

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT –REGULAR JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at the District’s 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.

President Kyle announced that notices were received in accordance with the District’s Policy on Electronic Attendance from Commissioner Jennifer Clark requesting to attend electronically due to employment, and from Commissioner Diane Hewitt due to a medical reason. No objections were raised and President Kyle declared Commissioners Clark and Hewitt present.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 15 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Casbon, Clark, Danforth, Frank, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, and Vealitzek. Absent: Campos, Cunningham, Hart, and Wasik.

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) – Chris Geiselhart of Libertyville spoke regarding a letter to the editor concerning Waukegan Airport.

7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments – President Kyle made announcements:

- 41st annual Profiles in Excellence on February 4, 2024 at Greenbelt Cultural Center; the theme is “Music Roots”
- \$3,443,840 in funding awarded for Millennium Trail-Ethel’s Woods to Pine Dunes project, from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- The Preservation Foundation raised \$8,529,853 in 2023, more than any other year
- A \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation-Sustain our Great Lakes program was awarded for work at Lyons Woods.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Altenberg, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.3.

9.1 Approve Minutes of December 13, 2023

9.2 Approve Resolution awarding a Contract to purchase a Talbert 35CC Lowboy Trailer to West Side Tractor Sales, Co. in the Contract Price of \$83,977.35 under a Sourcewell Contract.
EXHIBIT No. 6043

9.3 Approve Resolution awarding a Contract to purchase Five 2024 Ford F-150 Pickup Trucks

and a 2024 Ford Crew Cab Service Body Truck to National Auto Fleet Group in the Contract Price of \$433,260.49 under a Sourcewell Contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6044**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYE: 15, NAY: 0.**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Ordinance Amending Ordinance Governing General Use of District Property

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve an Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Governing the General Use of District Property. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6045**

10.2 Resolution Approving Recreational Lease with ComEd at Singing Hills Forest Preserve

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Hunter to approve a Resolution Approving a Recreational Lease with Commonwealth Edison at Singing Hills Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6046**

10.3 Resolution Approving Amended Agreement with Libertyville Township Road District

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve a Resolution Approving an Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement with the Libertyville Township Road District for the Oak Spring Road Bridge Replacement at Wilmot Woods Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6047**

10.4 Resolution Approving Amended Agreement with Village of Volo

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Resolution Approving an Amended and Restated Easement Agreement with the Village of Volo for a Multi-Use Path along Fish Lake Road at Marl Flat Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6048**

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

12.0 Miscellaneous Business – None


13.0 Closed Session – Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Altenberg to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and the purchase or lease of real property. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0.** The Board went into closed session at 9:25 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:32 a.m.

14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None

15.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary


Date Approved

