

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR APRIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2025**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, April 9, 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 electronic attendance for Commissioner Marah Altenberg due to employment; and Sandy Hart due to a family emergency.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 18 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, Wasik. Absent: Campos.

3.0 Moment of Silence – President Vealitzek dispensed with a moment of silence.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Hewitt 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

7.1 Presentation: Bonds 101 – Speer Financial

Daniel Forbes, President of Speer Financial, Inc. gave a presentation to the Board with an overview of how the bond issuance process works, bond ratings and rating agencies, and different methods of selling bonds. Mr. Forbes responded to questions from Board members.

President Vealitzek reported on:

- Meeting with aQuity Research, Inc. to review questions for the upcoming Countywide Attitude and Interest Survey.
- Meeting with staff to review legislative Bills in advance of the March 31 Committee meeting.
- Weekly meeting with the Executive Director to review her work plan, priorities and initiatives.
- May be moving the Executive Director Report from the committee meetings to the Board meeting.
- April is Earth Month, reminder to not disturb yards/brush until Mother's Day weekend.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve the Consent Agenda, items 9.1 through 9.4:

9.1 Approve Minutes: March 12, 2025 open and closed session

9.2 Approve Resolution awarding Contract to Purchase a Tru-Turf Electric Greens Roller to Revels Turf and Tractor in the Contract Price of \$36,880.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6176**

9.3 Approve Resolution awarding Contract to Purchase five new Ford F-250 Pickup Trucks to Currie Motors Frankfort, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$257,367.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6177**

9.4 Approve Resolution awarding Contract for Pavement Patching and Crack Sealing at Multiple Forest Preserves to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$195,000.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6178**

With a roll call vote being had, the motion to approve the Consent Agenda passed by a vote of:
AYES: 18, NAYS: 0

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

- 10.1 Ordinance Amending FY 2025 Budget for Expenditures Carried Over from FY 2024 Budget**
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for Expenditures Budgeted but not Completed in Fiscal Year 2024. Executive Director Kovach gave a brief summary and with a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6179**

Commissioner Altenberg disconnected from Zoom at 9:53 a.m.

- 10.2 Resolution Approving Change Order to Contract with Legislative Consultant**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Roberts to Approve a Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 to a Contract with The Strategic Advocacy Group, LLC for Legislative Consulting Services, increasing the Contract Price by an amount not to exceed \$33,121.00. Executive Director Kovach summarized the change order and responded to questions. With a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Altenberg), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6180**
- 10.3 Resolution Awarding Contract to Purchase and Remove, Install Police Vehicle Equipment**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Parekh to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase, Removal and Installation of Police Vehicle Equipment to Havey Communications, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$74,006.40. Executive Director Kovach gave an overview and with a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Altenberg), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6181**
- 10.4 Resolution Awarding Contract for Axon Tasers - Repeals Prior Resolution No. 6158**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Hunter to Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Purchase Axon Tasers and Related Components to Axon Enterprise, Inc. under a Sourcewell contract, in the Contract Price of \$106,920.00 amortized over five years. (Repeals prior Resolution No. 6158 approved on February 12, 2025). Public Safety Director Ron Davis explained that the contract is for a purchase, not a lease as previously approved. With a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Altenberg), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6182**
- 10.5 Resolution Approving Amendments to the Dunn Museum's Collections Management Policy**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Schlick to Approve a Resolution Approving Amendments to the Collections Management Policy for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County. Education Director Alyssa Firkus summarized the amendments and with a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Altenberg), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6183**
- 10.6 Ordinance Amending 2025 Budget for Interior Exhibit and Enclosure Updates at Ryerson**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Cunningham to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget by \$53,515.94 for Updating Interior Exhibits and Enclosures at the Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area Welcome Center. Executive Director Kovach explained the funding for the updates will come from the Preservation Foundation. With a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Altenberg), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6184**

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

12.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

Commissioner Frank left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

13.0 Closed Session – Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Cunningham to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0.** The Board went into closed session at 10:03 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:21 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 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani
Board Secretary

Date Approved 5-14-2025

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

REGULAR APRIL 9 SESSION, 20 25

ROLL CALL			COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																	
P	A	Consent Agenda		10.1 Carry-over	10.2 Legislative Change Order	10.3 Police Equip.	10.4 Taser	10.5 Amend Policy	10.6 Amend Budget	Closed Session											
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3	✓		Casbon, Carissa	✓														✓			
4	✓		Clark, Jennifer	✓														✓			
5	✓		Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓														✓			
6	✓		Danforth, Michael	✓														✓			
7	✓		Frank, Paul	✓														✓	X		
8	✓		Hart, Sandra <i>Zoom</i>	✓														✓			
9	✓		Hewitt, Diane	✓														✓			
10	✓		Hunter, J. Kevin	✓														✓			
11	✓		Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓														✓			
12	✓		Kyle, Angelo	✓														✓			
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17	✓		Schlick, Adam	✓														✓			
18	✓		Vealitzek, Jessica	✓														✓			
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Altenberg left 9:53 before 10.2

Frank out 10:02