



Government Center
719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A
Geneva, IL 60134

Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:00 AM

County Board Room

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Full Commission meeting was held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Kane County Government Center located at 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134. President Kious called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Kious asked Sgt. Patrick Hayes to lead the pledge.

III. Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Mavis Bates
Commissioner Dale Berman
Commissioner Mark Davoust
Commissioner Ron Ford
Commissioner Michelle Gumz
Commissioner Leslie Juby
Commissioner Michael Kenyon
President Forest Preserve District Chris Kious
Commissioner Bill Lenert
Commissioner Anita Lewis
Commissioner Michael Linder
Secretary Forest Preserve District Myrna Molina
Commissioner Bill Roth
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez
Commissioner Monica Silva
Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann
Commissioner Clifford Surges
Commissioner Bill Tarver
Commissioner Vern Tepe
Commissioner Rick Williams
Commissioner David Young
Commissioner Deborah Allan
Commissioner Gary Daugherty
Commissioner Mo Iqbal

REMOTE

ABSENT

Others Present: Exec. Dir. Haberthur, CFO Petschke; Chief of Planning & Land Mgmt. Rooks-Lopez & staff Tegge; NRM Dir. Chess; HR Dir. Clough; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk & staff Kovach, Swanson; Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Chief of Police Burger & Sgt. Hayes; Attorney Hodge; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi, KCIT Peters and members of the public.

IV. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to 3 minutes)

Former board member of District 18, Drew Frasz spoke in favor of keeping the Dairy Barn in Millcreek Greenway. He stated that the barn has been presented in front of the board for demolition and has been saved three times over the last 23 years. Mr. Frasz requested time and an opportunity to find the funds to restore the barn, noting that grants are available for this type of barn restoration. He was in favor of tabling or voting no on the resolution to remove the barn.

Jerome Johnson of Garfield Farm Museum spoke in favor of keeping the barn. He stated that the estimated replaceable value was \$1.8M. He felt that keeping the barn would benefit the public. He provided a handout that included background information of the barn.

Marc Benard, Owner of Rustic Road Farm on Brundige Road, spoke in favor of keeping the barn. He provided background information of his business and noted that the barn would be a great fit to consolidate their farm if grants monies could restore the barn. Mr. Benard added that the company could provide an agricultural operation on the property. Please consider tabling and saving the barn.

Sue Harney, resident and trustee of Dundee Township, spoke highly of the Forest Preserve. She stated that the programs offered by the District are fabulous and felt that the tax increase was a reasonable amount. She felt that the increase would help the staff and restoration to maintain the preserves. Harney was in support of the tax levy.

Kim Haag, longtime steward and resident of Kane County spoke in favor of the tax levy. She stated that Kane County was beautiful because of all the protected open space. Haag explained that though all the volunteering hours she knows how hard the staff work and they would benefit with the tax levy. She felt that the District tax levy was a small amount in comparison to her taxes as a whole. She expressed her appreciation to the District.

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes from September 12, 2023

- RESULT:** APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- MOVER:** Ron Ford
- AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
- ABSENT:** Clifford Surges, Mo Iqbal

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem from September 2023 *(Commissioner Surges arrived in person at 9:20 AM)*

- RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
- MOVER:** Dale Berman
- SECONDER:** Bill Roth
- AYE:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
- ABSENT:** Mo Iqbal

VII. Presentations

FP-R-23-10-3044 Resolution of Commendation for Michael A. Hinton

Chief of Police Burger presented the resolution of commendation for Mr. Hilton. He commended him on his selfless act in helping a patron in need. Due to this act of kindness, The patron was able to receive medical care and get to the hospital. President Kious read the resolution aloud.

- RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Bill Roth
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

VIII. Finance and Administration

FP-R-23-10-3045 Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Estimated Budget for the Purpose of Establishing the 2023 Tax Levy

Chief of Finance Petschke presented the Board with information regarding various options for the upcoming 2023 property tax levy. Each year, the Finance & Administration Committee determines the direction for the upcoming property tax levy, which is forwarded to the Executive Committee, and approved at the Full Commission meeting. Staff requested the most-current information from the clerk's office and received the following:

- Rate Setting EAV is estimated at \$19,418,802,282 (final percentage is not determined)
- Preliminary new construction figures for the county are \$211,060,025 (partial year)

The Committee has the following options available regarding the levy.

1. Increase the levy by both CPI and new construction – The levy would increase for CPI by \$400,343, which for the upcoming levy year will be 5%. The increase in the levy due to new construction is estimated between \$92,000 and \$125,000. A Truth in taxation hearing would be required for an increase over 5% in order to comply with State Statute.
2. Increase the levy by CPI only- The levy would increase for CPI by \$400,343.
3. Freeze the levy but allow for new construction – New construction has been relatively steady over the past few years (2020 - \$145 million, 2021 - \$160 million, 2022 - \$179 million). The increase in the levy due to new construction is estimated between \$92,000 and \$125,000.

Based on estimates, and using the new construction figure shown above, the 3 options presented would generate the following capped tax levy:

- Option #1** – Taking both CPI and new construction, the District would receive \$400,343 from CPI and an estimated \$92,000 - \$125,000 from new construction, for increased funding between \$492,343 and \$525,343.
- Option #2** – Taking solely new CPI, the District would receive \$400,343.

- Option #3** – Taking solely new construction, the District would receive increased funding between \$92,000 and \$125,000.

CFO Petschke stated that the direction recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee was option #1, to move forward with taking both the CPI and new construction. Petschke presented the revenues and expenses included in the agenda packet. He noted that one of the biggest contributing factors to the surplus in the general fund was due to wages. He discussed the effects of the Early Retirement Incentive (ERI), although the District spent 90% budgeted for the fiscal year, the ERI savings and staff turnover caused the fluctuation. Petschke stated that the District's salary expenditures are expected to normalize next fiscal year. Petschke explained that the District would hold a truth in taxation hearing according to state statute for reaching 5%.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Davoust asked about the three options presented. He noted that the increase for option #1 is \$1.82. He felt it was important to keep the perspective clear of what the burden is to the individual taxpayers, noting that the increase being asked was \$1.82. Brief conversation occurred regarding the different options presented.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (21- 2)
MOVER:	Dale Berman
SECONDER:	Cheryl Strathmann
AYE:	Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams
NAY:	Gary Daugherty, David Young
ABSENT:	Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3046 Resolution Authorizing a 1-Year Extension to the Historical Structures Operating and Caretaking Agreement with the Preservation Partners of Fox Valley

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the 1-year extension agreement. He noted the increase in the stipend and spoke briefly on the operations of the Fabyan Villa, the Durant house and the Scholes School. The goal would be to include the Fabyan windmill at the next agreement renewal.

Preservation Partners has been managing the Fabyan Villa Museum at Fabyan Forest Preserve, and the Durant-Peterson House at Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve since the mid 1990's. On October 25, 2017, the Pioneer Sholes Restoration Society was dissolved, and the operations, income and artifacts transferred to Preservation Partners. The Historic Structures Operating and Caretaking Agreement with Preservation Partners expired on July 31, 2023. A 1-year extension is proposed for the current agreement in order to revisit future management of the Japanese Garden and Fabyan Windmill. Preservation Partners provides exclusive exhibits management, staffing, tours, program coordination and marketing for the Fabyan Villa, the Durant-Peterson House, and Scholes School. Additionally, Preservation Partners coordinates programming and tours of the Fabyan Japanese Garden.

The District owns all of the land and structures and is responsible for the expense and coordination of maintenance/repairs and utilities for the buildings as well as grounds/landscape maintenance. All rentals of the Japanese Garden are booked through the District. The new contract will increase payments to Preservation Partners from a previous annual amount of \$78,000 to a new annual sum of \$95,000 for their services with \$68,000 allocated to the operation of the Fabyan Villa and Japanese Garden and \$27,000 allocated for the operation of

the Durant-Peterson House and the Sholes School. The agreement term is 1 year, ending August 31, 2024. The District's legal counsel and risk management provider (PDRMA) have reviewed the agreement.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Deborah Allan
SECONDER: Michael Linder
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3047 Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Vehicle for Use by the Natural Resource Management Department

NRM. Dir. Chess presented the purchase of a vehicle for the Natural Resource Management department. He noted that the expense has been budgeted.

The Natural Resource Management department currently utilizes seven vehicles for the twelve staff members within the department. The number of staff recently increased with the addition of two new positions created through the District's early retirement incentive (ERI) program savings. One of the newly created positions is a plant technician. The plant technician works primarily in the field moving between preserves as they harvest native seed, monitor rare plant populations, conduct vegetation monitoring, and sow seed/plant plugs. This constant fieldwork necessitates the addition of a vehicle designated for her duties. The addition of an F-250 crew cab is ideal for this position.

The larger seating capacity would allow seasonals/volunteers to ride in the truck at various seed harvesting events. The slightly larger size would also allow for the towing of utility trailers with a trail vehicle. This would provide easier access to all areas of the preserves as well as serving the department well during burn season when all trail vehicles are in use. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) recently bid out a contract for the purchasing of Ford F-250s with the lowest qualified bid coming from Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois. The SPC is a joint purchasing program that represents 144 municipalities and townships in northeastern Illinois. All public agencies as defined by the Illinois Governmental Joint Purchasing Act are eligible to participate in SPC joint purchasing programs. Under the SPC contract #221, a Ford F-250 XL 4x4 crew cab with an 8-foot bed, along with several desired options, would cost \$52,915.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Dale Berman
SECONDER: Michelle Gumz
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3048 Resolution Approving the Forest Preserve District’s Holiday Schedule for 2024

HR Director Clough presented the Holiday Schedule for 2024, noting that 2024 is election year and that day would be observed as done in the past.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Mavis Bates
SECONDER: Bill Lenert
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

IX. Planning and Utilization

FP-R-23-10-3049 Resolution Approving a Change Order with V3 Companies, LTD for Professional Services to Develop Engineering Plans for the Jon J. Duerr Forest Preserve Improvements

COP Rooks-Lopez presented the change order regarding the boat launch. She noted this will have an additional rendering of engineering, noting sufficient funds are available.

The District was awarded an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) for improvements to the Jon Duerr Forest Preserve. This project will renovate the existing prairie, parking lots, shelters, restrooms and realign a section of the Riverbend regional trail as well as replace the existing boat launch with a new ADA compliant boat launch. The original design intent for the ADA compliant boat launch anticipated a floating dock structure in the Fox River. After completion of preliminary engineering it was determined, the floating dock option would be inadequate to sustain ADA compliance, and meet the demand of the flows and changing water levels of the Fox River. Staff worked closely with V3 consultants to design a boat launch that will meet both the intended ADA access requirements as well as the challenges of the Fox River.

This new solution requires additional structural engineering services not anticipated in the original contract. To cover the adjusted scope, V3Companies Ltd. has submitted a change order to secure structural engineering services for the new design at a cost not to exceed \$20,400. An insufficient design contingency of \$10,900 was set aside to cover unanticipated additional costs associated with design and engineering. An additional \$9,500 is required to complete the Change Order and secure the required structural engineering and permitting. Funds totaling \$1,300,000 were budgeted in FY22/23 for the Jon Duerr redevelopment project. Sufficient funds of \$1,037,417 are available. The Board already approved a contingency of \$10,900 for this project; therefore, this change order of \$20,400 will increase the project’s budget by \$9,500.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Michael Kenyon
SECONDER: Cheryl Strathmann
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3050 Resolution Approving Bids for Herbicide Control of Woody Resprouts at Various Preserves

NRM. Dir. Chess presented the bid for the herbicide control of the invasive species at various preserves. He explained the different companies that bid and were awarded and the difference in the budgeted projects.

In the face of modern fire suppression and landscape fragmentation, invasive species represent a massive threat to woodland biodiversity. Invasive plant species come in many varieties, but two main distinctions land managers make to categorize management are herbaceous (herb-like, for example: garlic mustard and wild chervil) or woody (a plant that produces wood for structure; shrubs and trees, in essence: buckthorn and honeysuckle). District staff and contractors annually clear dozens of acres. These clearing projects remove large portions of non-native and invasive woody vegetation from degraded woodlands. The removal of mid- and over-story individuals from a woodland opens the forest floor to sunlight. The sunlight equally favors both beneficial species and invasive non-natives. The contracted work detailed below will target invasive woody species for chemical spot control. Through this process, we will promote desirable plants and restore both the structure and function of the woods. Successive years of effort will reduce the effort and cost needed to maintain these areas in perpetuity. The District publicly advertised the bid and received two responses. Staff recommends the Committee approve the bids for herbicide weed management to be conducted at portions of four forest preserves. The qualified lowest bid was Woods to Wetlands, LLC of Streamwood, Illinois, for a contract cost of \$30,274 for Project 1 and Project 2; and Integrated Lakes Management of Waukegan, Illinois, for a contract cost of \$170,825 for Project 3 and Project 4, for a combined total project cost of \$201,099.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Michael Kenyon

SECONDER: Bill Lenert

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young

ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3051 Resolution Approving a Bid for the Construction of an Electric Fence at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve

NRM. Dir. Chess presented the bid for the construction of the electric fence for the return of Bison in the Burlington Prairie. He noted the fence would be solar powered and recommendations from current bison farmers stated that a 6ft fence option would be sufficient. Dir. Chess explained that the lowest bid was higher than budgeted for; however, funds are available from the Hughes Creek Golf Course project and would be allocated to cover costs. Additionally, the District was awarded a grant from the Grand Victoria Riverboat.

Conservation efforts to preserve the North American bison have been wildly successful in the west, and more recently, conservation agencies within Illinois have started to reintroduce bison herds within their properties. The District is faced with the opportunity to bring bison back to a restored prairie at Burlington Prairie Forest Preserve, aided by the acquisition of a \$90,100 grant from the Kane County Grand Victoria Riverboat fund to help construct the pasture fence. The first step in the reintroduction process is to construct a fence around the future pasture. Specifications were created for the installation of both a 6-foot tall and an 8-foot tall woven wire fence. The fence would also contain three hot wires powered by solar panels as an additional

deterrent to keep the bison contained. Discussions with current bison ranchers indicate that a 6-foot fence will be sufficient for containment and that the 8 foot height is not a necessary addition. The District advertised and sent bids to 8 vendors, with 1 responding. The lowest qualified bid was received from Farm Way Fencing, LLC of Kingston, Illinois for \$144,859.76. **DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Daugherty asked about the increase in price noting it was 50% over the original amount. Exec. Dir. Haberthur explained that the original quote of \$90,000 that was drafted did not include the prevailing wage cost, noting that staff believed it was under an Agriculture exemption. Council corrected this and the amount reflects the inclusion of prevailing wage cost.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER: Michael Kenyon
SECONDER: Mavis Bates
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

X. Executive

FP-R-23-10-3052 Resolution Ratifying Letter of Support for a 12-Year Extension Request for the East State Street TIF District

ED Haberthur presented the ratification of the letter of support requested by the City of Geneva. The letter of support is for a 12-year extension of the East State Street TIF District for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the City of Geneva for the roadway reconstruction project scheduled for fall 2024. Funds totaling \$4,469 per year would be redirected to the infrastructure project per year for 12 years. This amount would estimate to be just under \$54,000.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (17-6)
MOVER: Dale Berman
SECONDER: Anita Lewis
AYE: Deborah Allan, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Anita Lewis, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, and David Young
NAYS Mavis Bates, Leslie Juby, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Clifford Surges, Rick Williams
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3053 Resolution to Purchase a Parcel Approximately 294.831 Acres in Rutland Township

ED Haberthur presented the resolution to purchase a parcel in the Rutland Township, noting this parcel has a significant amount of waterfowl. This includes an estimated 5-6 acre area that has never been plowed. Ed Haberthur noted there were 100-year-old oaks on the property and staff felt this to be a “turnkey” forest preserve. The District needs concurrence from the Municipality to finalize the purchase of the parcel due to the boundaries. The vote today is contingent to the Village of Huntley’s concurrence. This purchase represents the largest purchase within the 2017 referendum.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Surges stated that the Village of Huntley has spent a large amount of time and effort to develop this intersection and felt that taking 25% away for a forest preserve would need support from the village before voting on this. ED Haberthur explained that the District has met with the Village to come to a plan and modified the plans to allow access to the property and allow a commercial portion to be developed. Commissioner Surges asked about the urgency. ED Haberthur stated that the wishes of the seller is to have one closing, therefore the District and the co-buyer would close on the same date if this could be approved. Attorney Hodge clarified that the Village of Huntley requested the District to provide a resolution first in order to provide concurrence. The District would provide the resolution of commitment in order to move forward. Chair Sanchez explained that during the land acquisition meetings, there have been various discussions to comply with Huntley's wishes and to come to an agreement.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Clifford Surges
SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

FP-R-23-10-3054 Resolution to Purchase a Parcel Approximately 22.66 Acres in Blackberry Township

ED Haberthur presented the resolution to purchase a parcel in Blackberry Township. He noted that the purchased was realized by the inclusion of an anonymous donor.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Rick Williams
SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

XI. New Business

FP-R-23-09-3043 Resolution Approving Recommendations to Take Final Action on the Mill Creek Forest Preserve Barn Structure

ED Haberthur presented the resolution for final action on the Mill Creek Forest Preserve Barn structure.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Bates requested an amendment to strike the 4th whereas to authorize Kane county to seek funds for the preservation and restoration of the Mill Creek Barn.

There was a motion by Bates, Second by Strathmann.

ED Haberthur clarified that the language in question would need to be updated to remove the deadline. Attorney Hodge requested clarification as the language included was to seek third party funding. Commissioner Berman noted that the way this resolution reads is to make staff seek funding. Commissioner Ford felt that staff always seeks funds.

Commissioner Tepe explained that this item was discussed extensively at committee level; the current matter is the safety concern that surrounds this barn. If the resolution is delayed, then we cannot move ahead with addressing the key issues. The objections were handled. Commissioner Williams spoke in favor for voting no and discussing the barn at committee level again.

Commissioner Bates withdrew her motion to amend, Strathmann withdrew her second. Commissioner Daugherty commented that the Board entertained speakers that were enthusiastic to take on the opportunity to seek funding. He noted that staff has spent time preparing and presenting the item in committee and the resolution provides a deadline. Kane County does not want to invest in this building; there are speakers that are interested in vesting. Commissioner Bates stated that the point of the speakers were to allow a longer period. Commissioner Ford noted that federal funding deadline. ED Haberthur stated that is where the deadline came from. Staff could utilize grant funding to clean the area of the barn. President Kious read the resolution aloud, called the vote.

RESULT: **FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE (16-7)**
MOVER: Michelle Gumz
SECONDER: Monica Silva
AYE: Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Vern Tepe
NAYS: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

XII. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel

The committee moved in to closed session to Discuss Personnel at 10:29 AM.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Ron Ford
SECONDER: Dale Berman
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

The committee returned to open session on a motion by Gumz, second by Lenert at 10:36 AM. Roll call vote, unanimous.

XIII. Communications

Community Affairs Dir. Metanchuk shared photos of the more recent events. There was an estimated 500 lbs. of garbage take out of the Fox River during the Fox River Clean up Days event.

XIV. President's Comments

None.

XV. Department Reports

RESULT: **ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE**
MOVER: Dale Berman
SECONDER: Bill Roth
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,
Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael
Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder,
Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl
Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick
Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Mike Kenyon
SECONDER: Mark Davoust
AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Gary Daugherty,
Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Michael
Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder,
Myrna Molina, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Monica Silva, Cherryl
Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick
Williams and David Young
ABSENT: Mo Iqbal

Chris Kious, Chairman
Forest Preserve District Commission
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

Gabriella Figliozzi
Recording Secretary

Myrna Molina
Board Secretary