

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 1, 2023**

The Operations Committee of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Monday, May 1, 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.

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

Also Present:

Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	Steve Neaman	Garnet Miller (Zoom)
Gina Roberts	John Nelson	Kim Mikus
Sandy Hart	Randy Seebach	JoEllen Carlucci (Zoom)
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder	Nataly Garcia-Campos
Mike Tully	Pati Vitt	Sandy Meyers
Nan Buckardt	Alex Eichman	Maureen Shelton
Ron Davis	Debbie Boness	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mary Kann	Lisa Roberts (Zoom)	

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 Wasik to approve minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment – Public comment was given by Fred Witte of Wadsworth requesting canoe launch improvements.

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

- Showed the new fishing guide and *Horizon's* magazine;
- St. Francis Woods is the first northern Illinois forest to be dedicated as part of the Old-Growth Forest Network; public celebration on May 5;
- The Foundation is at 63.5% of its goal of increasing the donor database to 9,200 by the end of 2025;
- \$2.4 million grant transferred from the Foundation to the District for the new Ryerson Education Center;
- Two Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grants received;
- Special Park Districts Forum will be hosted by the District June 19-23;
- Humidification system upgrade in the Museum's collection storage facility is complete;
- Summary of educators' recent connections with school districts;
- New all electric vans are in and available for members to see after the meeting.

8.0 Correspondence

8.1 Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized a thank you letter the District received from the Libertyville Township Food Pantry.

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving the disposal of surplus District items through a public auction process. – Motion by Member Clark, second by Member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Roof Replacement on the Countryside Golf Club Maintenance Shop to Filotto Roofing, Inc., in the contract amount of \$52,780.00. – Motion by Member Knizhnik, second by Member Schlick to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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 for Natural Resources Herbicides to Nutrien AG Solutions Inc. and Van Diest Supply Company in a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. – Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Knizhnik to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.
- 10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Agreement with Friends of the Illinois Nature Preserves to apply for grant funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the Lake County Forest Preserves. – Motion by Member Clark, second by Member Knizhnik to approve the recommendation. Pati Vitt, Director of Natural Resources, summarized the recommendation, explaining the change from an agreement to a memorandum of understanding. She provided more information on how the grant funding would work noting that the District is not eligible to apply for the stewardship grant and the Friends will apply on the District’s behalf to support management of the dedicated Illinois Nature Preserve and Land and Water Reserves in Lake County that are owned and managed by the District. Director Vitt, responded to questions from committee members and a general discussion ensued. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.
- 10.5 Provide policy direction regarding an amendment to the current Cooperative Services Agreement between the Lake County Forest Preserve District and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to include the provision of office space and other amenities for USDA personnel at the Operations and Public Safety Facility. Director Vitt summarized the USDA request and explained that providing office space would support collaborative efforts with the USDA and is likely to result in benefits to the District, including reduced travel time for USDA, which would save the District money when the USDA is conducting District-related wildlife management activities. Director Vitt, responded to questions. The Committee gave direction to proceed.
- 10.6 Recommend Approval of an Ordinance approving a License Agreement with the College of Lake County to Operate the Green Youth Farm in Lake County at Greenbelt Forest Preserve. - Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Rebekah Snyder, Director of Community Engagement & Partnerships explained that in January, the Chicago Horticultural Society decided to terminate its license agreement and the Planning Committee directed staff to pursue a new agreement with the College of Lake County. Director Snyder summarized the new three-year agreement and provided details on how the program would run this year and responded to questions regarding the program. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.




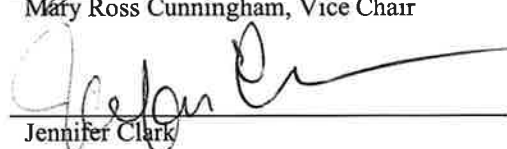

11.0 **Miscellaneous Business** – None

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 10:05 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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