

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

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, March 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.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 16 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Maine, Parekh, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, Wasik. Commissioner Kyle arrived after the roll call. Absent: Campos, Pedersen.

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 – None

7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments

- Catherine Game, Executive Director of Brushwood, presented their annual update to the Board.
- President Vealitzek presented a Proclamation to Facilities Director Dan Stearns for 25 years of service. **EXHIBIT No. 6161**
- Met with Brushwood officials regarding the ACTIVATE campaign and renovation plans;
- Visited the new grounds maintenance building at Lakewood and it will be the location of the July Committee of the Whole;
- Attended the all-staff meeting in February and the Foundation event at the Museum;
- Construction is progressing for the Alex Ross Exhibit to open on June 28, 2025.

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 9.7:

9.1 Approve Minutes: February 12, 2025

9.2 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase and Delivery of Movable Museum Display Walls to MBA Design and Display Products Corp. in the Contract Price of \$34,081.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6162**

9.3 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of two Toro Greensmaster e1021 Mowers to Reinders, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$40,139.80 under a Sourcewell contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6163**

9.4 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a Case Compact Track Loader to Burris Equipment in the Contract Price of \$85,528.46 under a Sourcewell contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6164**

- 9.5 Approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Purchase of Trees and Shrubs for Multiple Preserves to Possibility Place Nursery in the Contract Price of \$49,518.00; and Majestic Oaks Nursery in the Contract Price of \$30,536.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6165**
- 9.6 Approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for Purchases of Native Seed for Multiple Preserves to Genesis Nursery, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$62,229.43; and Prairie Moon Nursery in the Contract Price of \$48,594.93. **EXHIBIT No. 6166**
- 9.7 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project 2025 along the Chiwaukee Prairie–Illinois Beach Lake Plain to Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$145,636.48. **EXHIBIT No. 6167**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

- 10.1 **Ordinance Amending 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and 2025 Budget**
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve an Ordinance Amending the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan and Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget. Executive Director Kovach gave a presentation explaining the amendments to the CIP.

Commissioner Danforth left the room during the presentation at approximately 9:25 a.m.
Commissioner Frank left the room during the presentation at 9:36 a.m.

Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth and Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6168**

Commissioner Frank returned to the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

- 10.2 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Fire and Security Alarm Service with Sentry Security**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Wasik to approve a Resolution Awarding a Three-Year Contract for Fire and Security Alarm Monitoring, Testing Services, Maintenance, Repair and Parts to Sentry Security, LLC. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6169**
- 10.3 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Managed Internet Services with Comcast**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Parekh to approve a Resolution Awarding a Three-Year Contract for Managed Internet Services to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$56,537.20. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6170**
- 10.4 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Ecological Assessment of District Land**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Two-Year Contract for Ecological Assessment of District Lands to the Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, in the Contract Price of \$155,901.22. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6171**
- 10.5 **Resolution Awarding Contracts for Plant Protectants and Herbicides**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Schlick to approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for Plant Protectant and Herbicide Products in a total amount not to exceed

\$529,500.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6172**

- 10.6 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Woody and Herbaceous Invasive Species Management**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for Woody and Herbaceous Invasive Species Management 2025-2028 at Multiple Preserves in a total amount not to exceed \$740,000.00 in Year 1. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6173**
- 10.7 Resolution to Purchase 34-acre Property as Addition to Lotus Country Conservation Preserve**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Kyle to approve a Resolution to Purchase an approximately 34.4-acre Property in Antioch Township known as the Elliott W. Frank, LLC Property, for \$960,000.00 as an addition to Lotus Country Conservation Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6174**
- 10.8 Resolution to Purchase 54-acre Property as Addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Schlick to approve a Resolution to Purchase a 54.468-acre property in Fremont Township known as the Steffenhagen Property for \$1,436,973.27 as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6175**
- 11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 12.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**
- 13.0 Closed Session –** Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Cunningham to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition matters (purchase or lease of real property). Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Danforth), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0.** The Board went into closed session at 9:52 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:42 a.m.
- 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 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani
Board Secretary

Date Approved 4-9-2025

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

REGULAR MARCH 12 SESSION, 20 25

9:52
INTO C.S.

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
P	A		Consent Agenda		10.1 CIP & Budget Annual		10.2		10.3		10.4		10.5		10.6		10.7 Frank Purchase		10.8 Steffen Hagen		Closed Session	
			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	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																			
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																			
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																			
12	X	Kyle, Angelo after roll 9:01	✓																			
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓																			
14	✓	Parekh, Paras	✓																			
15	X	Pedersen, Linda																				
16	✓	Roberts, Gina	✓																			
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓																			
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																			
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓																			
16		TOTALS	170		150		160		160		160		160		160		160		160		160	
Angelo - after roll 9:01		Notes:		Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth	Leave minus Danforth

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Frank out 9:36 in 9:40