

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Operations Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 26, 2019**

The Operations Committee met Monday, August 26, 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*  
Mary Ross Cunningham  
Ann B. Maine  
Craig Taylor  
Terry Wilke

**Also Present:**

Angelo Kyle, *President*  
Alex Ty Kovach  
Mike Tully  
Jim Anderson  
Jim Ballowe  
Nan Buckardt  
Katherine Hamilton-Smith  
Mary Kann  
John Nelson  
John Tannahill

Rebekah Snyder  
Laurel Diver  
Maureen Shelton  
Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*

**Absent:**

Brent Paxton

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance** -- Member Maine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Approve Minutes**

Approve the June 24, 2019 Open and Closed Session Operations Committee meeting minutes. Motion to approve by member Durkin, second by member Taylor. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.

**4.0 Public Comment** -- None

**5.0 Addenda to the Agenda** -- None

**6.0 Executive Director Comments**

Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on:

- Dunn Museum book signing on August 10 with Alex Ross; 400 visitors and \$15,000 in sales, a record day;
- Dunn Museum named Best Suburban Museum by the Daily Herald's 2019 Reader's Choice poll;
- Summer camps finished the year with over 90% capacity;
- The Preservation Foundation approved a grant to the Education Department for projects to engage the Latinx community in Lake County;
- Grants submitted: ChiCal grant for Middlefork Savanna; Wildlife Conservation Society and IEPA 319 grants for Grant Woods; IDNR Native Habitats funding to purchase a Marsh Master;
- The Foundation's Fall Classic at ThunderHawk and FredFest at Fox River Preserve;
- The Foundation's Harvest Dinner, a fundraiser for Green Youth Farm will be held on September 19;
- North Mill Creek Channel Restoration is complete;
- Illinois House of Representatives recognized the Public Safety division for their work at the April 25 chemical spill in Beach Park;
- Forestry crew removed the log jams and debris from the Dutch Gap Canal;
- mECO Vegetation Module is now in production for the Natural Resources staff to field-capture data.

**7.0 Correspondence**

**7.1 Letter of Support for continuing the Science Explorers in Nature Program** -- Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer, summarized a letter sent to Education Director, Nan Buckardt in support of the Science Explorers in Nature program.

**8.0 Old Business - None**

**9.0 New Business**

- 9.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase, installation, and maintenance services of an Avaya IP Office Telephone System to AT&T Corp., in the Contract Price of \$67,648.54. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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 Occupational Health Services to Northwest Community Healthcare. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Director of Administration, Mary Kann and Director of Public Safety, John Tannahill responded to procedural questions. 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 approving a Five-Year Cooperative Service Agreement for Deer Management and Integrated Wildlife Damage Management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-Wildlife Services in a Contract Price not to exceed \$90,000 annually. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Motion to approve by member Maine, second by member Cunningham. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.
- 9.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a Contract with The Nature Conservancy for Rearing of Nachusa Grasslands Preserve Blanding's Turtles. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Motion to approve by member Taylor, second by member Wilke. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full board.
- 9.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control 2020 Project at Multiple Preserves for: "Southeastern Forest Preserves" to Cardno, Inc., Monee, IL in the Contract Price of \$146,250.00; "Northern Forest Preserves" to V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, IL in the Contract Price of \$156,600.00; "Chiwaukee Prairie" to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, WI in the Contract Price of \$122,150.00, and "Illinois Beach State Park" to Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, IL in the Contract Price of \$124,800.00. Mr. Tully 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.
- 9.6 For Information Only - Update on Great Lakes Fish and Ecosystem Restoration (GLFER) Project (Phase II) at Fort Sheridan. – Natural Resources Director Jim Anderson presented a review and update of the Fort Sheridan ravine and coastal restoration GLFER project. The District entered into this project with the Army Corps of Engineers. He showed maps of the ravine system along Lake Michigan and the dune habitat on the lakefront. He gave an update on Phase I restoration implemented and provided details on the areas of Phase I that are being repaired due to large storm events. He reviewed the next steps in the project. Phase II construction will begin in October using access from the water. Mr. Anderson then responded to questions from the committee.
- 9.7 For Information Only - Winter Clearing Projects. Mr. Anderson updated the committee on the upcoming woody invasive winter clearing projects at Captain Daniel Wright Woods Forest Preserve, Chiwaukee Prairie State Nature Area, Grant Woods Forest Preserve, MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve, Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve, Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve, Grant Woods Forest Preserve and Ethel's Woods Forest Preserve.

9.8 For Information Only – Green Fleet Update. Mr. Tully introduced and explained that the Board adopted the Green Fleet Policy in 2007. Director of Operations and Infrastructure, John Nelson presented the annual green fleet report as required in the Green Fleet Policy. Mr. Nelson noted that the District currently maintains a fleet of 92 licensed vehicles. He explained vehicle classification and the number of vehicles in each category. He informed the Committee that the District implemented a number of actions that helped to manage the fleet more efficiently. Mr. Nelson responded to questions.

9.9 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving renewals of Contracts for the Purchase of Motor Fuel to Petroleum Traders Corporation, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Avalon Petroleum Co. Inc., Kankakee, Illinois for a 1-year period from October 13, 2019, through October 12, 2020. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Motion to approve by member Cunningham, second by member Taylor. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously and will be forwarded to the full board.

9.10 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Police Equipment to Havey Communications, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$50,494.60. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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 Finance Committee.

9.11 Recommend Approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Altorfer Industries, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois, to purchase one 2019 Caterpillar Model 926M Small Wheel Loader in the Contract Price of \$158,751.95. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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.

10.0 Closed Session – Motion by Member Durkin, second by Member Wilke 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: 6; NAYS: 0. the committee went into closed session at 10:15 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:23 a.m.

11.0 Next Meeting – September 23, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. - Joint Meeting (Operations, Planning & Finance)

12.0 Adjourn – With no further business, motion by member Durkin, second by member Wilke, to adjourn. Voice vote being had, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

Yea Nay

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Jessica Vealitzek, Chair

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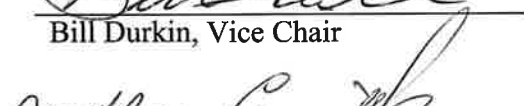
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Bill Durkin, Vice Chair


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