

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – RESCHEDULED REGULAR MARCH MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
- 2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners** – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 15 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Frank, Hart, Hunter, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioner Knizhnik joined the meeting after the roll call at 9:15 a.m. Absent: Campos, Hewitt, and Schlick.
- 3.0 Moment of Silence** – President Kyle led a moment of silence.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – Commissioner Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5.0 Addenda to Agenda** – None
- 6.0 Public Comment** (matters not on agenda) – None
- 7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments** –
 - Proclamation recognizing Jesus Arias for 25 years of service; **EXHIBIT No. 6057**
 - Proclamation recognizing Michael Ward for 25 years of service; **EXHIBIT No. 6058**
- 8.0 Unfinished Business** – None
- 9.0 Public Hearing** concerning the intent of the District to sell \$20,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds for the purpose of maintaining forest preserve facilities and lands in and for the District.

President Kyle called the Public Hearing open at 9:13 a.m. and Executive Director Alex Kovach explained the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds, noting that the funds from the District’s last referendum in 2008 have been expended. The District is preparing for a referendum in late 2024, however, opportunities to acquire specific land parcels have come up that are time-sensitive. The specific parcels align with the District’s long range strategic plan. Several questions from Commissioners followed. Public comment: Susan Zingle (via electronic attendance) commented that a general communication to the public should giving details of the issuance of the limited bonds.

With no further comments, motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Hart to adjourn the Hearing. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYE: 16, NAY: 0**. The President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was adjourned.

- 10.0 Consent Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4:
 - 10.1 Approve Minutes of February 20, 2024
 - 10.2 Approve Travel Expense **EXHIBIT No. 6059**

10.3 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase of Trees and Shrubs for various Forest Preserves to Possibility Place Nursery, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$35,179.00.
EXHIBIT No. 6060

10.4 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a Mack Semi-Tractor to CIT Trucks, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$140,217.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6061**

Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYE: 16, NAY: 0.**

11.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

11.1 Ordinance Amending the 2024 Budget to Purchase a Replacement Tractor

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to Increase Expenses for the Purchase of a Replacement Tractor at Countryside Golf Club. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6062**

11.2 Resolution Awarding Contracts for Golf Course Plant Protectant Products

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Clark to approve a Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Purchase of Golf Course Plant Protectant Products in a total amount not to exceed \$379,400.00. Public comment: Chris Gieselhart commented on Audubon groups. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 15, NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 1. EXHIBIT No. 6063**

11.3 Resolution Awarding Contract to Purchase a Track Loader with Attachments

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a John Deere Compact Track Loader and Attachments to West Side Tractor Sales Co., in the Contract Price of \$157,761.58 under a Sourcewell contract. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6064**

11.4 Resolution Approving Change Order to Contract with Thelen Materials, LLC

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Contract with Thelen Materials, LLC for the Purchase of Grounds Materials. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6065**

11.5 Resolution Awarding Contract for Hydrologic Restoration Design Services for Dutch Gap

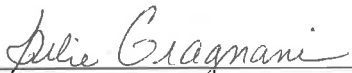
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Hydrologic Restoration Design Services for Dutch Gap Forest Preserve to Hey and Associates, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$135,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6066**

11.6 Resolution Approving Easement Agreement for Cell Tower at Lakewood Forest Preserve

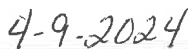
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve a Resolution Approving an Easement Agreement with Crown Castle, Inc., allowing Operation of a Mobile Communications Tower for up to 30 years at Lakewood Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6067**

- 11.7 Resolution Approving Recreational Lease with ComEd**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Hunter to approve a Resolution Approving a Recreational Lease with Commonwealth Edison at Kestrel Ridge, Rollins Savanna, and Lake Carina Forest Preserves. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6068**
- 12.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 13.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**
- 14.0 Closed Session –** Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Hart to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0**. The Board went into closed session at 10:00 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:20 a.m.
- 15.0 Potential Action following Closed Session**
15.1 Motion to approve Settlement and General Release and Separation Agreement with a District Employee – There was no action taken following Closed Session.
- 16.0 Adjournment –** With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary



Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular MARCH 13 SESSION, 20 24

9:02 am.

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																				10:00 am
			Close Public Hearing		Consent Agenda		11.1 Amend Budget		11.2 Golf Course Protectants		11.3 Track Loader		11.4 Shelton C.D.		11.5 Key Contract		11.6 Cell Tower Easement		11.7 ComEd Lease		Motion Closed Session		
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Knizhnik - 9:15 am