

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to Order** – President Jessica Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed remote attendance for Commissioner Paras Parekh to attend electronically due to employment with no objections.

**2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners** – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 14 Commissioners responded present: Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Vealitzek, Wasik. Commissioner Altenberg arrived after the roll call. Absent: Campos, Hewitt, Roberts, Schlick.

**3.0 Moment of Silence** – President Vealitzek called for a moment of silence.

**4.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – President Vealitzek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5.0 Addenda to Agenda** – None

**6.0 Public Comment** – Bill Morris, Lake Forest – spoke regarding development of Waukegan Savanna and a land acknowledgement.

**7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments**

President Vealitzek presented the following Proclamations:

- Proclamation recognizing Laura Morgan for bringing environmental education programs to Meadowview School Grayslake District 46 students. **EXHIBIT No. 6148**
- Proclamation recognizing Matt Ueltzen, Restoration Ecology Manager, for 25 years of service. **EXHIBIT No. 6149**

President Vealitzek reported on the following:

- Met with IDNR Director and Assistant Director to update them on District projects;
- Met with Fox River Water Agency representatives for update on Fox River Watershed Plan;
- Status of federally funded grant projects and potential impact if funding is paused;
- Annual Fund grant requests approved at the recent Preservation Foundation Board meeting;
- Joint Committee Meeting on March 6, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**8.0 Unfinished Business** – None

**9.0 Consent Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Clark to approve the Consent Agenda, items 9.1 through 9.5:

9.1 Approve Minutes of January 15, 2025

9.2 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of New Museum Lighting Products to City Electric Supply, in the Contract Price of \$61,055.65. **EXHIBIT No. 6150**

- 9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a John Deere Front Mower with Attachments to Arends Hogan Walker LLC in the Contract Price of \$55,437.59 under a Sourcewell Contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6151**
- 9.4 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a 2025 Ford F150 Lightning Pickup Truck to Sutton Ford Inc. in the Contract Price of \$59,243.00 under a State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Master Contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6152**
- 9.5 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a 2025 Ford Super Duty F350 Pickup Truck to National Auto Fleet Group in the Contract Price of \$70,278.85 under a Sourcewell Contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6153**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0**

**10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:**

- 10.1 **Resolution Approving Contract for Health and Welfare Plan Nondiscrimination Testing**  
Motion by Commissioner Maine, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve a Resolution Approving a Three-Year Contract for Health and Welfare Plan Nondiscrimination Testing with Segal, in the Contract Price of \$41,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6154**
- 10.2 **Resolution Approving the 2025-2026 Legislative Program**  
Motion by Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Frank to approve a Resolution Approving the 2025-2026 Legislative Program. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. **EXHIBIT No. 6155**
- 10.3 **Ordinance Amending Farm License Agreement at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve**  
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Pedersen to approve an Ordinance Approving Amendment No. 2 to the Farm License Agreement with Terry Brothers Grain Farm at Dutch Gap Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6156**

Commissioner Frank left the room at 9:37 a.m.

- 10.4 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Countywide Attitude & Interest Survey**  
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Research Services for a Countywide Awareness, Attitude, Interest and Usage Survey. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6157**
- 10.5 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Five-Year Lease of Axon Tasers**  
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Five-Year Contract for the Lease of Axon Tasers. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6158**
- 10.6 **Ordinance Amending the Adopted 2024-2026 Rules of Order and Operational Procedures**  
Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hart to approve an Ordinance Amending the Adopted 2024-2026 Rules of Order and Operational Procedures. Executive Director Kovach summarized the amendments from the Rules Committee. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6159**

**10.7 Ordinance Approving Amended Policy for Electronic Meeting Attendance**

Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Clark to approve an Ordinance Approving an Amended Policy for Attendance at Public Meetings by Video or Audio Conference. Executive Director Kovach summarized the amendments with input from Corporate Counsel. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT NO. 6160**

**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 Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

Date Approved 3-12-2025

# ROLL CALL

## LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF LAKE)

REGULAR FEBRUARY 12 SESSION, 20 25

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
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			Aye	Nay	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	✓	Danforth, Michael	✓																			
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓																			
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓																			
9	X	Hewitt, Diane																				
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																			
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																			
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓																			
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓																			
14	✓	Parekh, Paras ZOOM	✓																			
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓																			
16	X	Roberts, Gina																				
17	X	Schlick, Adam																				
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																			
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓																			
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Altenberg - after roll call																						

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Frank stepped out 9:37am  
(after 10.3)

LEAVE Frank minus Frank  
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