000 grant to conduct Blanding’s Turtle monitoring at Illinois Beach State Park as part of the management of state-endangered species throughout the Chiwaukee Illinois Beach Lake Plain, and the District has received a \$100,000 commitment for a donation toward the District’s pilot buckthorn removal project.
- A reminder that the remainder of the First Folio event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2nd from 6-8 p.m. at the Discovery Museum.
- The District’s Leadership Team recently met to identify endowment and project opportunities for the Preservation Foundation.
- An all-staff meeting convened to focus on the core value of Communication, leaving training of the final value of Collaboration before proceeding into the maintenance and development of the District’s five core values.
- Greenbelt Cultural Center will be the site of the *Annual Volunteer Recognition* event on Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 a.m., and *Profiles for Excellence* on Sunday, February 7 at 3:00 p.m.
- Staff performed due diligence in the interest of securing a future home for the Curt Teich Postcard Collection and visited the Newberry Library in Chicago and anticipates making a recommendation in March.
- A meeting between President Maine and the District legislative consultant on January 20 revealed that the 10% reduction in the State Replacement Tax as at the appropriate level, a future property tax freeze is likely, as is a continued State budget stalemate for the immediate future.
- There will be a Joint Legislative Committee breakfast at the Lake Bluff Park District on February 26 at 8:30 a.m. Interested parties were requested to RSVP to Mr. Kovach.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS - None

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution adopting the Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Hewitt to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.2 Approve a motion to (i) release Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain in 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

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Hewitt to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Local Agency Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for funding from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program for the Lyons Woods Trail Connection

After review and discussion, motion by member Hewitt, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The



recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Phase III Engineering Services for the Lyons Woods Trail Connection to V3 Companies of Illinois, LLC, Woodridge, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$259,698.69

After review and discussion, motion by member Hewitt, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.5 Monthly Department Report

Director Anderson reported to the Committee regarding various natural resource programs and projects.

9.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Districtwide Invasive Plant Management 2016 at Multiple Forest Preserves to Red Buffalo Nursery, Hebron, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$175,320.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Wetland Invasive Plant Control 2016 at Spring Bluff Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$33,450.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Durkin, second by member Hewitt to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Wetland Invasive Plant Control 2016 at Lakewood Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$30,041.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Hewitt, second by member Calabresa to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.9 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Tree Protection Fencing Materials Purchase 2016 for Multiple Forest Preserves to Schoop & Sons, Decatur, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$28,545.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.



9.10 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Invasive Plant Control Project 2015 at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$29,600.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.11 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Ecological Assessment of District Lands 2016 to Northern Illinois University, Institute for the Study of Environment, Sustainability & Energy, DeKalb, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$175,012.00

After review and discussion, motion by member Hart, second by member Hewitt to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

9.12 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving Agreements with the Audubon Chicago Region, National Audubon Society, and Alliance for the Great Lakes for the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Habitat Restoration, funded by Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Illinois Coastal Grant Program

After review and discussion, motion by member Calabresa, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation as presented. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was circulated for signatures and forwarded to the Finance and Administrative Committee for approval.

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

12.0 NEXT MEETING

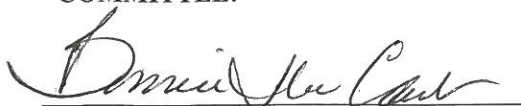
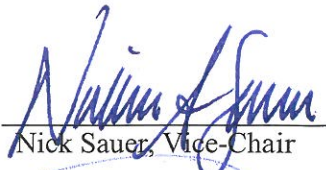



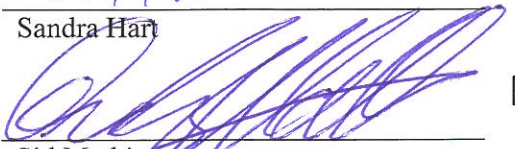
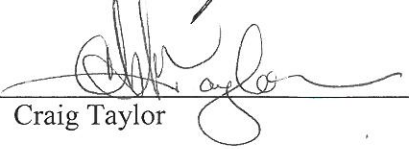

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 29, 2016.

13.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Carter adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.



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COMMITTEE:

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**PLANNING AND RESTORATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC ATTENDANCE
Monday, February 1, 2016**

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