

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – SPECIAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met in special session on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Lake County Administrative Complex, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, following adjournment of the Lake County Board meeting.

- 1.0 Call to Order** – President Angelo Kyle called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
- 2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners** – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 14 Commissioners responded present: Altenberg, Casbon, Cunningham, Danforth, Hart, Hewitt, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, and Vealitzek. Absent: Campos, Clark, Hunter, and Wasik. Commissioner Frank joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.
- 3.0 Moment of Silence** – President Kyle led a moment of silence.
- 4.0 Pledge of Allegiance** – The President dispensed with 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** – Due to time constraints, there was no report given.
- 8.0 Unfinished Business** – None
- 9.0 Consent Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.6:
 - 9.1 Approve Minutes of March 13, 2024 (open and closed sessions); March 21, 2024 special meeting.
 - 9.2 Approve Travel Expenses **EXHIBIT No. 6070**
 - 9.3 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract to purchase a Mean Green Electric Mower to Russo Power Equipment in the Contract Price of \$32,273.98 under a Sourcewell contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6071**
 - 9.4 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for Irrigation Pump Replacement at Independence Grove Forest Preserve to TGF Enterprises, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$70,458.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6072**
 - 9.5 Approve a Resolution awarding Contracts for the Purchase of Natural Resources Herbicides to Nutrien Ag Solutions, Inc.; and to Heritage Landscape Supply Group, Inc., in a total Amount not to Exceed \$60,000.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6073**
 - 9.6 Approve a Resolution awarding Contracts for Native Seed Purchases for Multiple Preserves to Prairie Moon Nursery in the Contract Price of \$107,059.27; and to Shooting Star Native Seeds, Inc. in the Contract Price of \$31,897.15. **EXHIBIT No. 6074**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYE: 14, NAY: 0.**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Ordinance to Issue up to \$20,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Pedersen to approve an Ordinance Providing for the Issuance of not to exceed \$20,500,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of:

AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6075

10.2 Ordinance Amending 2024 Budget to Carry Over Projects Not Completed in 2023

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to reflect Carryovers for Projects Budgeted but not Completed in Fiscal Year 2023. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6076**

10.3 Ordinance Amending Personnel Policy on Disciplinary Action

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve an Ordinance Amending Personnel Policy 8.1 - Disciplinary Action. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6077**

10.4 Resolution Approving Contract for Catering Services for Fundraising Event

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Altenberg to approve a Resolution Approving a Contract for Event Catering Services with Relish Catering Kitchen in the amount of \$40,805.20. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of:

AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6078

Commissioner Ann Maine left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

10.5 Resolution Awarding Contract for Robotic Golf Range Equipment

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Awarding a five-year Contract for Lease and Maintenance of Robotic Range Equipment at Countryside and ThunderHawk Golf Clubs to Automated Outdoor Solutions, LLC, in the Contract Price of \$296,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Commissioner Maine), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6079**

10.6 Resolution Supporting Fox Waterway Agency in Development of Watershed Plan

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve a Resolution Approving Support for the Fox Waterway Agency in the Development of a Chain O'Lakes Watershed Plan. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Commissioner Maine), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6080**

Commissioner Paul Frank joined the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

11.7 Resolution Supporting and Approving Lake County SMC Watershed-Based Plans

Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Supporting and Approving the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission's Updated Lake Michigan and North Branch Chicago River Watershed-Based Plans. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6081**

- 11.8 Resolution to Purchase 1.6-Acre Breuer Property in Fremont Township**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Vealitzek to approve a Resolution to Purchase an Approximately 1.6-acre Property in Unincorporated Fremont Township known as the Breuer property, for \$295,000.00 as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6082**
- 11.9 Resolution to Purchase 74.3-Acre Air Estates Property in Fremont Township**
Motion by Commissioner Parekh, second by Commissioner Hart to approve a Resolution to Purchase an Approximately 74.3-acre Property in Unincorporated Fremont Township known as the Air Estates property, for \$1,950,000.00 as an addition to Lakewood Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6083**
- 12.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**
- 13.0 Miscellaneous Business – None**
- 14.0 Closed Session – There was no closed session**
- 15.0 Potential Action following Closed Session - None**
- 16.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gagnani, Board Secretary



Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
SPECIAL APRIL 9

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

~~Regular~~ SESSION, 20 24

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
			Consent Agenda		10.1 BOND ORD.		10.2 CARRY-OVERS		10.3 POLICY 8.1		10.4 EVENT CATERER		10.5 GOLF EQUIPMENT		10.6 FWA PLAN		10.7 SMC PLANS					
			Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay		
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3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓		✓																	
4		X Clark, Jennifer																				
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓		✓																	
6	✓	Danforth, Michael	✓		✓																	
7		X Frank, Paul																				
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓		✓																	
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓		✓																	
10		X Hunter, J. Kevin																				
11	✓	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick	✓		✓																	
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓		✓																	
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓		✓																	
14	✓	Parekh, Paras	✓		✓																	
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓		✓																	
16	✓	Roberts, Gina	✓		✓																	
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓		✓																	
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓		✓																	
19		X Wasik, John																				
14	5	TOTALS	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	0	14	0	13	0	13	0	14	0	14	0	14	0
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MAINE LEFT 11:45 a.
FRANK IN @ 11:50 a.