



DATE: May 4, 2023

TO: Gina Roberts, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: Rebekah Snyder
Director of Community Engagement & Partnerships

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend Approval of a Resolution Forming a Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Leadership; Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: There is no financial impact.

BACKGROUND: In 2022, the State of Illinois enacted the “Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act” (the “Act”). The Act requires all units of local government that levy any tax, except municipalities and counties, to form a committee “to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located” (the “Decennial Committee”). The Act requires that the Decennial Committee be formed within one year of the effective date of the legislation, which was June 10, 2022.

In accordance with the Act, the Decennial Committee shall be comprised of (i) all elected members of the District’s governing board, including (as chief executive officer) the District President (i.e., the full Board of Commissioners), (ii) at least two residents of the District who are appointed by the District President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and (iii) any additional members, appointed by the District President. President Kyle, as the District’s chief elected official, shall chair the Decennial Committee. President Kyle has nominated Nels Leutwiler and Elizabeth Hough, President and Vice President, respectively, of the Preservation Foundation Board of Directors, to serve as the two resident members and intends to appoint District Executive Direct Ty Kovach to serve as an additional member.

The duties of the Decennial Committee include but are not limited to: “the study of the governmental unit’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State.” The Decennial Committee is required to summarize its work and findings in a written report that includes “recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency.” The Decennial Committee is required to meet no fewer than three times, which meetings must comply with the Open Meetings Act, and is required to submit a written report to the administrative office

of the Lake County Board no later than 18 months after its formation. The report will also be made available to the public.

After the Decennial Committee's report has been made available to the public, it will be automatically dissolved until such time as it is reestablished by the District. The Act requires the Decennial Committee to be reestablished at least once every ten years.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR MAY MEETING
MAY 10, 2023**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **FINANCE COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Forming a Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency” and requests its approval.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Date: _____

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____Nays:_____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION FORMING A DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

WHEREAS, the “Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act,” 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.* (the “Act”) requires certain local governmental units to form a “Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency” (the “Decennial Committee”) within one year after the Act’s effective date of June 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Act provides that each Decennial Committee shall be comprised of: (i) all elected members of the governing board of the governmental unit, with the president of the governmental unit acting as chairperson, (ii) at least two residents of the governmental unit, to be appointed by the chair of the governing board of the governmental unit with the advice and consent of the governing board (the “Resident Members”), and (iii) such additional members as may be appointed by the chairperson of the Decennial Committee (the “Additional Members”); and

WHEREAS, the District is a governmental unit subject to the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the District President and Board of Commissioners have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to form a Decennial Committee as provided in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, THAT:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Formation of Decennial Committee. The Decennial Committee is hereby established by the President and Board of Commissioners. The membership, functions, and duties of the Decennial Committee shall be in accordance with the Act and as provided in this Resolution.

Section 3. Decennial Committee Membership. The membership of the Decennial Committee shall include (i) all elected or appointed members of the District Board of Commissioners, (ii) Resident Members appointed to the Decennial Committee by the President with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, and (iii) any Additional Members appointed to the Decennial Committee by the President, as he deems appropriate. The President shall be the chairperson of the Decennial Committee. Resident Members may be removed from the Decennial Committee by the President. Any future Commissioner, upon taking the oath of office, shall become a member of the Decennial Committee, without any further action required.

Section 4. Decennial Committee Functions and Duties; Meetings.

- A. The Decennial Committee shall have the functions and duties provided by the Act, which include studying the District’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with

other governmental units and the State and summarizing its work and findings within a written report that includes recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency for the District. The Decennial Committee shall cause its final report to be submitted to the administrative office of the Lake County Board and to be made available to the public in the manner provided by the Act.

- B. The Decennial Committee shall meet at least three times in furtherance of its functions and duties. Decennial Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Act and the Open Meetings Act. The Decennial Committee may establish procedural rules as it may deem appropriate that are not inconsistent with the Act and the Open Meetings Act. In the absence of a procedural rule established by the Decennial Committee, and to the extent not inconsistent with the Act, the procedural rules of the District that apply to Committee of the Whole meetings (as set forth in Section III.E of the “Rules of Order and Operational Procedures for the Lake County Forest Preserve District” shall apply to the Decennial Committee meetings.
- C. Decennial Committee members shall serve without compensation. However, each member may be reimbursed for each mile necessarily traveled by the member in attending any meeting of the Decennial Committee, which shall be reimbursed in the same manner as, and subject to the same requirements and processes for, “Meeting Mileage Expenses” under the District’s “Policy For Reimbursement of Travel, Meal, and Lodging Expenses”.

Section 5. Automatic Dissolution of Decennial Committee. The Decennial Committee shall automatically dissolve, without further action of the President or Board of Commissioners, after its written report is made available to the public, as provided by Section 30 of the Act (50 ILCS 70/30).

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2023

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ___ day of _____, 2023

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary

Exhibit No. _____