

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR MAY MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 15, 2024**

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, May 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 9:00 a.m.

**2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners** – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 16 Commissioners responded present: Casbon, Clark, Cunningham, Danforth, Hart, Hewitt, Hunter, Knizhnik, Kyle, Maine, Parekh, Pedersen, Roberts, Schlick, Vealitzek, and Wasik. Commissioner Frank arrived after the roll call at 9:02 a.m. Absent: Altenberg and Campos.

**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) – None

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

- Catherine Game, Executive Director of Brushwood, presented the Brushwood annual update to the Board. Brushwood board member Rob Heinrich also spoke regarding their initiative.
- Eliza Fournier, Urban Farm Director of College of Lake County, reported on Greenbelt Farm, (formerly Green Youth Farm) and their envisioned changes to the program.
- President Kyle announced the Notification of Sale of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2024, which was at each Commissioner’s desk. The bond closing took place on May 8, 2024; the total amount issued was \$17,675,000.
- Reminder that the Finance, Operations, and Planning Committees will meet jointly on June 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

**8.0 Unfinished Business** – None

Public comment was given from a woman from Evanston, opposing sale of public land to Waukegan Airport.

**9.0 Consent Agenda** – Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Knizhnik to approve the Consent Agenda items 9.1 through 9.4:

9.1 Approve Minutes of April 9, 2024

9.2 Approve Travel Expenses **EXHIBIT No. 6084**

9.3 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase of six Kubota Utility Vehicles to McCullough Implement Company in the Contract Price of \$154,146.18, through a Sourcewell contract. **EXHIBIT No. 6085**

9.4 Approve a Resolution awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Management at Multiple Forest Preserves to Native Restoration Services Inc., in the Contract Price of \$128,015.00. **EXHIBIT No. 6086**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYE: 17, NAY: 0.**

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

**10.1 Ordinance Approving an Amended Fundraising Authorization Policy**

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hart to approve an Ordinance Approving an Amended Fundraising Authorization Policy. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6087**

Commissioner Frank left the room at 9:49 a.m.

**10.2 Resolution Awarding Contract for Body-Worn and In-Car Cameras**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Schlick to approve a Resolution Awarding a five-year Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Body-Worn and In-Car Cameras to Axon Enterprise, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$397,843.29, through a Sourcewell contract. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Commissioner Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6088**

**10.3 Resolution Awarding Contract for Website Hosting and Support for Public Website**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Cunningham to approve a Resolution Approving a Contract for Website Hosting and Support Services for the District's Public Website to extend services through December 31, 2026 with Svanaco, Inc., dba AmericanEagle.com, in the Contract Price of \$175,500.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Commissioner Frank), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 16, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6089**

Commissioner Frank returned to the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

**10.4 Resolution Approving Change Order to Contract with Thelen Materials, LLC**

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Roberts to approve a Resolution Approving a Consent to Relocation of Cemetery Access Easement Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs for Access to the Fort Sheridan National Cemetery at Fort Sheridan Forest Preserve. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 17, NAYS: 0 EXHIBIT No. 6090**

**12.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None**

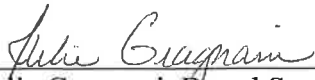
**13.0 Miscellaneous Business** – Commissioner Maine asked staff how much monitoring is done on social media for pop-up groups -- invitations to “meet up”, and was concerned about large groups gathering without a special use permit and disrupting environmentally sensitive areas, and spilling off the narrower trails due to the size of the group. Staff responded that the rangers do engage with large groups that they observe. Public Affairs staff is able to monitor social media communications if they're tagged, and will look into proactive communications.

**14.0 Closed Session – None**

**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 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary

6-12-2024  
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Date Approved

# ROLL CALL

## LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular MAY 15 SESSION, 2024

*9:00 am.*

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																			
P	A		Consent <i>Agenda</i>	10.1 <i>Fundraising Policy</i>		10.2 <i>Cameras</i>		10.3 <i>Web Hosting</i>		10.4 <i>Cemetery Access</i>												
			Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
1	X	Altenberg, Marah																				
2	X	Campos, Esiah																				
3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓		✓																	
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓																			
5	✓	Cunningham, Mary Ross	✓																			
6	✓	Danforth, Michael	✓																			
7	X	Frank, Paul	✓																			
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓																			
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓																			
10	✓	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	✓	Wasik, John	✓																			
16		<b>TOTALS</b>	17	0	17	0	16	0	16	0	17	0										
Notes:				<i>LEAVE</i>	<i>LEAVE MINUS FRANK</i>	<i>LEAVE MINUS FRANK</i>	<i>LEAVE</i>															

*FRANK ARRIVED 9:02 am*

*FRANK OUT 9:49 - IN 9:52*