

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT –REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, November 15, 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 notices were received from Commissioners Michael Danforth and Marah Altenberg requesting to attend the meeting electronically due to employment; from Commissioner Ann Maine due to a family emergency, and from Commissioner Paul Frank for a non-stated qualifying reason. With no objections, President Kyle declared Danforth, Frank and Maine present. (Commissioner Altenberg did not join the meeting.)

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 18 Commissioners responded present: Campos, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Absent: Altenberg.

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

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

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment (matters not on agenda):

- Mary Mathews, League of Women Voters of Lake County, against sale of portion of Waukegan Savanna;
- Susan Zingle, representing Newport Township Democrats; against sale of Forest Preserve property to benefit Waukegan Airport;
- Chris Geiselhart, against sale of Forest Preserve property to Waukegan Airport;
- Celeste Flores, Clean Power Lake County, against selling public land for airport expansion.

Commissioners Danforth disconnected from Zoom at 9:24 a.m.; Commissioner Maine disconnected from Zoom at 9:28 am.

7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments – President Kyle presented proclamations and made announcements:

- Proclamation recognizing Officer Molly Carl for Heroic Actions and Dedicated Performance of Duty; **EXHIBIT No. 6018**
- Proclamation recognizing Officer Sergio Abrego for Heroic Actions and Dedicated Performance of Duty; **EXHIBIT No. 6019**
- Proclamation recognizing Diana Dretske for 35 Years of Service; **EXHIBIT No. 6020**
- Proclamation recognizing George Nelson, II for 40 Years of Service; **EXHIBIT No. 6021**
- The Chicago Wilderness Commission on Excellence in Ecological Restoration has awarded the District the Platinum Tier Accreditation for Greenbelt Forest Preserve;
- The Chiwaukee Prairie – Illinois Beach – Lake Plain Partnership has been selected for this year's Dr. George B. Force of Nature Award;

- Attended IAPD Awards Gala to receive the District's award in Best Green Practices category;
- Passing of Skip "Two Doors", friend of the District and the Dunn Museum.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Campos, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve the Consent Agenda (items 9.1 through 9.4):

9.1 Approve Minutes of October 11, 2023 open and closed session

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. 6022

9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Hydrologic Restoration Design Services for Lakewood Forest Preserve to Hey and Associates, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$44,000.00.

EXHIBIT NO. 6023

9.4 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Program at Multiple Preserves to Integrated Lakes Management in the Contract Price of \$464,250.00. **EXHIBIT NO. 6024**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0.**

At this time, it was announced by staff that the audio portion of Zoom had stopped working and the software would need to be restarted. Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hart to recess for 10 minutes. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The Board recessed at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 9:48 a.m. During recess, Commissioner Hunter left the boardroom and connected electronically via Zoom. When the meeting reconvened, he stated that the electronic connection was due to employment, and there were no objections. Staff communicated to Commissioners Danforth and Maine that the audio problem was resolved and that the meeting had reconvened, however they did not rejoin the meeting.

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Ordinance Amending Public Safety Department Policies and General Orders Manual

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance Amending the Public Safety Department Policies and General Orders Manual. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0**

EXHIBIT NO. 6025

10.2 Resolution Approving Operating Documents for Bess Bower Dunn Museum

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Approving Operating Documents for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0**

EXHIBIT NO. 6026

10.3 Resolution Awarding Contract for Outdoor Patio Furniture at ThunderHawk Golf Club

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Clark to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of New Outdoor Patio Furniture at Thunderhawk Golf Club to Sister Bay Furniture in an amount not to exceed \$92,312.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0** **EXHIBIT NO. 6027**

- 10.4 **Resolution Awarding Contracts for Purchase of Grounds Materials**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hart to approve a Resolution Awarding Two-Year Contracts for Purchase of Grounds Materials to Potsie's, Inc., Waupaca Sand & Solutions, Thelen Materials LLC, Super Aggregates, and Central Tree & Landscape Mulch, LLC. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6028**
- 10.5 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Janitorial Services**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract for Janitorial Services to E.B.M., Inc. in an Annual Amount of \$111,133.92. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6029**
- 10.6 **Ordinance Approving an Amended Policy for Electronic Attendance at Public Meetings**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve an Ordinance Approving an Amended Policy for Attendance at Public Meetings by Video or Audio Conference. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6030**
- 11.0 **Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 12.0 **Miscellaneous Business – None**
- 13.0 **Closed Session – None**
- 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 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

12-13-2023
Date Approved

