



1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320
Geneva, IL 60134

Forest Preserve District Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem Mavis Bates, Treasurer Bill Lenert,
Secretary Myrna Molina, Dale Berman, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl
Strathmann, Vern Tepe

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30 AM

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I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Executive Committee meeting was held Thursday, January 4, 2024. President Kious called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. Quorum was not met due to insufficient in person attendance; the meeting was held as discussion only.

PRESENT	President Forest Preserve District Chris Kious Commissioner Dale Berman Commissioner Michael Kenyon Commissioner Vern Tepe
REMOTE	Secretary Forest Preserve District Myrna Molina Commissioner Mavis Bates Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann Commissioner Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT	Commissioner Anita Lewis

Also Present: Commissioners Allan (Remote), Juby (Remote), Roth; Exec. Dir. Haberthur; Chief of Plan. & Land Mgmt. Rooks Lopez; Dir. of NRM Chess and staff Dainko; CFO Petschke & staff Carrano, Marano; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk & staff Kovach, Swanson; HR staff Misner; Chief of Police & Dir. of Public Safety Burger; Admin. Specialist Rafferty; Attorney Hodge and members of the public including the Girl Scout Troop 1177 of Sugar Grove.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2023

Minutes were deferred to next month due to lack of in person quorum.

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

Scout Leader Alisa Liu and members Emerald, Amy, and Kaitlin of the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Troop 1177 from Sugar Grove, Illinois, spoke highly of the Forest Preserve District. Each member spoke individually, expressing appreciation for the events the District provides, such as the recent Orb Hunt. They offered several suggestions of additional events that could be offered, to promote the District's hundredth anniversary to be held in 2025, including: illumination lights display during winter months to be seen from the road, augmented reality smart device application that visitors could use while visiting the preserves.

IV. Presentation and Approval of Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem from December 2023

Bills and Commissioner Per Diem is to be placed on the Full Commission Agenda packet for approval.

V. New or Unfinished Business

None.

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

None.

VII. Communications

NRM Wildlife Tech. Dainko provided a presentation titled "Changes in Bird Demographics with Wetland Reintroduction," a highlight of the increased bird population at Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve after the wetland mitigation construction began.

Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk provided information about recent events: New Year's Gratitude Hike held at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve on January 1, 2024; a photo series posted on Facebook called "Pets of FPDKC," highlighting photos of staff's pets, which ran December 22, 2023 through January 1, 2024; and information about the 2023/24 Winter Photo Contest, where the public can submit winter photos on Facebook of local flora and fauna seen throughout the preserves, and have a chance to win prizes.

VIII. President's Comments

President Kious reminded attendees beginning January 2024; the Full Commission meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month, has changed times from 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

IX. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be included in the Full Commission Agenda packet for approval.

- A. Bond Investment Analysis Report through November 2023*
- B. Cash & Investment Report though November 2023*
- C. Income Statement through November 2023*

X. Adjournment

Discussions concluded at 9:30AM.

Christopher Kious, President
Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary