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## Forest Preserve District, Land Acquisition Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Jarett Sanchez, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem Mavis Bates, Deborah Allan, Ron Ford, Michael Linder, Bill Roth, Cheryl Strathmann, Rich Williams

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

**8:30 AM**

**3rd Floor Board Room**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Sanchez called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

**PRESENT** President Chris Kious  
Chairman Jarett Sanchez  
Commissioner Deborah Allan (Remote)  
Commissioner Mavis Bates (Remote)  
Commissioner Ron Ford (in person @ 8:33 AM)  
Commissioner Michael Linder  
Commissioner Bill Roth  
Commissioner Rick Williams

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann

**Also Present:** Commissioners Gumz (Remote), Juby (Remote), Lewis, Molina (Remote); Exec. Dir. Haberthur; Chief of Police Burger; CFO Petschke; NRM Dir. Chess; Chief of Planning & Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez; Dir. of Comm. Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Attorney Hodge and Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and Admin staff Rafferty.

### **II. Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2023**

**RESULT:** **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**  
**MOVER:** Michael Linder  
**SECONDER:** Bill Roth  
**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, Mavis Bates,  
Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams  
**ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Cheryl Strathmann

### **III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)**

None.

### **IV. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel**

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session at 8:32 AM to discuss Land Acquisition. *(Commissioner Ford arrived in person at 8:33 AM)*

**RESULT:** APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE  
**MOVER:** Rick Williams  
**SECONDER:** Bill Roth  
**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford,  
Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams  
**ABSENT:** Cheryl Strathmann

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:52 AM on a motion by Ford, second by Linder. Roll call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

## V. New or Unfinished Business

### A. Resolution Authorizing Permanent Construction Easements with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for Bridge Improvements at Illinois Route 20 and the Fox River Trail

*Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez (Remote) presented a permanent construction easement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). IDOT is requesting to acquire permanent construction easements for the removal and replacement of the existing bridge at Route 20 at the Fox River crossing. These easements are required to allow IDOT access during construction and for future maintenance of the bridge. In total IDOT, will be acquiring permanent construction easements of 0.342 acres for a price of \$4,125.00.*

The existing Fox River Trail will remain intact during the construction. However, because the work by IDOT will involve the removal and replacement of the existing Route 20 Bridge over the Fox River, the trail will need to be detoured during construction. Construction is expected to begin in 2024. Staff recommends the Commission approve the permanent construction easement as presented with the Illinois Department of Transportation for bridge improvements at Illinois Route 20 and the Fox River Trail.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE  
**TO:** Forest Preserve District Executive Committee  
**MOVER:** Rick Williams  
**SECONDER:** Bill Roth  
**AYE:** Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, Mavis Bates, Ron Ford,  
Michael Linder, Bill Roth, and Rick Williams  
**ABSENT:** Cheryl Strathmann

## VI. Communications

*Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez (Remote) provided an update on an agreement entered in 2020 with Kane County to authorize the sale of permanent and construction easements and permanent right away for replacement of the bridge on Kirk road over the railroad tracks, near the Kane County Cougars. In 2020, the estimated costs for the easements were \$100,000, the current appraisal returned at \$232,500. Staff will be moving forward with the sale of the construction easements that were approved in 2020.*

*Executive Dir. Haberthur promoted the Annual Native Plant Sale on April 29, 2023. The online sales are active and will be live until April 19, 2023. The sales will support the new viewing scopes. The Earth Day tree-planting event will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the*

*Tekakwitha Woods Forest Preserve. Dir. Haberthur noted that he was interviewed by WGN radio regarding the Bison presentation that was made at the last Full Commission meeting. The story is available online. There was discussion regarding press and bison story promotion.*

**VII. Chairman's Comments**

*None.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

**RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Rick Williams

**SECONDER:** Michael Linder

Jarett Sanchez, Chair  
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

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Recording Secretary