

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT –REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

President Kyle announced that a notice was received from Commissioner Michael Danforth requested to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom due to a family emergency. Hearing no objections, President Kyle declared Commissioner Danforth present.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 17 Commissioners responded present: Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioner Altenberg joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Absent: Campos.

3.0 Moment of Silence – President Kyle led a moment of silence.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment – Roger Halvorsen spoke regarding the District's E-bike regulations. Susan Pribyl representing the Manitou Creek Watershed Alliance, spoke in support of the recent Grant Woods shoreline restoration project.

7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments – President Kyle announced the following:

- The November 6, 2023 Legislative Committee meeting is canceled;
- A Rules Committee will be scheduled for November 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.;
- The Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency will hold its initial meeting on November 11, 2023 following adjournment of the regular November Board meeting;
- Education Director Nan Buckardt reported on the Volunteers who received service Proclamations at the Volunteer Recognition event held on September 15, 2023.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve the Consent Agenda (items 9.1 through 9.3):

9.1 Approve Minutes of September 13, 2023 open and closed sessions

9.2 Approve Travel Expenses (in accordance with the Local Governmental Travel Expense Control Act and the District's Policy for Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses). **EXHIBIT No. 6009**

9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for Winter 2023 Woody Invasive Plant Clearing at Multiple Forest Preserves to HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company,

LLC in the Contract Price of \$269,972.60; to Native Restoration Services, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$68,806.30; and to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, in the Contract Price of \$89,304.80. **EXHIBIT No. 6010**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0.**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Ordinance Amending CIP for 2024 Budget and Approving the 2024 Budget

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Frank to Approve an Ordinance Amending the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for the 2024 Budget and Approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 (January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024). Executive Director Kovach gave a presentation. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6011**

10.2 Annual Appropriations Ordinance for 2024

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to Approve an Ordinance Setting Forth the Annual Appropriations for the District for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6012**

10.3 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for 2024

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hart to Approve an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the District for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6013**

10.4 Ordinance Adding Personnel Policy 4.13 – Paid Leave

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Parekh to Approve an Ordinance Adding Policy 4.13 - Paid Leave to the Personnel Policies and Procedures. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6014**

10.5 Resolution Awarding Contract for Helicopter Services for Winter Deer Count

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hunter to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Helicopter Services for the Winter Deer Count to A.M. Air Service in the Contract Price of \$46,200.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6015**

10.6 Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Furnishings and Other Items

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to Approve a Resolution Approving the Disposal of Surplus District Equipment, Furnishings, and Other Items. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6016**

10.7 Resolution to Purchase 3-acre Parcel as addition to Wadsworth Savanna

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Roberts to Approve a Resolution to Purchase an approximately 3-acre Parcel in Newport Township, known as the County of Lake, Trustee Property for \$1.00 as an addition to Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6017**

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

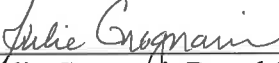
12.0 Miscellaneous Business – Several Commissioners made comments.

13.0 Closed Session – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hewitt to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. Commissioner Danforth disconnected from Zoom and the Board went into closed session at 9:55 a.m.; the Board returned to open session at 11:25 a.m.

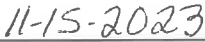
14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None

15.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gagnani, Board Secretary



Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular SESSION, 20 23
OCTOBER 11

9:56.

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
			Consent Agenda 9.1-9.3		10.1 BUDGET		10.2 APPROP. ORD.		10.3 TAX LEVY		10.4 PAID LEAVE		10.5 HELICPT.		10.6 SURPLUS		10.7 PARCE		INTO CLOSED SESSIONS			
P	A		Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay		
1		Altenberg, Marah	✓																✓			
2	X	Campos, Esiah																				
3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓																✓			
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓																✓			
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓																✓			
6	Zoom ✓	Danforth, Michael	✓																✓			
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓																✓			
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓																✓			
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																✓			
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																✓			
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																✓			
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓																✓			
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓																✓			
14	✓	Parekh, Paras	✓																✓			
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓																✓			
16	✓	Roberts, Gina	✓																✓			
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓																✓			
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																✓			
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓																✓			
17		TOTALS	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0	18	0		
Notes:					LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE							

Present
Marah 9:07

Danforth off Zoom 9:56

Parekh out - 9:57
Frank in 9:58