

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, August 2, 2021**

The Operations Committee met Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Lake County Forest Preserves 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 four committee members responded: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair; Bill Durkin, Vice Chair, Jennifer Clark and Terry Wilke. Member Cunningham joined the meeting after the roll call at 9:03 a.m. Absent: Member Maine and Member Sbarra.
- Also Present:**
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| Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i> | John Tannahill |
| Alex Ty Kovach | Kim Mikus Croke |
| Mike Tully | Rachel Wanroy, <i>Corporate Counsel</i> |
| Jim Anderson | Maureen Shelton |
| John Nelson | |
- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Durkin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4.0 Addenda to the Agenda** – None
- 5.0 Approval of Minutes** - Motion by member Durkin, second by member Wilke to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2021 Operations Committee Meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The minutes were circulated for signatures.
- 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:
- Status on current internal budget development schedule;
 - Waukegan Port District asked that their item be pulled from Planning Committee agenda pending FAA changes;
 - Return to hybrid meetings for Thursday’s Finance meeting due to CDC guidelines;
 - District educators are gearing up for the start of school and field trip season; good feedback on Roving Educator Series;
 - Dunn Museum staff recently self-published a book: *Native American Trail Trees in Lake County, Illinois*; which uses photos taken by Bess Bower Dunn;
 - Recent NACPRO awards received good media coverage; a donation was received in honor of the Proper’s volunteer award;
 - Environmental Communications Specialist Brett Peto won the national 2021 Excellence in Interpretive Support Award from the National Association for Interpretation.
- 8.0 Correspondence** – None
- 9.0 Unfinished Business** – None

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Recommend approval of an Ordinance amending the General Use Ordinance, Section V.D. (xx) – Regulation of Personal Conduct. Motion by member Clark second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer summarized the recommendation and noted that at the June Operations Committee meeting direction was given by the Committee to amend the General Use Ordinance to prohibit smoking and vaping in the Dog Exercise Areas. Member Clark thanked the committee for their support of this amendment. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.
- 10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution Awarding a Contract for The Millennium Trail Pavement Reconstruction at Kestrel Ridge Forest Preserve to Chicagoland Paving Contractors in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Motion by member Durkin second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure, showed a map highlighting the portion of trail to be reconstructed. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.
- 10.3 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Enhanced Monitoring and Recovery Activities Services to Chicago Botanic Garden for the Rare Plant Recovery Project in the Contract Price of \$30,000.00. Motion by member Cunningham second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Jim Anderson, Director of Natural Resources provided a brief explanation on this partnership. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the Finance Committee for approval.
- 10.4 Recommend approval of a Resolution Approving a Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for WDNR’s payment to the District of up to \$110,000.00 from grant funds awarded to WDNR under the US EPA’s Great Lakes Restoration Initiative restoration work to be performed by the District’s contractor as part of the Lake Plain Invasive Plant Strike Team Project. Motion by member Clark second by member Wilke to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Mr. Anderson provided additional information on the project. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business

- Member Cunningham thanked members for attending Gospel Fest.
- Vice Chair Durkin requested clarification on remote meetings for future meetings. Mr. Kovach responded that the Thursday Finance Committee and the Board meeting will be hybrid meetings.

- 12.0 Closed Session** — Motion by member Cunningham, second by member Durkin to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing approved closed session minutes for release or retention, and deletion of verbatim recordings. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 5, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 9:23 a.m. and returned to open session at 9:27 a.m.

- 13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session** – None

14.0 Adjourn – With no further business, Chair Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
_____ Jessica Vealitzek, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Ann B. Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Bill Durkin, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Catherine Sbarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Jennifer Clark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Terry Wilke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Mary Ross Cunningham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Operations Committee Secretary's Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the August 20, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Operations Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, August 30, 2021. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 6 (Clark, Cunningham, Maine, Sbarra, Vealitzek, Wilke)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0

Maureen E. Shelton
Committee Secretary