

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR MARCH MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the County Building, 10th Floor, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Assistant Board Secretary Shelton called the roll and 20 Commissioners were Present: Altenberg, Barr, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Durkin, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Kyle, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Sbarra, Simpson, Vealitzek, Wasik and Wilke. Commissioner Maine was absent.

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

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – President Kyle dispensed with a Pledge of Allegiance.

President Kyle stated that he received a notice from Commissioner Linda Pedersen in accordance with the District’s policy on electronic meeting attendance, requesting to attend the meeting electronically because of personal illness. Hearing no motion to determine that her notice did not comply with the District’s policy, Commissioner Pedersen was declared in attendance.

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment (for items not on the agenda) - None

7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments:

- Proclamation honoring Russell Chamberlin, Golf Course Superintendent, for 40 years of service to the District and to the citizens of Lake County. **EXHIBIT No. 5844**

- The District received a \$135,000 grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Federation to support the BGI partnership’s work enhancing the plant diversity in the partnership area. The funds will enable the project partners to produce and plant species that provide nectar and pollen rich resources for pollinators such as Monarch butterflies and bumblebees.

- The District recently registered with City Forest Credits to provide enhanced carbon credits on their exchange and we have received our first payment in the amount of \$20,910.00.

- Solar panels are installed and energized at the Ryerson Woods Welcome Center. This project was made possible by grants and donations in the amount of \$125,000.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

Due to technical difficulties there was no audio for Commissioner Pedersen.

9.0 Consent Agenda

9.1 Approve Minutes of February 8, 2022

9.2 Approve Travel Expense (in accordance with the Local Governmental Travel Expense Control Act and the District’s Policy for Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses). **EXHIBIT No. 5845**

- 9.3 Approve a Resolution awarding a contract to Revels Turf and Tractor in the amount of \$37,995.00 for the purchase of one Bernhard Express Dual 4100 reel grinder. **EXHIBIT No. 5846**
- 9.4 Approve a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Plant Control to (a) McGinty Brothers, for Cuba Marsh Forest Preserve and Grassy Lake Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$57,070.00; (b) to Native Restoration Services, at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve and Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve, in the Contract Price of \$66,107.20; and (c) to Integrated Lakes Management for Teasel Control at several Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$39,960.00. **EXHIBIT No. 5847**

Motion by Commissioner Durkin, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a roll call vote of: **AYES: 19, NAYS: 0**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees

- 10.1 **Ordinance approving an interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Clark to Approve an Ordinance approving an interim License Agreement with Possibility Place Nursery to provide plants and support services for an online annual Native Plant Sale and authorize either party, by April 1, 2022, to suspend the Five-Year License Agreement. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 19, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 5848**
- 10.2 **Resolution awarding a contract for Research Services for a Countywide Survey**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hart to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Research Services for a Countywide Awareness, Attitude, Interest, and Usage Survey to aQity Research & Insights, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$39,000.00. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 19, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 5849**
- 10.3 **Resolution awarding contracts for District-Wide Plant Protectant Chemicals**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hunter to Approve a Resolution awarding contracts for District-Wide Plant Protectant Chemicals to BTSI; Chicagoland Turf; Clesens Inc.; Conserv FS; Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.; Pendelton Turf Supply, Inc.; Reinders, Inc.; and VanDiest Supply Company in a total amount not to exceed \$342,900.00. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 19, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 5850**
- 10.4 **Resolution soliciting offers to purchase the Cramer and Borland Cabins**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Durkin to Approve a Resolution soliciting offers to purchase the Cramer and Borland Cabins at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0, PRESENT 1. EXHIBIT No. 5851**
- 10.5 **Resolution awarding a Contract for Construction Management Services for the proposed Education Facility**
Motion by Commissioner Wilke, second by Commissioner Hart to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Construction Management Services for the Phase I construction of the proposed Environmental Education Facility at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area to Wight Construction Services, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$449,525.00. **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0, PRESENT 1. EXHIBIT No. 5852**

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 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen E. Shelton
Maureen E. Shelton, Asst. Board Secretary

4-12-2022
Date Approved

