

**Lake County Forest Preserves  
Finance Committee Minutes – May 6, 2021**

On Thursday, May 6, 2021, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the April 30, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Order No. 2021-9, and the Written Determination of the District President attached to the Agenda, the Finance Committee met via Audio and Video conference and at the Lake County Forest Preserve District’s General Offices.

**1.0 Call to Order** - Chair Julie Simpson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2.0 Roll Call** - Committee Secretary Julie Gragnani call the roll and eight committee members responded: Julie Simpson, Chair; Paul Frank, Vice Chair, Carissa Casbon, Michael Danforth, Sandy Hart, Ann Maine, Paras Parekh, and John Wasik. Absent: Judy Martini.

**Also Present:**

Angelo Kyle, President	Mary Kann	Jim Siefken
Mary Ross Cunningham	Jim Anderson	Debbie Boness
Alex Ty Kovach	Nan Buckardt	Laurel Diver
Mike Tully	John Nelson	Julie Gragnani
Steve Neaman	Rebekah Snyder	Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel

**3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Member Hart led a Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None

**5.0 Approval of Minutes** – Motion by member Maine, second by member Parekh to approve the minutes of April 8, 2021. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 8; NAYS: 0.

**6.0 Public Comment** – None

**7.0 Executive Director Comments** – Executive Director Kovach reported on:

- Closing on the Petty property will happen soon; grant application was not successful on the Shea Estate property, which releases some dollars into the grant matching fund;
- 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 and 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 Approve Temporary Residential License Agreements for three Wildlife Monitoring Technicians working contractually for the District - Motion by member Casbon, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach summarized the recommendation to grant a temporary housing agreement at the Duplex building for three wildlife technician who will be working for the District over the summer. The motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District for Rearing of Blanding's Turtles - Motion by member Wasik, second by member Casbon to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach introduced, and Director Jim Anderson further explained the turtle rearing project and responded to questions. Following discussion, the motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0 and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to purchase two 2021 Ford F-150 Trucks to Roesch Ford Commercial Truck Center in the Contract Price of \$60,559.00 - Motion by member Hart, second by member Maine to approve the recommendation. Director Kovach introduced the item and Chair Simpson noted the Operations Committee's discussion. Director John Nelson added that this is the most fuel-efficient option for the size of vehicles needed. Following discussion, the motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0; and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

**11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**

**12.0 Closed Session** – Motion by member Casbon, second by member Frank to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation; the appointment and compensation of legal counsel; and probable or imminent litigation. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:34 p.m.

**13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session, including Approval of Legal Invoices** – Motion by member Maine, second by member Hart to approve payment to the Village of Glenview for the District's share of legal services related to the IMET matter. The motion passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0.

**14.0 Adjournment** - With no further business, Chair Simpson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
_____ Julie Simpson, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Ann B. Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Paul Frank, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ <del>Judy Martini</del>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Carissa Casbon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Paras Parekh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Michael Danforth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ John Wasik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Sandy Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

**Secretary's Note:** Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the April 30, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor's Executive Orders Nos. 2021-9, and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Finance Committee met via audio and video conference on Thursday, May 27, 2021. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 7 (Casbon, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Maine, Simpson, Wasik)  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Parekh)

Julie Brugnani 5/27/21  
Committee Secretary