

**Lake County Forest Preserves
Finance Committee Minutes – August 29, 2024**

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, the Lake County Forest Preserve District’s Finance Committee met at the District’s General Offices in Libertyville, Illinois.

1.0 Call to Order – With a physical quorum present, Chair Gina Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call –Committee Secretary Gragnani called the roll and five committee members responded: Chair Gina Roberts, Vice Chair Paul Frank, Michael Danforth, Sandy Hart, and Diane Hewitt. Sara Knizhnik arrived at 1:10 p.m. Absent: Ann Maine.

Also Present:

Alex Ty Kovach, Executive Director	Rebekah Snyder	Julie Gragnani
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel	Dan Stearns	Sandy Meyers
John Nelson	Ron Davis	Jeanna Martinucci
Mary Kann	Alyssa Firkus	Brett Peto
Steve Neaman	Laurel Diver	

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None

5.0 Approval of Minutes – Motion by member Hart, second by member Hewitt to approve the minutes of August 8, 2024 open and closed session. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the minutes were circulated for signatures.

6.0 Public Comment for items not on agenda – None

7.0 Executive Director Comments – Executive Director Kovach distributed his report and commented on the following:

- \$71,000 bequest gift from longtime donor James Hogan was received; showed endowment campaign statistics on charts; three Annual Fund grants approved during the last meeting cycle;
- Preservation Foundation endowment campaign timeline and review of gift levels table;
- The regular September 11, 2024 Board meeting is canceled due to lack of agenda items. A Decennial Committee meeting has been scheduled for that time slot at 9:00 a.m. After these changes were made, an emergency matter arose requiring Board approval. This is for a print mailing for the referendum that will exceed the \$30,000 threshold and is time sensitive. Option 1 is to call a special Board meeting following the Decennial Committee to approve the item; and Option 2 is to proceed with the mailing and ratify the expenditure at the October Board meeting. Following discussion, the Finance Committee recommended Option 1, but if there should be no quorum on September 11, then staff shall proceed with Option 2.

8.0 Unfinished Business - None

9.0 Correspondence – None

10.0 New Business – None

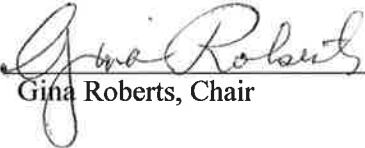

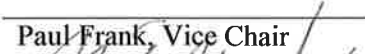
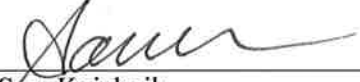



12.0 Closed Session – Motion by member Knizhnik, second by member Hart to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives. Roll call vote being had, the motion passed by a vote of AYES: 6, NAYS: 0. The committee went into closed session at 1:16 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:43 p.m.

11.0 Miscellaneous Business – None

13.0 Potential Action Following Closed Session – None

14.0 Adjournment - Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m. and noted that the next meeting is a joint meeting with the Operations and Planning Committees, on September 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>		<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
 Gina Roberts, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Diane Hewitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Paul Frank, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Sara Knizhnik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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