

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday, March 1, 2021**

On Monday, March 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the February 5, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Orders No. 2020-4, 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 seven committee members responded: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair; Bill Durkin, Vice Chair, Jennifer Clark, Mary Ross Cunningham, Ann Maine, Craig Taylor and Terry Wilke.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, <i>President</i>	Nan Buckardt	Andrew Osborne
Carissa Casbon	Katherine Hamilton-Smith	Jim Siefken
Paul Frank	Mary Kann	Tom Burgess
Linda Pedersen	Steve Neaman	Corey Chimner
Gina Roberts	John Nelson	Michael Haug
Julie Simpson	Randy Seebach	Kim Mikus
Alex Ty Kovach	Rebekah Snyder	Matt Norton, <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Mike Tully	Debbie Boness	Maureen Shelton
Jim Anderson	Alex Eichman	Mick Zawislak, <i>Daily Herald</i>

- 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 Maine, second by member Clark to approve the Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Operations Committee meeting. Roll Call vote being had, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 7; 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:
- Upcoming Board training March 5th and 9th;
 - Introduced new employees, Corey Chimner, Carpenter and Tom Burgess, Golf Operations Manager;
 - The Preservation Foundation’s recent meetings, donor activity, and grant awards;
 - Received preliminary confirmation for a grant award for the federally listed rusty-patched bumblebee at the Lake Michigan Lake Plain;
 - Virtual education programs, museum exhibit, and new history blog on Henry McIntosh;
 - 100 – 150 COVID-19 vaccines are being administered per day through a collaborative effort at the Greenbelt Cultural Center;
 - Change in social media user demographics from January 2020 and January 2021. There is a 56.06% increase in the 18-24 age group;
 - If the COVID-19 exposures continue to decrease, staff is hopeful that we will be able to open picnic shelter permits, within the guidelines, to the public for groups in early April.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 For Information Only - Review and comment on Oriole Grove preliminary Master Plan - Randy Seebach, Director of Planning, explained that in accordance with the Planning Committee Rules, the review of the master plan needs to be routed to each standing committee for review and comment. Mr. Seebach gave an overview of the master plan and estimated project costs.
- 10.2 Policy Direction on whether staff should investigate mechanisms for establishing carbon and ecosystem service credits that can be sold on the open market and provide funding for future habitat restoration. Mike Tully, Chief Operations Officer explained that the District was introduced by Lydia Scott of the Morton Arboretum’s Chicago Regional Tree Initiative, to firms that can certify, market and sell carbon credits. Staff is asking for permission from the committee to get more details and determine if this will work for the District. Jim Anderson, Director of Natural Resources explained the process in more detail and responded to questions, a general discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was to proceed.
- 10.3 Recommend Approval of a Resolution Awarding Contracts for Native Seed Purchases for Multiple Preserves to Shooting Star Native Seed in the Contract Price of \$87,629.20; Cardno Inc., in the Contract Price of \$68,831.68; Agrecol, LLC in the Contract Price of \$61,785.76; and Genesis Nursery in the Contract Price of \$59,257.23. – Motion by member Taylor second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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 awarding contracts for District-Wide Plant Protectant Chemicals to Advanced Turf Solutions, Inc., BTSI, Clesens Inc., Chicagoland Turf, Conserv FS, Growing Solutions, Inc., Pendelton Turf Supply, Reinders, Inc., SiteOne Landscape Supply, and VanDiest Supply Company in a total amount not to exceed \$342,900.00. – Motion by member Wilke, second by member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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.
- 10.5 Recommend approval of a resolution awarding a contract to Reinders Inc., in the amount of \$68,382.77 for the purchase of two Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D bank mowers. – Motion by member Maine, second by member Durkin to approve the recommendation. Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. 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.
- Motion by Member Durkin, second by member Clark to approve agenda items 10.6 and 10.7 in a single roll call vote:
- 10.6 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase of a new Irrigation Control System at ThunderHawk Golf Club to The Toro Company in the Contract Price of \$185,374.17. – Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation.
- 10.7 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the installation of a new Irrigation Control System at ThunderHawk Golf Club to Liebold Irrigation, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$44,500.00. – Mr. Tully summarized the recommendation. Chief of Golf Operations, Alex Eichman responded to a question.

Roll Call vote being had for 10.6 and 10.7, the motion passed by the following vote: AYES: 7; NAYS: 0. The recommendations were forwarded to the full Board for approval.

10.8 Updated policy direction request with respect to the classification of District buildings. – Mr. Tully explained that in 2015, the District’s standing committees considered and issued policy direction regarding the status of the District’s buildings. Pursuant to that direction, the District’s inventory of buildings at that time, were classified as Forever, Maintain, To Be Evaluated, In Use – To Be Removed, and Awaiting Removal. John Nelson, Director of Operations and Infrastructure reviewed the thirty buildings that are being recommended for reclassification. The Committee was in consensus with the building reclassifications. Mr. Nelson then reviewed the maintain and forever buildings. Mr. Nelson responded to questions. Commissioner Simpson asked about the Stevenson house and service building being on the permanent list and requested to know when a discussion will take place to discuss if we want to change that classification. Mr. Kovach responded that to really understand the maintenance issues of the Stevenson buildings, we need to get on the site and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

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 10:47 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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Jessica Vealitzek, Chair			Mary Ross Cunningham		
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Bill Durkin, Vice Chair			Ann B. Maine		
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Jennifer Clark			Terry Wilke		

Operations Committee Secretary’s Note: Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the March 5, 2021, Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the Governor’s Executive Orders No. 2021-5 and Written Determination of the Lake County Forest Preserve District President, the Operations Committee met via audio and video conference on Monday, April 5, 2021. These Minutes were approved by a Roll Call vote at that meeting:

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

Maura E. Shelton
 Committee Secretary