

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 2, 2022**

On Monday, May 2, 2022, the District's Operations Committee met at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois and via audio and video conference for the Public and Media.

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. Five committee members responded: Jessica Vealitzek, Jennifer Clark, Mary Ross Cunningham, Ann Maine and Terry Wilke. Absent: Catherine Sbarra.

Also Present:

Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	Pati Vitt	Maureen Shelton
Paul Frank	Debbie Boness	Tamela Lockett
Alex Ty Kovach	Gary Glowacki	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mike Tully	Brian Wing	Dr. Matt Allendar, <i>U of I College of Veterinary Medicine</i>
Nan Buckardt	Garnet Miller	Susan Pryble, <i>Manitou Creek Clean Water Alliance</i>
Mary Kann	Alicia Fullerton	Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i>
John Nelson	Helena Keller	
Rebekah Snyder	Sandy Meyers	

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 Cunningham to approve the minutes from April 4, 2022. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment – Susan Pryble, Manitou Creek Clean Water Alliance, provided public comment in favor of the District's new land acknowledgement statement.

7.0 Executive Director Comments – John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure introduced the District's new Superintendent of Fleet and Facilities, Brian Wing. Executive Director Kovach then presented his report and responded to questions on:

- Stormwater Management Commission put a call out for projects that could be funded via the Wetland Restoration Fund;
- ESRI, the District's GIS software provider, has featured the Museum's virtual exhibits as part of a blog;
- New exhibit opened at Dunn Museum on April 16: *Bill Sienkiewicz: Pop Culture Revolution*;
- Self-guided exhibits at Adlai E. Stevenson II Home opened in April, available through October;
- District Curator Diana Dretske's book, *The Bonds of War: A Story of Immigrants and Esprit de Corps in Company C, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry*, was given the Award of Excellence from the State Historical Society;
- Preservation Foundation received \$200,000 donation from a private foundation to support Phase I of the new educational facility at Ryerson Woods;
- Spring donor acquisition campaign ran from March through April; results are being analyzed;
- The District made four requests for Community Program Funding and was encouraged to follow up with more information to Congressman's Schneider's office regarding restoration at Greenbelt;
- Fort Sheridan Open House recap.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

10.1 For Information Only - Update on the outbreak of avian flu and an emerging fungal pathogen in turtle populations. Pati Vitt, Director of Natural Resources introduced this item and Gary Glowacki, Manager of Conservation Ecology, explained that through routine health assessments done as part of the Blanding's turtle recovery program, it has been discovered that three Blanding's turtles that are part of this program have contracted *Emydomyces testavorans*, a fungus that is known to be associated with turtle shell disease. He then turned the presentation over to Dr. Matt Allendar from the University of Illinois, College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Allendar provided additional information on the pathogen and responded to questions from the committee. Mr. Glowacki detailed the recently developed hygiene protocols put into place to protect the turtles from the fungus and responded to additional questions.

Ms. Vitt then provided an update on the avian flu outbreak and responded to questions.

10.2 For Information Only – Museum Staff Restructure. Nan Buckardt, Director of Education, noted that in April the Finance Committee approved a staff restructuring for the Museum. Mrs. Buckardt explained the reasoning for the restructure and introduced Alicia Fullerton, who was promoted to the newly created position of Museum Operations Manager.

10.3 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to West Side Tractor Sales Co. to purchase one Fecon BH74SS Mulcher Head in the amount of \$34,640.00. Motion by member Clark, second by member Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure responded to questions. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contract for the Growing of Pollinator Plants to Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, LLC in the Contract Price of \$52,680.16. Motion by member Wilke, second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Ms. Vitt provided more details to the committee. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.


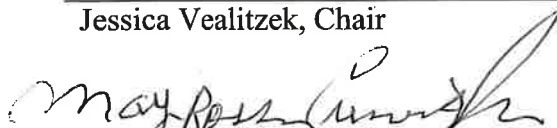
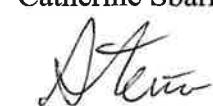
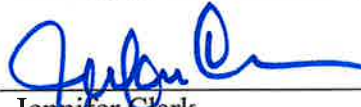

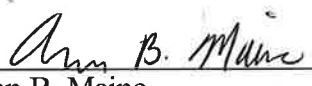
11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 Closed Session — Motion by member Wilke, second by member Clark to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention, and deletion of verbatim recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 10:10 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:32 a.m.

13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjourn – Chair Vealitzek informed the Committee that the next meeting will be a Joint Committee meeting here on Monday, June 6 beginning at 8:30 a.m. to review and approve the Annual Budget Policies and the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. With no further business, Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
_____ Jessica Vealitzek, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ Catherine Sbarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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