

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, October 9, 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 9:00 a.m. and confirmed electronic attendance via Zoom for Commissioner Paul Frank.

**2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners** – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 17 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Campos, Casbon, Clark, Frank, Hart, Hewitt, Kyle, Maine, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Absent: Cunningham, Danforth, Hunter, Knizhnik, and Parekh.

**3.0 Moment of Silence** – President Kyle led a moment of silence.

**4.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – President Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5.0 Addenda to Agenda** – None

**6.0 Public Comment** (matters not on agenda) – Waukegan resident Josh Van Dyke, present on Zoom, spoke against any possible selling of District land for the Waukegan Airport project.

**7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments**

- President Kyle asked Education Director Alyssa Firkus to summarize the Volunteer Proclamations presented at the volunteer recognition event held in September;
- Community Engagement and Partnerships Director Rebekah Snyder introduced the newly designed Map & Guide, which has been printed in both English and Spanish.

**8.0 Unfinished Business** – None

**9.0 Consent Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Hart, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.3:

- 9.1 Approve Minutes: August 14, 2024 Board of Commissioners regular meeting open and closed session; September 11, 2024 Board of Commissioners special meeting; and September 11, 2024 final meeting of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.
- 9.2 Approve Travel Expenses (in accordance with the Local Governmental Travel Expense Control Act and the District’s Policy for Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses). **EXHIBIT NO. 6114**
- 9.3 Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Woody Invasive Plant Clearing Winter 2024 Project at MacArthur Woods Forest Preserve to Tallgrass Restoration, LLC in the Contract Price of \$57,915.00. **EXHIBIT NO. 6115**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0**

**10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:**

**10.1 Ordinance Approving Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance Approving the Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 (January 1 through December 31, 2025). Executive Director Alex Kovach gave an overview and Finance Director Steve Neaman gave a presentation summarizing the budget. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6116**

**10.2 Ordinance Setting Forth the Annual Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025**

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve an Ordinance Setting Forth the Annual Appropriations for the District for Fiscal Year 2025 (January 1 through December 31, 2025). Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6117**

**10.3 Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for Fiscal Year 2025**

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance Providing for the Levy of Taxes for the District for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6118**

Commissioner Knizhnik left the room at 9:35 a.m.

**10.4 Resolution Awarding Contract for Occupational Health Services**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Occupational Health Services to Endeavor Health Northwest Community Healthcare. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Knizhnik), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6119**

**10.5 Resolution Awarding Contract to Purchase a Forestry Boom Truck**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hart to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract to Purchase a Freightliner Forestry Boom Truck to Custom Truck One Source, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$306,819.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Knizhnik), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6120**

Commissioner Knizhnik returned to the room at 9:38 a.m.

**10.6 Resolution Awarding Cooperative Service Agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Approving a Cooperative Service Agreement for Deer Management and Integrated Wildlife Damage Management with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in a Contract Price not to exceed \$172,500.00 annually. Executive Director Kovach responded to questions and with a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6121**

**10.7 Resolution Awarding Contract for Helicopter Services for Winter Deer Count**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Clark to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for Helicopter Services for the Winter Deer Count to AM Air Service, in the Contract Price of \$48,300.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6122**

**11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**

**12.0 Miscellaneous Business** – Commissioner Hart complimented Executive Director Kovach on an article about him and the Forest Preserves in the *North Shore Weekend* publication. Commissioner Cunningham reported on a presentation she gave in her community regarding the referendum.

**13.0 Closed Session** – Motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the purchase or lease of real property, and pending litigation. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0.** Commissioner Frank disconnected from Zoom. The Board went into closed session at 9:46 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:05 a.m.

**14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session:**

**14.1 Approval of a Resolution to Purchase Real Property**

Motion by President Kyle, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution to Purchase a 13.2-acre property in Waukegan Township known as The Klairmont Family LLC property, for \$3,250,000 as an addition to Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Executive Director Kovach summarized the property using a map and Commissioners provided comments. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0.**  
**EXHIBIT NO. 6123**

**14.2 Approval of a Joinder to a Settlement Agreement**

Motion by Commissioner Maine, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Joinder Agreement between the District, BMB Associates I, LLC, Antioch Moda I, LLC, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Corporate Counsel Matt Norton explained that the Joinder adds Antioch Moda I, LLC to the settlement agreement approved by the Board in August. Antioch Moda I, LLC is the current owner of the adjacent property on which the residential development is occurring, therefore it is appropriate to add this party to the settlement agreement. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll minus Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0.** **EXHIBIT NO. 6124**

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

Respectfully submitted:

  
Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

11-13-2024  
Date Approved

# ROLL CALL

## LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular OCTOBER 9 SESSION, 2024

9:46 am

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																	
P	A		Consent Agenda	10.1 Budget Ord.		10.2 Appropriation Ord.		10.3 Tax Levy		10.4 Occupational Health		10.5 Boom Truck		10.6 Deer Mgmt.		10.7 Helicopter Service		INTO CLOSED SESSIONS		
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3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓																✓	
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓																✓	
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓																✓	
6	✓	Danforth, Michael	✓																✓	
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓																✓	
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓																✓	
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																✓	
10	✓	Hunter, J. Kevin	✓																✓	
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓																✓	
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓																✓	
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓																✓	
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FRANK OUT  
9:46 AFTER  
ROLL CALL

