

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, February 28, 2022**

On Monday, February 28, 2022, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the February 4, 2022 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, Ann Maine, Catherine Sbarra, Terry Wilke. Absent: Mary Ross Cunningham.

Also Present:

Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	John Tannahill	Diana Dretske
Alex Ty Kovach	Pati Vitt	Steve Furnett
Mike Tully	Debbie Boness	Sandy Meyers
Nan Buckardt	Alyssa Firkus	Maureen Shelton
Mary Kann	Beth Frederick	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Steve Neaman	Mark Petitgoue	Grant Benjamin, <i>Manitou Creek Clean Water Alliance</i>
John Nelson	Lisa Roberts	Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i>
Randy Seebach	Kim Mikus Croke	
Rebekah Snyder	Eileen Davis	

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 Clark, second by member Wilke to approve the Minutes of the January 31, 2022 Operations Committee Meeting. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach presented his report on:

- Received first carbon credit payment in the amount of \$20,910 that will go back into the Reforestation program;
- Grant of \$135,000 from National Fish & Wildlife Federation to support Barrington Greenway Initiative partnerships' work enhancing plant diversity;
- Museum Educator, Sarah Salto created program called *Low-Sensory Hour at the Museum*, to run on March 19, 2022;
- Maple Syrup Hikes;
- The Education Dept.'s *Ask an Educator LIVE* data indicates a cumulative reach of more than 56,000 people;
- Final weeks of *Ansel Adams: Early Works*;
- Solar panel installation at the Welcome Center of the Ryerson Conservation Area;
- At the Preservation Foundations February 9 Board of Directors meeting, the board approved a \$30,600 grant from their Annual Fund to expand the successful Youth Conservation Corps program;
- Grant of \$161,000 from IL Public Museum Capital Grant program, to fund needed HVAC improvements and climate-controlled display cases;

- Winter issue of *Horizons* mailed in February;
- Public Affairs worked with the Education Dept. to build a website landing page for new Summer Adventures;
- Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment for the Waukegan Airport expected in late March or early April;
- Special Park Districts Forum here on June 19 through June 23, 2023;
- Board meeting next week will be in person.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 COOL Food Pantry Letter – Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the thank you letter from COOL Food Pantry and responded to a question regarding the venison recipe cards provided at the food pantries.

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution soliciting offers to purchase the Cramer and Borland Cabins at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area. Motion by member Maine second by member Sbarra to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully introduced the recommendation and explained that this is a follow-up from last month's policy direction. Randy Seebach, Director of Planning and Land Preservation explained that last month the committee discussed alternatives to the demolition of the cabins. Staff received two quotes from building movers, ranging in costs from \$102,000.00 to \$130,000.00, to relocate the Classroom Cabins to another location at Ryerson. Staff also solicited Statement of Interests (SOI) from parties that may be interested in acquiring and relocating the Classroom Cabins to an offsite location, at their expense. Two statements of interest were received in response to the SOI solicitation. Because of the initial interest received in acquiring the cabins, staff is recommending authorizing the solicitation of formal and binding offers to purchase the Classroom Cabins. 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.
- 10.2 Approve and Accept New Donations to the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County's Collections. – Motion by member Clark, second by member Sbarra to approve the recommendation. Nan Buckardt, Director of Education explained the recommendation, showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the new donations, and responded to a question. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.
- 10.3 Recommend approval of an Ordinance approving an interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery to provide plants and support services for an online annual Native Plant Sale and authorize either party, by April 1, 2022, to suspend the Five-Year License Agreement. Motion by Vice Chair Durkin, second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully introduced the recommendation. Mrs. Buckardt explained the recommendation in further detail. 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.
- 10.4 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Research Services for a Countywide Awareness, Attitude, Interest, and Usage Survey to aQity Research & Insights, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$39,000.00. Motion by member Clark, second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach 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.

- 10.5 Recommend approval of Resolution awarding a contract to Revels Turf and Tractor in the amount of \$37,995.00 for the purchase of one Bernhard Express Dual 4100 reel grinder. Motion by member Durkin, second by member Sbarra 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.
- 10.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a contract to Reinders Inc., in the amount of \$120,342.30 for the purchase two Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D rotary bank mowers and one Toro Greensmaster TriFlex 3300 unit. Motion by member Clark, second by Vice Chair Durkin 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 Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding contracts for District-Wide Plant Protectant Chemicals to BTSI; Chicagoland Turf; Clesens Inc.; Conserv FS; Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.; Pendelton Turf Supply, Inc.; Reinders, Inc.; and VanDiest Supply Company in a total amount not to exceed \$342,900.00. Motion by member Wilke, second by Vice Chair Durkin to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation and 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 Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.8 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Plant Control to (a) McGinty Brothers, for Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve and Grassy Lake Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$57,070.00; (b) to Native Restoration Services, at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve and Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$66,107.20; and (c) to Integrated Lakes Management for Teasel Control at several Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$39,960.00. Motion by member Sbarra, second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Pati Vitt, Director of Natural Resources responded to a question in regard to teasel control. 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.
- 10.9 Approve Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Northern Illinois University for the Ecological Assessment of District Lands 2019-2021, increasing the Contract Amount by \$34,000.00. Motion by Vice Chair Durkin, second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Ms. Vitt explained the details for the change order adding an additional year for bird monitoring. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.
- 10.10 Approve Change Order No. 2 to the Contract with Chicago Botanic Garden for the Climate Resilient Seed Collection Project, increasing the Contract Amount by \$7,215.00. Motion by member Clark, second by member Maine to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Ms. Vitt explained the details of Grant Woods seed collection project and the reason for the change order to further the seed collection to enhance this project. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.


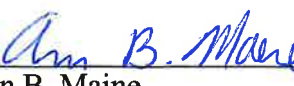

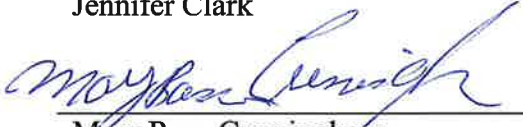
11.0 Miscellaneous Business

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 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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