

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024**

The Operations Committee of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Monday, January 8, 2024 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. Request to attend the meeting via audio/video was received from Member Danforth due to employment purposes, and there were no objections. Due to an inoperable Zoom link, Member Danforth was unable to join the meeting electronically.

2.0 Roll Call – Committee Secretary Shelton called the roll and six committee members responded: Chair Jessica Vealitzek, Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham, Member Jennifer Clark, Member Sara Knizhnik, Member Adam Schlick and Member John Wasik. Not in attendance: Member Danforth whose electronic attendance was approved but was unable to attend due to an inoperable Zoom link.

Also Present:

Angelo D. Kyle, <i>President</i>	Mary Kann	Kim Mikus
Paul Frank	Kevin Kleinjan	Michael Zahalka
Alex Ty Kovach	Steve Neaman	Nataly Garcia Campos
John Nelson	Rebekah Snyder	JoEllen Carlucci
Ron Davis	Dan Stearns	Maureen Shelton
Alex Eichman	Pati Vitt	Betsy Gates-Alford <i>Corporate Counsel</i>
Alyssa Firkus	Debbie Boness	

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Vice Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approval of Minutes - Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Knizhnik to approve minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Ty Kovach presented his report and he and staff responded to questions on:

- Upcoming demolition of the vacated housing unit at Ryerson;
- \$200,000 National Fish & Wildlife grant awarded for work at Lyons Woods;
- 2023 recap of fundraising results from the Preservation Foundation;
- \$6.6 million in the endowment fund so far; Foundation events and November board meeting;
- Successful on-line native plant sale;
- Education offered free native plant and landscaping programs;
- Recap of the fall prescribed burn season;
- New brush pile burn procedure notification system with interactive online map;
- Dunn Museum history blog;
- December winter break attendance at museum; Fossil exhibit closes January 15 and Managing Healthy Landscapes opens February 10;
- Lake County History Symposium on January 18;
- 41st annual Profiles in Excellence event on February 4 with the theme “Music Roots”;
- Millennium Trail – Ethel’s Woods to Pine Dunes project has received funding of \$3.4 million;
- 2023 recap of golf gift card sales;
- Notecards designed and printed in Lake County are available for purchase in the museum gift shop;
- Winter issue of Horizons magazine is available online or in print this week.
- Social Media campaign.

8.0 Correspondence – None

9.0 Unfinished Business – None

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to the National Auto Fleet Group for the Purchase of five (5) new 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning Pro 4WD Super Crew Pick-up Trucks and one (1) new 2024 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW XL 4WD Crew Cab Service Body Truck in the total amount of \$433,260.49. Motion by Member Clark, second by Member Schlick to approve the recommendation. John Nelson, Chief Operations Officer introduced the recommendation. Dan Stearns, Director of Facilities responded to questions on the number of light duty vehicles, range of the vehicles and charging stations. Member Schlick was concerned about the reliability of the vehicle and requested that the District keep track of issues and repairs. Commissioner Frank requested signage on the vehicles. Member Wasik requested that we document the value and savings of these vehicles. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.

- 10.2 Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to West Side Tractor Sales Co. for the Purchase of a 2024 Talbert Manufacturing, Inc. 35CC Lowboy Trailer in the amount of \$83,977.35. Motion by Vice Chair Cunningham, second by Member Wasik to approve the recommendation. Mr. Nelson summarized the recommendation. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.

- 10.3 Recommend approval of an Ordinance amending the General Use Ordinance, specifically Section V.E. (xii) – Regulation of Vehicles, Traffic, Bicycles and Parking. Motion by Member Knizhnik, second by Member Clark to approve the recommendation. Mr. Nelson summarized the recommendation. He explained the process and that staff was given direction by the committee to prepare revisions to the General Use Ordinance to allow use of Class 2 and Class 3 Ebikes, He informed the committee that more speed limit signs will be installed this spring. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full board for approval.





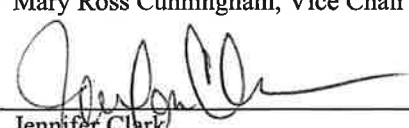
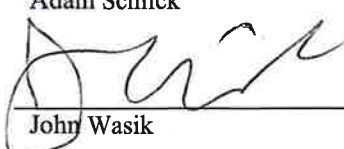
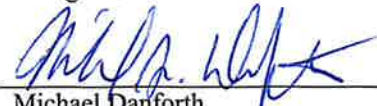
11.0 Miscellaneous Business – Member Clark’s recent trip to the Newberry Library and the postcard collection.

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 9:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
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 _____ Mary Ross Cunningham, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 _____ Adam Schlick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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