

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Finance Committee Minutes – January 6, 2022**

On Thursday, January 6, 2022, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the December 10, 2021 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, 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, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

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

2.0 Roll Call - Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and six committee members responded: Julie Simpson, Chair, Paul Frank, Vice Chair; Carissa Casbon, Michael Danforth, Kevin Hunter, John Wasik. Member Ann Maine and Member Paras Parekh joined the meeting at 1:02 p.m.; Member Sandy Hart joined the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President

Linda Pedersen

Catherine Sbarra

Alex Ty Kovach

Jim Anderson

Nan Buckardt

Mary Kann

Steve Neaman

Debbie Boness

Laurel Diver

Ken Jones

Kim Mikus Croke

Maureen Shelton

Matt Norton, *Corporate Counsel*

Nick Gowan, *Corporate Counsel Partner*

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Member Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Wasik, second by member Casbon to approve the minutes from December 9, 2021. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 8; NAYS: 0.

6.0 Public Comment – There was no public comment for non-agenda matters.

7.0 Executive Director Report – Executive Director Kovach reported on the following and responded to questions:

- Increased visits to the Dunn Museum during the holiday season;
- Nearly \$170,000 has been raised for the Preservation Foundation Annual Fund as of 12/29/21;
- North Shore Gas renewed its Platinum Sponsorship of Concerts in the Plaza for 2022;
- Lake Forest Bank & Trust and Libertyville Bank & Trust renewed their \$5,000 grants for the 2022 Green Youth Farm program;
- Completion of the Millennium Trail Route 45 Underpass and trail extension that connects Raven Glen and Ethel's Woods;
- The District is planning for the Special Park District Forum scheduled for June 19-23, 2023;
- COVID-19 noticeable impact on staffing resources and provided a status on COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate Policy;
- Recent meeting with Army Corps of Engineers regarding potential funding from the infrastructure bill for the DesPlaines River Phase II project.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

10.1 Approve Title Reclassification - Motion by member Maine, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach explained the title reclassification. The motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0.

10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to purchase a Backhoe Loader, an Excavator, and two Track Loaders to West Side Tractor Sales Co. in the Contract Price of \$550,415.15. Motion by member Wasik, second by member Hart to approve the recommendation. Executive Director Kovach summarized the recommendation and responded to questions. Member Hunter requested to see the bid tabulation. Corporate Attorney Matt Norton explained that this was an Inter-Governmental joint cooperative bid and we have not included this information in the past. The motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0; and the Resolution was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

12.0 **Closed Session** – Motion by member Hunter, second by member Danforth to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and collective negotiating. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: AYES: 9, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:25 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:07 p.m.

Vice Chair Frank left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session:

Recommend approval of a Resolution approving a three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with Construction and General Laborers' Local Union Number 152. Motion by member Casbon, second by member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Mary Kann, Director of Administration, summarized the recommendation. The motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0; and the Resolution was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

Recommend approval of a Resolution to approve a four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. Motion by member Hart, second by member Hunter to approve the recommendation. Mary Kann, Director of Administration, summarized the recommendation. The motion to approve passed by a roll call vote of: AYES: 8, NAYS: 0; and the Resolution was forwarded to the full Board for approval.

14.0 **Adjournment** - With no further business, Chair Simpson noted that the next meeting is February 3, 2022 and declared the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
_____ Julie Simpson, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ J. Kevin Hunter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Paul Frank, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Ann B. Maine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Carissa Casbon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Paras Parekh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Michael Danforth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ John Wasik	<input 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, January 7, 2022 Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Finance Committee met in person and via audio and video conference on Thursday, February 3, 2022. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

AYES: 7 (Casbon, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hunter, Maine, Parekh)
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 2 (Simpson) (Wasik--arrived after the vote;)

Julie Cragg 2-3-22

 Committee Secretary