

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES – December 6, 2021**

On Monday, December 6, 2021, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the November 12, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and the Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President attached to the Agenda, a Committee of the Whole met via Audio and Video conference and 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 11:00 a.m.

2.0 Roll call- Secretary Shelton called the roll; 13 Commissioners responded: Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Durkin, Hewitt, Hunter, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Roberts, Vealitzek, Wasik. Commissioner Altenberg joined the meeting after the roll call. Commissioners Barr, Frank, Hart and Pedersen joined the meeting after Agenda Item 5.0 Approval of Minutes. Absent: Sbarra, Simpson, Wilke.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – President Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda - None

5.0 Approve Minutes from July 20, 2021 - Motion by member Hewitt, second by member Durkin to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2021. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 14, NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment- None

7.0 Correspondence - None

8.0 Unfinished Business - None

9.0 New Business

9.1 Presentations on Water Resources – President Kyle turned the meeting over to Executive Director Ty Kovach. Mr. Kovach provided background on the District's 100-year Vision and Strategic Directions and the Road Map to 2025. He explained that one of the key objectives focuses on water resources. He then turned the meeting over to Jim Anderson, Director of Natural Resources who introduced the presenters.

James Duncker from the United States Geological Survey presented on the Illinois River Next Generation Water Observation System. Mr. Duncker highlighted the Integrated Water Science Process and the new approach to monitoring throughout the watershed. Mr. Duncker noted that they are working on improving the database gaps through stakeholder engagement and looking for partners to deploy the monitoring equipment. In Lake County they will be conducting key nutrient and harmful algal bloom monitoring.

Matthew Robert from the National Watershed Conservation Service presented on the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. He explained that the purpose of this program is flood prevention, agricultural water management, fish and wildlife habitat development, public recreation development, groundwater recharge, water quality, conservation, proper utilization of land and municipal and industrial water supply. Mr. Roberts noted that the main purpose of this program in Illinois is to reduce damage from flooding and he described the structures and the measures they do to achieve this. They will work on a feasibility report that takes about six months, then create a watershed plan. They involve all stakeholders in plan creation. They implement the plan and USDA National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) provides 100% of the funding.

Ania Bayers from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program explained the Federal program and provided an update on the Illinois Lake Michigan shoreline. Current projects include Ravine Assessments that consist of a vegetation and aquatic assessment and working with the Illinois Shoreline Management Working Group. This regional group was started in 2015 to discuss shoreline erosion issues, it meets regularly and has 100 participants from 50 agencies. The goal of this group is to develop a sustainable cost-effective regional shoreline management system to assure the resilience of the Lake Michigan coast. Ms. Bayers then highlighted their partnership with the United States Geological Survey. Mr. Anderson informed the committee that the District submitted an application for technical assistance to manage the Ft. Sheridan shoreline erosion.

Kurt Woolford and Mike Prusila presented from Stormwater Management Commission. Mr. Woolford provided an update on their agency and provided information on the Flood-Prone Property Buyout Program. Mr. Woolford then showed the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) /Stormwater Capital Improvement Program approved DCEO funded project list. Mr. Prusila provided an overview of the Wetland Restoration and Preservation Plan that was adopted in November of 2020. This plan identifies 15,000 acres of potential wetland restoration County-wide. Mr. Prusila then provided a watershed plan project update.

Following the presentations, Mr. Anderson responded to a question.

10.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

11.0 Adjournment - President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen E. Shelton

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Assistant Board Secretary

Date Approved: 6-27-2022

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Committee of the Whole SESSION, 20 21
December 6

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
			5.0 minutes																			
P	A		Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
	X	Altenberg, Marah 11:03 am	✓																			
	X	Barr, Dick 11:06 am																				
✓		Casbon, Carissa	✓																			
✓		Clark, Jennifer	✓																			
✓		Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓																			
✓		Danforth, Michael	✓																			
✓		Durkin, Bill	✓																			
	X	Frank, Paul 11:29 am																				
	X	Hart, Sandra 11:5 am																				
✓		Hewitt, Diane	✓																			
✓		Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																			
✓		Kyle, Angelo	✓																			
✓		Maine, Ann	✓																			
✓		Parekh, Paras	✓																			
	X	Pedersen, Linda 11:20 am																				
✓		Roberts, Gina	✓																			
	X	Sbarra, Catherine																				
	X	Simpson, Julie																				
✓		Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																			
✓		Wasik, John	✓																			
	X	Wilke, Terry																				
13		TOTALS	14	0																		
Present			Notes:																			

Altenberg joined after the roll call
Barr, Frank, Hart & Pedersen joined after 50 approval of the minutes