

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR JANUARY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the District General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – President Jessica Vealitzek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and confirmed remote attendance for Commissioner Clark to attend electronically due to employment with no objections.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 14 Commissioners responded present: Campos, Clark, Frank, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioners Altenberg and Casbon arrived at 9:05 a.m. Commissioners Cunningham and Hart arrived at 9:10 a.m. Absent: Danforth.

3.0 Moment of Silence – President Vealitzek called for a moment of silence.

4.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5.0 Addenda to Agenda – None

6.0 Public Comment

- Ken Malek spoke regarding a roundabout on Hunt Club Road. President Vealitzek determined that the topic was not germane to Forest Preserve District business, as the roundabout is a County Department of Transportation project. She allowed the next speaker, Thomas Borecki, Hunt Club Farms resident, who commented on the roundabout and private land preserves as part of the County's goal of 20% open space. President Vealitzek closed the floor to public comments regarding a Hunt Club Road roundabout.
- Mary Mathews, representing the League of Women Voters, commented on Waukegan Savanna and an environmental assessment.
- Susan Pribyl, Ingleside, commented on the new trail system at Lakewood Forest Preserve.

7.0 President's Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments

President Vealitzek presented the following Proclamations:

- Proclamations recognizing Sergeant Bradley Ehrhardt and Officer Mickael Viramontes for their dedicated performance of duty in locating and rescuing a lost person who was disabled and missing overnight in winter conditions. **EXHIBIT NO. 6136 AND 6137**
- Proclamation recognizing Jason Lockard, Sign Service Technician, for 25 years of service. **EXHIBIT NO. 6138**
- Proclamation recognizing Angelo D. Kyle for his six years of leadership as District President. **EXHIBIT NO. 6139**

President Vealitzek reported on the following:

- Attended Sip and Stroll event at Dunn Museum on December 6;
- Will attend Annual Economic Forecast Lake County Luncheon on January 16; and the January meeting of the Illinois Association of Conservation & Forest Preserve Districts;
- Pilot Nutrient Reduction Program for the Northern Moraine Water Reclamation District – staff is looking into any possible benefits to being involved in the program;

- 42nd Annual Profiles in Excellence at Greenbelt Cultural Center on February 2 with guest speaker James Ciccone.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

9.0 Consent Agenda – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Parekh to approve the Consent Agenda, items 9.1 through 9.3:

- 9.1 Approve Minutes: November 13, 2024; December 2, 2024; December 11, 2024
- 9.2 Approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of two Genie Scissor Lifts to Equipment Depot of Illinois, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$33,389.53 through a Sourcewell Contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6140**
- 9.3 Approve a Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Furnishings and Other Items. **EXHIBIT No. 6141**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

- 10.1 **Resolution Approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with Union Local 152**
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve a Resolution Approving a Three-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Construction and General Laborers' Union Local No. 152. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6142**
- 10.2 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Branding Services for Chiwaukee Prairie Lake Plain**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Branding Services for the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain to All Together, LLC in the Contract Price of \$46,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6143**
- 10.3 **Ordinance Amending Budget for Dunn Museum Exhibit Space Expansion**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Schlick to approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for Expansion of Exhibit Space at the Dunn Museum. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6144**
- 10.4 **Resolution Awarding Contract for Exterior Renovation of Stevenson Historic Home**
Motion by Commissioner Knizhnik, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Exterior Renovation of the Adlai E. Stevenson Historic Home to ALFA Chicago Inc., in the Contract Price of \$888,700.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6145**
- 10.5 **Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Gurnee**
Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Gurnee for the Exchange of Real Property at Lake Carina Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6146**

10.6 Resolution to Purchase 27.9-acre Yatowt Property in Antioch Township

Motion by Commissioner Frank, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve a Resolution to Purchase an approximately 27.9-acre property in Antioch Township, known as the Yatowt Property for \$954,000.00 as an addition to Raven Glen Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 18, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6147**

10.7 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update

Executive Director Kovach gave an overview of the CIP in the current year's budget and staff presented an update to the Board on the status of the current projects in advance of the joint committee meeting in March. Planning Director Kevin Kleinjan reviewed the ongoing capital improvement projects and public access/miscellaneous projects; and gave an update on the status of the Millennium Trail. Natural Resource Director Pati Vitt reviewed the habitat restoration projects. Staff responded to questions and a discussion ensued.

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

Commissioners Campos and Hunter left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

12.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

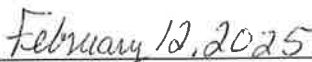
13.0 Closed Session – None

14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None

15.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Vealitzek declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. and announced that the Rules Committee would convene at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary


Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

REGULAR JANUARY 15 SESSION, 20 25

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																				
			Consent Agenda		10.1 Union Contract		10.2 Bonding Contracts		10.3 Annual Budget		10.4 Stevenson Res.		10.5 IGA Curves		10.6 Yatoxt Purchase								
P	A		Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	
1	-	Altenberg, Marah <i>OK</i>	✓																				
2	✓	Campos, Esiah	✓																				
3	-	Casbon, Carissa <i>OK</i>	✓																				
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓																				
5	-	Cunningham, Mary Ross <i>OK</i>	✓																				
6	X	Danforth, Michael																					
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓																				
8	-	Hart, Sandra <i>OK</i>	✓																				
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																				
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																				
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																				
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓																				
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓																				
14	✓	Parakh, Paras	✓																				
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓																				
16	✓	Roberts, Gina	✓																				
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓																				
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓																				
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓																				
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*Casbon } 9:05
Altenberg }*

*MRC @ 9:10 am.
Hart*