

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR JUNE MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed electronic attendance for Commissioner Paul Frank, via Zoom.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 14 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Kyle, Maine, Pedersen, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioners Casbon and Knizhnik arrived after the roll call at 9:03 a.m. Absent: Campos, Parekh, and Roberts.

3.0 Moment of Silence – President Kyle led a moment of silence.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Schlick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment (matters not on agenda) – None

7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments

- Proclamation recognizing Kenneth Klick for 30 years of service; **EXHIBIT NO. 6091**
- Legislative Committee on July 23, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Independence Grove Visitors Center;
- Executive Director Kovach recapped attendance at the first concert at Independence Grove;
- polled the Board members on attending a possible special call Board meeting if needed, on July 9, 2024 following the County Board meeting.

Commissioner Danforth left the room at 9:15 a.m.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.3:

9.1 Approve Minutes of May 15, 2024

9.2 Approve Resolution awarding Contract for New Electric Service at Lakewood Forest Preserve to ComEd, an Exelon Company, in the Contract Price of \$100,095.81. **EXHIBIT NO. 6092**

9.3 Approve Resolution awarding Contract for Site Improvements at the General Offices to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$615,000.00. **EXHIBIT NO. 6093**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0**

Commissioner Danforth returned to the room at 9:20 a.m.

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

- 10.1 Resolution for Bond Referendum Question for November 5, 2024 General Election Ballot**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Clark to approve a Resolution Providing for and Requesting the Submission of the Proposition of Issuing General Obligation Bonds to the Voters of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, in an amount not to exceed \$155,000,000 at the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024. Executive Director Kovach gave a summary and a general discussion ensued. Commissioner Maine commented that the Resolution documentation should include the amounts allocated to land acquisition, and to capital projects and restoration; and suggested a motion to amend. Corporate Counsel Norton advised against amending the Resolution, as it was prepared by Bond Counsel. Director Kovach noted that \$65 million would be for land acquisition and \$89,748,000 would be for capital projects and restoration. The 2024 referendum public access improvement projects and habitat restoration projects list that was presented and reviewed at the July 2023 Committee of the Whole was displayed on the screen while Mr. Kovach reviewed the list. During discussion, Commissioner Danforth left the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Following discussion, with a roll call vote being had, the motion to approve the Resolution passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6094**

- 10.2 Resolution Adopting 2025 Annual Budget Policies and Strategic Action Plan**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve a Resolution Adopting the Annual Budget Policies and Annual Strategic Action Plan for the Budget Year ending December 31, 2025. During review of the document there was a motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, and seconded by Commissioner Maine that on Page 13, Item 10.4, move the comma from before the word “and” to after the word “and” so the sentence reads “All new major facilities and, when practical, renovated facilities shall achieve . . .”. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion to approve the Resolution as amended passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6095**

- 10.3 Ordinance to add Personnel Policy 4.14 Organ Donation Leave**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance Adding Policy 4.14 – Organ Donation Leave to the District’s Personnel Policies and Procedures. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6096**

- 10.4 Ordinance to delete Personnel Policy 11.4 Physical Fitness Test**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve an Ordinance Deleting Policy 11.4 – Physical Fitness Test from the District’s Personnel Policies and Procedures. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6097**

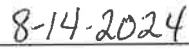
- 10.5 Resolution Approving Contract for Communication and Endowment Campaign Support**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hart to approve a Resolution Approving a Contract for Strategic Communication and Endowment Campaign Support with Bold Bison, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6098**

- 10.6 Resolution Approving Contract for Kruz Steel Quarter Frame Dump Trailer**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Purchase a 2025 Kruz Steel Terminator Quarter Frame Dump Trailer to Leach Enterprises, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$66,629.61. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6099**
- 10.7 Resolution Approving Contract to Print and Distribute Horizons Quarterly Newsletter**
Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Printing and Distribution of eight issues of *Horizons* Quarterly Newsletter to Dreamworks Graphic Communications, LLC, in the Contract Price of \$198,216.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6100**
- 12.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 13.0 Miscellaneous Business** – Commissioner Wasik commented on the District’s recent Cicada Fest event.
- 14.0 Closed Session** – None
- 15.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None**
- 16.0 Adjournment** – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary



Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular JUNE 12 SESSION, 2024

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
			Consent Agenda		10.1 Referrals		10.2 Budget Policies		10.3 Policy 4.14		10.4 Policy 11.4		10.5 Bld Biron		10.6 Dump Hauler		10.7 Horizons					
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2		X Campos, Esiah																				
3		X ^{OK} Casbon, Carissa	✓		✓																	
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓		✓																	
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓		✓																	
6	✓	Danforth, Michael																				
7	✓	Frank, Paul (Zoom)	✓		✓																	
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓		✓																	
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓		✓																	
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓		✓																	
11		X ^{OK} Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓		✓																	
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓		✓																	
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓		✓																	
14		X Parekh, Paras																				
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓		✓																	
16		X Roberts, Gina																				
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓		✓																	
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓		✓																	
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓		✓																	
14		TOTALS	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	15	0		
Notes:							LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE	LEAVE								

After Roll call
Casbon 9:00³ }
Knizhnik 9:00³ } (16)