

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, April 3, 2023**

The Operations Committee of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Monday, April 3, 2023, at the District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

**1.0 Call to Order** –Chair Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked for the committee's approval of Member Adam Schlick's remote attendance via Zoom, due to employment purposes. There were no objections. However, Member Schlick never joined the meeting.

**2.0 Roll Call** – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and five committee members responded: Chair Jessica Vealitzek, Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham, Member Jennifer Clark, Member Sara Knizhnik, and Member John Wasik. Absent: Members Michael Danforth and Adam Schlick.

**Also Present:**

Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	Rebekah Snyder	Garnet Miller (Zoom)
Alex Ty Kovach	Alex Eichman	Mike Zahalka
Mike Tully	Debbie Boness	Sandy Meyers
Ron Davis	Beth Fredrick (Zoom)	JoEllen Carlucci (Zoom)
Mary Kann	Alicia Fullerton	Maureen Shelton
Steve Neaman	Lisa Roberts (Zoom)	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
John Nelson	Matt Ueltzen	
Randy Seebach	Kim Mikus	

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Vealitzek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Approval of Minutes** - Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Knizhnik to approve minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

**6.0 Public Comment** – None

**7.0 Executive Director Comments** – Executive Director Ty Kovach presented his report and he and staff responded to questions on:

- Update on building removal and current building inventory;
- Summary of Dunn Museum's *From Darkness to Light* exhibit;
- Dunn Museum celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary with free admission with a food donation;
- Summary of the Maple Syrup events;
- Upcoming *Ready, Set, Go!* exhibition at the Dunn Museum;
- Recovery of Education Department's red-tailed hawk after he went missing;
- Summary of donors to the Foundation's Annual Fund in 2022;
- Beer Garden at Independence Grove to offer its seasonal menu through *Untappd* phone app;
- Funding from three donors to train and equip volunteers for prescribed burning.

**8.0 Correspondence** – None

**9.0 Unfinished Business** – None

**10.0 New Business**

- 10.1 Approve a motion to (i) release certain Committee closed session minutes, (ii) retain as confidential all other Committee closed session minutes not previously released, and (iii) delete verbatim recordings of certain open sessions and closed sessions of meetings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Motion by Member Knizhnik, second by Member Clark to approve the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.

- 10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract to West Side Tractor Sales Co. for the purchase of a new Roller Compactor in the amount of \$127,048.67. - Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure, responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to Napleton Ford of Oak Lawn for the Purchase of three Ford electric cargo vans in the amount of \$184,394.76. - Motion by Member Wasik, second by Member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Mr. Nelson explained the bid process and responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.4 Recommend approval of a resolution awarding a contract to Reinders Inc., in the amount of \$216,355.25 for the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 4300-D (rough mower) and two Toro Greensmaster eTriFlex 3370 (lithium-ion powered greens mowers) units. - Motion by Member Clark, second by Member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Alex Eichman, Chief of Golf Operations provided further details on the equipment and responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.
- 10.5 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts to (a) Native Restoration Services, Inc., for invasive plant control at Middlefork Savanna and Fort Sheridan Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$71,128.00; and (b) Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, for (i) invasive plant control at Grant Woods and Cuba Marsh Forest Preserves and (ii) Teasel Control at several Forest Preserves, in the Contract Price of \$150,400.00. - Motion by Member Clark, second by Vice Chair Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Matt Ueltzen, Manager of Restoration Ecology responded to questions. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.


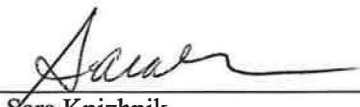
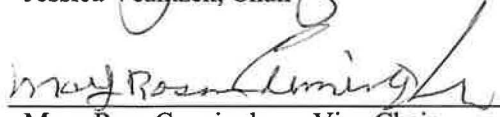

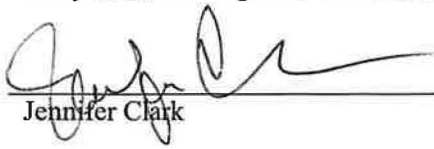
11.0 **Miscellaneous Business** – None

12.0 **Closed Session** –None

13.0 **Potential Action Following Closed Session** – None

14.0 **Adjourn** –With no further business, Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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 _____ Mary Ross Cunningham, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ Adam Schlick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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