

**Lake County Forest Preserve District  
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, May 3, 2021**

On Monday, May 3, 2021, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the April 2, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor's Executive Orders No. 2021-6, and the Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the District's Operations Committee met via audio and video conference and 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: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair; Bill Durkin, Vice Chair, Jennifer Clark, Mary Ross Cunningham, Ann Maine, and Catherine Sbarra. Member Wilke joined the meeting after roll call.

**Also Present:**

Angelo Kyle, *President*

Carissa Casbon

Linda Pedersen

Gina Roberts

Julie Simpson

Alex Ty Kovach

Mike Tully

Nan Buckardt

Mary Kann

Steve Neaman

John Nelson

Rebekah Snyder

Debbie Boness

Jim Siefken

Pati Vitt

Gary Glowacki

Kim Mikus

Matt Norton, *Corporate*

Maureen Shelton

Mick Zawislak, *Daily Herald*

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Sbarra led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Approval of Minutes** - Motion by member Maine, second by member Cunningham to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2021 Operations Committee meeting. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.

**6.0 Public Comment** – Chair Vealitzek asked if there was anyone attending who wished to provide public comment for items not on the agenda. There were no responses.

**7.0 Executive Director Comments** – Executive Director Kovach presented his report and commented on:

- Update on Preservation Foundation meetings, and new donations received;
- Update on new grants approved for Ray Lake and Prairie Wolf Forest Preserves;
- Picnic shelter reservations for 2021 have begun; maximum capacity is 100 people;
- Spring issue of Horizons magazine;
- Launch of new responsive website;
- Update on first quarter attendance for programming;
- May 24 Joint Committee meeting at Adlai E. Stevenson Historic Home.

**8.0 Correspondence** – None

**9.0 Unfinished Business** – None

**10.0 New Business**

- 10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase of two 2021 Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks to Roesch Ford Commercial Truck Center in the Contract Price of \$60,559.00. Motion by member Durkin second by member Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure spoke regarding the recent favorable resale values of vehicles at auction and responded to a question. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for WDNR's payment to the District of up to \$110,000 from grant funds awarded to WDNR under the US EPA's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for restoration work to be performed by the District's contractor as part of the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project. Mr. Tully briefly explained the recommendation and that we are working on some of the liability language in the agreement, therefore we will need to bring this recommendation back to next month's committee meeting for approval. Motion by member Durkin second by member Clark to postpone this recommendation until the next Operations Committee meeting currently scheduled for May 24, 2021. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 6; NAYS: 0.

Member Wilke joined the meeting at 9:23 am.

- 10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project along the Chiwaukee Prairie-Illinois Beach Lake Plain to Native Restoration Services, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$ 372,640.00. Motion by member Clark second by member Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Pati Vitt, Manager Restoration Ecology summarized the recommendation and provided more details on the Chiwaukee Prairie-Illinois Beach Lake Plain and its diverse habitat. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 7; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.
- 10.4 Recommend approval of A Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District for Rearing of Blanding's Turtles. Motion by member Clark second by member Cunningham to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Gary Glowacki, Manager Conservation Ecology provided additional information on the partnership. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 7; NAYS: 0. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.


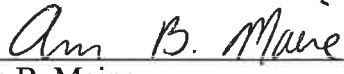

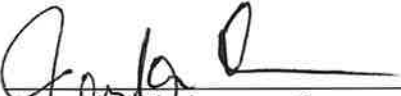
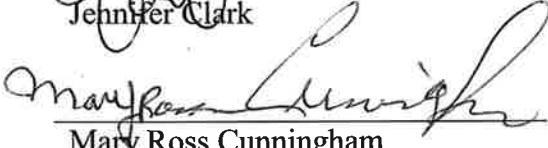
**11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**

**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 9:30 a.m.

**APPROVED:**

|  | <u>Aye</u>                          | <u>Nay</u>               |   | <u>Aye</u>                          | <u>Nay</u>               |
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| <br>_____<br>Jessica Vealitzek, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <br>_____<br>Ann B. Maine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <br>_____<br>Bill Durkin, Vice Chair  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>Catherine Sbarra   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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