

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Operations Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2019**

The Operations Committee met Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to Order** -With a quorum present, Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Jessica Vealitzek, *Chair*  
Bill Durkin, *Vice Chair*  
Ann B. Maine  
Craig Taylor  
Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder
Mike Tully	Tom Abbott
Jim Anderson	Maureen Shelton
Nan Buckardt	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Katherine Hamilton-Smith	
Mary Kann	
Steve Neaman	
John Nelson	
John Tannahill	

**Absent:**

Mary Ross Cunningham  
Brent Paxton

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Durkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Public Comment** – No Public Comment

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Executive Director Comments**

Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on:

- Libertyville Business Park Association overview; annual assessment will be \$7,192;
- Update on winter snow removal events;
- Middlefork Bridge project award;
- Aerial photo of Ethel's Woods Trail and North Mill Creek project;
- Award for *Excellence is in our Nature* video;
- Published story on the District's use of ArcGIS at the Dunn Museum;
- Recently hosted firefighter training course for those involved in restoration burning;
- Wright Woods woodland restoration project;
- Update on Preservation Foundation meetings and events;
- Fort Sheridan cemetery maintenance;
- Building removal at Almond Marsh;
- Brushwood roof replacement.

**6.0 Correspondence** – None

**7.0 Approve Minutes**

Approve the January 28, 2019 Joint Committee minutes and the February 4, 2019 Operations Committee meeting minutes. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Maine. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

**8.0 Old Business** – None

## 9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the purchase of four 2019 Ford F-350 XL 4x2 Chassis with Crysteel Dump Bodies and salt spreaders to Currie Motors Fleet, Frankfort, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$265,787.00. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation and responded to questions. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure, explained to the committee the District's vehicle replacement program. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Wilke. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.
- 9.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Control at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, Wisconsin in the Contract Price of \$49,445.00. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation. Motion to approve by member Maine, second by member Durkin. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full board.
- 9.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the Native Seed Purchase 2019 for Multiple Preserves to Agrecol, LLC, Evansville, Wisconsin, in the Contract Price of \$114,540.34; Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$116,622.02; Genesis Nursery, Inc., Tampico, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$144,935.59; and Prairie Moon Nursery, Winona, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$331,001.17. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Director of Natural Resources Jim Anderson responded to questions. Motion to approve by member Maine, second by member Wilke. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Planning Committee.
- 9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Purchase of Chemicals and Fertilizers for District Golf Courses to Arthur Clesen, Lincolnshire, Illinois; BTSI, New Lenox, Illinois; Chicagoland Turf, Downers Grove, Illinois; Conserv FS, Wauconda, Illinois; Great Lakes Turf, LLC, Byron Center, Michigan; SiteOne Landscape Supply, Cleveland, Ohio; Pendelton Turf Supply, Waterford, Wisconsin; Advanced Turf Solutions, Elk Grove Village, Illinois; Reinders, Inc., Elgin, Illinois; and National Seed, Lisle, Illinois. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Tom Abbott, Golf Course Superintendent, responded to questions. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Taylor. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full Board.

10.0 Closed Session – Motion by Member Wilke, second by Member Durkin to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing: Review of Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following votes: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. the committee went into closed session at 9:40 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:42 a.m.

11.0 Next Meeting – April 1, 2019

12.0 Adjourn – With no further business; Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

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