

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, January 3, 2022**

On Monday, January 3, 2022, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the December 10, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and the Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the District's Operations Committee met via audio and video conference and at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order - Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll. Six committee members responded: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair, Bill Durkin, Vice Chair, Jennifer Clark, Mary Ross Cunningham, Ann Maine, Terry Wilke. Absent: Catherine Sbarra.

Also Present:

Paul Frank	Mary Kann	Lisa Roberts
Linda Pedersen	Steve Neaman	Jim Siefken
Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	John Nelson	Kim Mikus Croke
Alex Ty Kovach	Randy Seebach	Maureen Shelton
Mike Tully	Rebekah Snyder	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Jim Anderson	Debbie Boness	Grant Benjamin, <i>Squaw Creek Clean Water</i>
Nan Buckardt	Ken Jones	Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i>

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Vealitzek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion by member Cunningham, second by member Wilke to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2021 Operations Committee Meeting. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment – Chair Vealitzek asked if there was anyone attending who wished to provide public comment for items not on the agenda. There were no responses.

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach presented his report and responded to questions on:

- Increased visits to the Dunn Museum during the holiday season;
- Nearly \$170,000 has been raised for the Preservation Foundation Annual Fund as of 12/29/21;
- North Shore Gas has renewed its Platinum Sponsorship of Concerts in the Plaza for 2022;
- Lake Forest Bank & Trust and Libertyville Bank & Trust renewed their \$5,000 grants for the 2022 Green Youth Farm program;
- Completion of the Millennium Trail Route 45 Underpass and trail extension that connects Raven Glen and Ethel's Woods;
- The District is planning for the Special Park District Forum scheduled for June 19-23, 2023;
- COVID-19 noticeable impact on staffing resources.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business

Fort Sheridan Lakeshore Follow-up. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer explained that at the last committee meeting staff were given direction to provide better signage and enforcement at Fort Sheridan Lakeshore. He showed the new larger No Water Entry Allowed signage that includes the violation fine. The language on the sign was recommended by PDRMA, the District's Risk Management Agency. The Committee members requested that the word danger be added to the signs. Member Maine requested the universal symbol for danger be added. Chair Vealitzek noted that if the public knew the danger, that they might be less inclined to go in the water and requested that the type of danger be indicated on the sign. Staff to discuss these suggestions with PDRMA and report back at the February Operations Committee meeting.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Approving a Venue Exhibition Agreement for the Traveling Exhibition On to 2050 with the Gail Borden Public Library and Delegating Authority for the Approval of Future Venue Exhibition Agreements to the Executive Director for Future Agreements. Motion by member Clark second by Vice Chair Durkin to approve the recommendation. Mike Tully summarized the recommendation. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Lake Forest Open Lands Association. Motion by member Maine second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully introduced the recommendation. Executive Director Ty Kovach explained the agreement in more detail. Rebekah Snyder, Director of Community Engagement & Partnerships responded to a question. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the Planning Committee for approval.

10.3 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Native Seed for Grant Woods Forest Preserve to Shooting Star Native Seeds in the Contract Price of \$ 33,931.00. Motion by member Clark second by member Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

Member Wilke motioned to approve items 10.3, 10. 4 and 10.5 in a single roll call vote. Vice Chair Durkin seconded the motion. Mr. Tully summarized items 10.3, 10. 4 and 10.5. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure responded to questions.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Currie Motors Commercial Center for the Purchase of Three Police Interceptor Vehicles in the amount of \$110,494.00. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to West Side Tractor Sales Co. for the purchase of a Backhoe Loader, an Excavator, and two Track Loaders in the amount of \$550,415.15. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.

10.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the disposal of surplus District equipment, furnishings and other items through a public auction process. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 **Miscellaneous Business** — None

12.0 **Closed Session** — None

13.0 **Potential Action Following Closed Session** – None

14.0 **Adjourn** – With no further business, Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Jessica Vealitzek, Chair			Ann B. Maine		
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Bill Durkin, Vice Chair			Catherine Sbarra		
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Jennifer Clark			Terry Wilke		
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Mary Ross Cunningham					

Secretary’s Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the January 7, 2022 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Operations Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, January 31, 2022. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

- AYES: 5 (Clark, Cunningham, Sbarra, Vealitzek, Wilke)
- NAYS: 0
- ABSENT: 2 (Durkin-absent, Maine-arrived after vote)

Margaret E. Shelton
Committee Secretary