

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT – REGULAR AUGUST MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District met on Wednesday, August 14, 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 Marah Altenberg.

2.0 Roll Call of Commissioners – Board Secretary Gragnani called the roll and 14 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) – None

7.0 President’s Report, Special Recognition and Committee Appointments

- YCC Executive Director Jennifer Yonan presented \$100,000 check to the District; YCC is in its 50th year and this year’s golf outing was their 40th outing; introduced her colleague Rosie Roach;
- YCC Program Manager Ron Rightweiser and Assistant Program Manager Isabella Sundt spoke.

8.0 Unfinished Business – None

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

- 9.1 Approve Minutes of June 12, 2024; and July 9, 2024 open and closed session
- 9.2 Approve Travel Expenses **EXHIBIT NO. 6102**
- 9.3 Approve Resolution Awarding Contract to Purchase Three 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid Vehicles to Currie Motors Commercial Center Ford, in an amount not to exceed \$145,295.00 under a Suburban Purchasing Cooperative contract. **EXHIBIT NO. 6103**
- 9.4 Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Pavement Patching and Crack Sealing at Multiple Forest Preserves to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$135,000.00. **EXHIBIT NO. 6104**

Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 14, NAYS: 0**

10.0 New Business – Report of Standing and Special Committees:

10.1 Resolution Approving a Land Acknowledgement Statement

Motion by Commissioner Altenberg, second by Commissioner Casbon to approve a Resolution Approving a Land Acknowledgement Statement. Following a summary and discussion, with a voice vote being had, the motion to approve the Resolution passed unanimously. **EXHIBIT NO. 6105**

10.2 Ordinance Approving an Amended Purchasing Policy

Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Hewitt to approve an Ordinance Approving an Amended Purchasing Policy, establishing an apprenticeship program requirement for contractors bidding on certain public works contracts, and other amendments. Following a summary and Commissioner comments, the motion to approve the Resolution passed by a vote of: **AYES: 11, NAYS: 3. EXHIBIT No. 6106**

Commissioner Clark left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

10.3 Resolution Approving Annual Support and License Agreement for Financial Software

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Campos to approve a Resolution Approving an Annual Support and License Agreement for MUNIS Financial Software to Tyler Technologies, Inc., MUNIS Division, in the Contract Price of \$125,746.06. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6107**

10.4 Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges for District Permits, Programs, Services, Facilities

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Schlick to approve an Ordinance Establishing Fees and Charges for District Permits, Programs, Services and Facilities. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6108**

10.5 Resolution Approving Contract for Rare Plant Recovery Project

Motion by Commissioner Vealitzek, second by Commissioner Hart to approve a Resolution Awarding a three-year Contract for the Rare Plant Recovery Project to Chicago Botanic Garden in the Contract Price of \$48,000.00. Roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6109**

10.6 Resolution Awarding Contract for Nature Play Area Construction at Lakewood

Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Vealitzek to approve a Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Construction of the Nature Play Area at Lakewood Forest Preserve to AGAE Contractors, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$1,230,536.19. Following a summary and questions, with a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 13, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6110**

Commissioner Campos left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

10.7 Resolution to Purchase 41.1-acre Property in Antioch Township known as the Fogel Property

Motion by Commissioner Casbon, second by Commissioner Pedersen to approve a Resolution to Purchase an approximately 41.1-acre property in Antioch Township, known as the Fogel property, for \$361,000.00 and to designate such property as a new site named "Lotus Country Conservation Preserve". Following a presentation, a discussion ensued regarding the naming of the preserve. With a roll call vote being had (leave for previous roll call minus Commissioner Campos), the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 12, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT No. 6111**

11.0 Petitions and Correspondence - None

12.0 Miscellaneous Business – Commissioner Maine relayed a constituent's appreciation to staff for quickly clearing log jams on the Des Plaines River. Commissioner Roberts thanked staff for the successful Gospelfest; President Kyle invited everyone to attend Afrofest.

13.0 Closed Session – Motion by Commissioner Schlick, second by Commissioner Roberts 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: 12, NAYS: 0**. Commissioner Altenberg disconnected from Zoom and the Board went into closed session at 10:30 a.m.; the Board returned to open session at 10:46 a.m.

14.0 Potential Action following Closed Session


14.1 Settlement Agreement Regarding Encroachment at Raven Glen Forest Preserve
Motion by Commissioner Roberts, second by Commissioner Maine to approve a Settlement Agreement between the District, BMB Associates I, LLC, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Executive Director Kovach summarized the grading encroachment and the settlement agreement reached by all parties, and responded to questions. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of: **AYES: 11, NAYS: 0. EXHIBIT NO. 6112**

15.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, President Kyle declared the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Julie Gragnani, Board Secretary



Date Approved

ROLL CALL

LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

Regular AUGUST 14 SESSION, 2024

10:30

ROLL CALL		COMMISSIONERS	QUESTIONS																	
			Consent Agenda		10.2		10.3		10.4		10.5		10.6		10.7		10.8		14.1	
P	A		Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay	Aye	Nay
1	✓	Altenberg, Marah	✓		✓		✓										✓			
2	✓	Campos, Esiah	✓		✓		✓													
3	✓	Casbon, Carissa	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
4	✓	Clark, Jennifer	✓		✓															
5	X	Cunningham, Mary Ross																		
6	X	Danforth, Michael																		
7	✓	Frank, Paul	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
8	✓	Hart, Sandra	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
9	✓	Hewitt, Diane	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
10	X	Hunter, J. Kevin																		
11	X	Knizhnik, Sara Frederick																		
12	✓	Kyle, Angelo	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
13	✓	Maine, Ann	✓			X	✓										✓		✓	
14	X	Parekh, Paras																		
15	✓	Pedersen, Linda	✓			X	✓										✓		✓	
16	✓	Roberts, Gina	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
17	✓	Schlick, Adam	✓			X	✓										✓		✓	
18	✓	Vealitzek, Jessica	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
19	✓	Wasik, John	✓		✓		✓										✓		✓	
14	5	TOTALS	14	0	11	3	13	0	13	0	13	0	13	0	12	0	12	0	11	0
Notes:									LEAVE		LEAVE		LEAVE		LEAVE		MINUS		CAMPOS	

Clark out 9:54
Campos out 10:03

Altenberg off 10:30