

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT –REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, December 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 in accordance with the District's Policy on Electronic Attendance from Commissioner Sandy Hart requesting to attend electronically due to employment, and from Commissioner Ann Maine due to a family emergency. Also, Commissioner Esiah Campos was connected on Zoom and requested to attend electronically due to employment. No objections were raised and President Kyle declared Hart, Maine and Campos present.

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

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

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

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment (matters not on agenda) – None

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

- Proclamation recognizing Randy Seebach on his retirement; **EXHIBIT No. 6031**
- Proclamation recognizing Nancy Buckardt on her retirement; **EXHIBIT No. 6032**
- Community Engagement & Partnerships Director Rebekah Snyder introduced Margaret Bonham, the new Major Gifts Manager.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Commissioner requested to ask a question on item 9.2 and that item was pulled from the consent agenda. Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 and 9.3.

9.1 Approve Minutes of November 15, 2023

9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of two Ford Electric Cargo Vans to the National Auto Fleet Group under a Sourcewell Contract, in the Contract Price of \$113,180.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6034**

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

- 9.2 **Resolution Awarding Contracts for Tree Removal along Des Plaines River Corridor**
Motion by Commissioner Schlick, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve a Resolution awarding Contracts for Tree Removals along the Des Plaines River Corridor to Clean Cut Tree Service Inc., in the Contract Price of \$86,592.00; and to Trees “R” Us, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$43,309.40. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **Ayes: 18, Nays: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6033**

At approximately 9:59 a.m., Commissioner Hart disconnected from Zoom.

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

- 10.1 **Resolution Awarding a Three-Year Contract for Mental health Benefit Services**
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Wasik to approve a Resolution awarding a Three-Year Contract For Mental Health Benefit Services to Talkspace, LLC, in an Annual Amount of \$67,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6035**
- 10.2 **Resolution Awarding a Three-Year Contract for Auditing Services**
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hunter to approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for Auditing Services for the District and the Preservation Foundation for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2025 to Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, in the Contract Price of \$192,670.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6036**
- 10.3 **Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract for Wastewater Pumping Services**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract for Wastewater Pumping Services to Lizard Express, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$56,250.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6037**
- 10.4 **Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Furnishings and Other Items**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Danforth to approve a Resolution Approving the Disposal of Surplus District Equipment, Furnishings and Other Items through a public auction process. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6038**
- 10.5 **Resolution Approving Statement of Organizational Support for Dunn Museum**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Approving a Statement of Organizational Support for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6039**
- 10.6 **Resolution Approving Recreational Lease with ComEd at Independence Grove**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Resolution Approving a Recreational Lease with Commonwealth Edison at Independence Grove Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6040**

- 10.7 **Resolution Approving Recreational Lease with ComEd at Lake Carina Forest Preserve**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Approving a Recreational Lease with Commonwealth Edison at Lake Carina Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6041**
- 10.8 **Resolution Approving Agreement with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission for the Grainger Woods Hydrologic Restoration Project. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Hart), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6042**
- 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

1-17-2024
Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF LAKE)
 9:00 am.

Regular SESSION, 2023
DECEMBER 13

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																		
			Consent Agenda		9.2 Tree Removal		10.1 Mental Health		10.2 Audit Contract		10.3 Waste Pumping		10.4 Surplus Disposal		10.6 Comed I.G.		10.7 ComEd kCarina		10.8 (GA w) SMC		
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3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓																		
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓																		
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓																		
6	✓	Danforth, Michael	✓																		
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓																		
8	✓	Hart, Sandra <i>zoom</i>	✓																		
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																		
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																		
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																		
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18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																		
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