

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – RESCHEDULED REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Tuesday, February 21, 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 1:02 p.m.

Requests to attend the meeting via audio/video were received from Commissioner Hart due a family emergency, and Commissioner Parekh due to employment conflict, and there were no objections. President Kyle declared Commissioners Hart and Parekh present.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners –Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 19 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Campos, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik.

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

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

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment – There was no public comment for items not on the agenda.

7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments

- President Kyle swore in the new Director of Public Safety, Ronald Davis.
- President Kyle introduced Catherine Game, Executive Director, Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods, who presented Brushwood's Annual Report to the Board.
- **APPOINTMENTS:** President Kyle appointed Commissioner Sandy Hart to the Legislative Committee, replacing Jennifer Clark; Commissioner Hart will also Chair the Committee. Voice vote being had, the appointment was approved unanimously.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

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

9.1 Approve Minutes of January 18, 2023

9.2 Approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for District-wide Invasive Plant Management to Tallgrass Restoration in the Contract Price of \$113,600.00; and to Red Buffalo Nursery in the Contract Price of \$90,331.20. **EXHIBIT No. 5945**

9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Purchase Shade Shelter Materials for the Off-Leash Dog Area at Duck Farm Forest Preserve to Cunningham Associates, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$46,292.00. **EXHIBIT No. 5946**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 19, NAYS: 0.**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Waukegan Port District and FAA
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Hewitt to Approve a Resolution Approving a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Waukegan Port District (WPD) regarding the proposed runway replacement at Waukegan National Airport.

Executive Director Alex Kovach gave a presentation showing the proposed new airport runway location and reviewed the 52 acres of District property needed by WPD for the project. As part of mitigation on the project, WPD would construct a trail connecting the Des Plaines River Trail to Lyons Woods Forest Preserve. The MOA is non-binding and is needed by the FAA to move their project review process along to public hearings.

Public comment was given by:

- Chief George Bridges, Jr., City of Waukegan – For
- Leon Rockingham, Mayor, City of North Chicago – For
- John Hucker, Mayor, Beach Park – For
- Capt. Becky Jones, Waukegan – For
- Mary Mathews, League of Women Voters – Against
- Skip Goss, Waukegan National Airport – For
- Bob Hamilton, Waukegan Port District – For
- Ben Veal, Waukegan Port District – For
- Michael Peters, Northwestern Medicine North Region EMS – For
- Sarah Bond, Northwestern Medicine North Region EMS – For
- Pete Olson, Lake County Building & Construction Trades Council – For
- John Tilden, Wadsworth – Against
- Susan Zingle, Wadsworth – Against
- Douglas Ower, Sierra Club – Against
- Kathie Hayden, Wadsworth – Against
- Bob Hayden, Village of Wadsworth – Against
- John Boos, Skill Aviation Flight School – For
- Peter Manhard, Lake County Transportation Alliance – For
- Paula Trigg, Waukegan Port District – For
- Kevin Considine, Lake County Partners – For
- Chris Geiselhart, Lake County Audubon – Against
- Sarah Myslis, Libertyville – Against
- Mary Fran Troha, Lake Co. League of Women Voters – Against
- Barbara Klipp, Midwest Sustainability Group – Against
- Written comment from Openlands was distributed to the Board - Against

Following questions and comments by Commissioners, with a roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 3 EXHIBIT No. 5947**

Commissioner Knizhnik left the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

10.2 Resolution to Purchase 18.62-acre Brownlee Property in Newport Township

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Hewitt to Approve a Resolution to Purchase an approximately 18.62-acre Property in Newport Township known as the Brownlee Property for approximately \$297,920.00, as an addition to Wadsworth Savanna Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5948**

10.3 Resolution Approving Contracts for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to Approve a Resolution Approving Contracts for Mowing and Landscape Maintenance to Fleck's Landscaping in the Contract Price of \$32,814.00; Brightview Landscapes LLC, in the Contract Price of \$359,637.20; and TGF Enterprises, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$276,846.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5949**

10.4 Resolution Approving Exhibition Loan Agreement for Rental of Special Exhibit

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Frank to Approve a Resolution Approving an Exhibition Loan Agreement with Landau Traveling Exhibitions, LLC for the District's rental of a special exhibit titled *Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustration*, in the amount of \$32,500.00. Roll call vote being had, (leave for previous roll call) the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 5950**

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

12.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

At 4:05 p.m. the Commissioners took a break before going into Closed Session. Commissioner Hart left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

13.0 Closed Session – Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hewitt to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0**. Commissioner Parekh left the meeting after the vote. The Board went into closed session at 4:14 p.m. and returned to open session at 4:30 p.m.

14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session

14.1 Approval of a Settlement Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a settlement agreement with a District employee as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 5951**

15.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

3-15-2023
Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

RESCHEDULED REGULAR

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

FEBR. 21

SESSION, 2023

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

Sara left 3:59 pm.
Hart left 4:00 pm.
4:05

Parekh out 4:14 p.