



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

Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025

8:30 AM

County Board Room

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Full Commission meeting was held Monday, November 10th, 2025, at the Kane County Government Center located at 719 S. Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134. President Lenert called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Remote Attendance Approval

Commissioners Allan, Daugherty, Molina, Surges, Williams

II. Roll Call

PRESENT:

President Forest Preserve District Bill Lenert
Secretary Forest Preserve District Mo Iqbal
Commissioner Deborah Allan (In person at 8:48AM)
Commissioner Alex Arroyo (In person at 8:48AM)
Commissioner Mavis Bates
Commissioner Sonia Garcia
Commissioner Jon Gripe
Commissioner Michelle Gumz
Commissioner Leslie Juby
Commissioner Chris Kious
Commissioner Anita Lewis (In person at 8:34AM)
Commissioner Michael Linder
Commissioner Ted Penesis
Commissioner Bill Roth
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann
Commissioner Bill Tarver
Commissioner Vern Tepe (In person at 8:46AM)

REMOTE:

Commissioner Gary Daugherty (Remote at 8:45AM)
Commissioner Myrna Molina
Commissioner Clifford Surges
Commissioner Rick Williams

ABSENT:

Commissioner David Young

Also Present: Exec. Dir. Haberthur, Dir. of Finance Petschke; Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez; HR Dir Clough; NRM Dir. Chess; Ops. Dir. Jensen & staff Boshears, Perez, Ormond, Tosto; Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk & Staff Swanson; Chief of Police Burger; Attorney Price; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi, KCIT staff Peters and members of the public.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

President Lenert asked Commissioner Gripe to lead the pledge.

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

None.

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes from October 14, 2025

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Chris Kious

AYE: Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Gary Daugherty, Anita Lewis, Vern Tepe, David Young

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem from October 2025 (Commissioner Lewis arrived at 8:34AM)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Ted Penesis

SECONDER: Jon Gripe

AYE: Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Gary Daugherty, Vern Tepe, David Young

VII. Finance and Administration

FP-R-25-11-3191 Resolution Approving the Restatement of the District's Cafeteria 125 Plan Document

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Cheryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Gary Daugherty, Vern Tepe, David Young

FP-O-25-11-0619 An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on the Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B, of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Kane County, Illinois.

The District of Kane County, Illinois by ordinance adopted on the 10th day of November 2015, did provide for the issue of \$5,860,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B (the "Bonds"), and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds. The District has irrevocably deposited Pledged Revenues or other available funds in the Bond Fund (as each is defined in the Bond Ordinance) sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds on June 15, 2026 and December 15, 2026. It is necessary and in the best interests of the District that the tax heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay such debt service on the Bonds be abated.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Mavis Bates, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams
ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Gary Daugherty, Vern Tepe, David Young

FP-O-25-11-0620 An Ordinance Abating a Portion of the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025, of the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois.

(Commissioner Daugherty arrived via remote at 8:45AM, Commissioner Tepe arrived in person at 8:46AM)

The District of Kane County, Illinois by an ordinance adopted on the 8th day of July, 2025 (as supplemented by a notification of sale, the "Bond Ordinance"), did provide for the issue of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), and for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds (the "Taxes"). on the 31st day of July, 2025, a duly certified copy of the Bond Ordinance was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Kane County, Illinois (the "County Clerk") the Bonds were issued on August 5, 2025 (the "Closing Date"). The aggregate debt service due on the Bonds on June 15, 2026, and December 15, 2026 (the "Levy Year 2025 Debt Service"), which debt service will be paid from Taxes levied for levy year 2025, is \$3,194,527.78.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Bill Tarver
SECONDER: Bill Roth
AYE: Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams
ABSTAIN: Vern Tepe
ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, David Young

FP-O-25-11-0621 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 A.D. 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 for the General Fund

Dir. of Finance Petschke presented the levy of taxes for fiscal year 2026-2027.

That there is required to be raised by taxation and that there is levied upon all taxable property within the territorial limits of said Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the total sum of \$10,916,439.00.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Jarett Sanchez
SECONDER: Bill Tarver
AYE: Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, David Young

(Commissioners Allan and Arroyo arrived in person at 8:48AM)

FP-O-25-11-0622 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 A.D. 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

That there is required to be raised by taxation and that there is levied upon all taxable property within the territorial limits of said Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the total sum of \$200,000.00.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

FP-O-25-11-0623 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 A.D. 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 for the Insurance Liability Fund

That there is required to be raised by taxation and that there is levied upon all taxable property within the territorial limits of said Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the total sum of \$200,000.00.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Gripe asked about the language in the title that included the "A.D." Attorney Price responded that the District follows what has been provided by Bond Council, noting that this is the terminology that is used.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

FP-O-25-11-0624 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners for the Forest preserve District of Kane County, Illinois for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 A.D. 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 for the Construction & Development Fund

That there is required to be raised by taxation and that there is levied upon all taxable property within the territorial limits of said Forest Preserve District of Kane County,

Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the total sum of \$4,500,000.00.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Sonia Garcia

SECONDER: Jon Gripe

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

FP-O-25-11-0625 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1 A.D. 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027 for the Social Security Fund

That there is required to be raised by taxation and that there is levied upon all taxable property within the territorial limits of said Forest Preserve District of Kane County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, the total sum of \$200,000.00.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Jarett Sanchez

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

VIII. Land Acquisition

FP-R-25-11-3192 Resolution Amending and Renewing a License Agreement with T-Mobile Central LLC. at Buffalo Park Forest Preserve

President Lenert presented the license agreement renewal with T-Mobile. In 2011 the District entered into a License Agreement with T-Mobile LLC to utilize the existing drive at Buffalo Forest Preserve to access to their cell tower located on Village of Algonquin Property. The initial agreement, currently set to expire in November 2026, pays the Forest Preserve District \$3,000 annual for tower access. The amended agreement is scheduled to terminate November 30, 2041. The agreement provides for review every five years and T-Mobile is responsible for any damage and repairs to the road caused by their usage. In 2018, the District entered into a similar twenty (20) year agreement with Verizon to access the same cell tower for an annual fee of \$3,000.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford

ABSENT: Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams
David Young

IX. Planning and Utilization

FP-R-25-11-3193 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to a Use and Licensee Agreement with Dundee Township for the Use of the Barn at the Schweitzer Forest Preserve

President Lenert presented the resolution amending the license agreement with Dundee Township. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County Board last approved Dundee Township's request to use the barn at the Schweitzer Forest Preserve for a satellite maintenance facility on May 8, 2007. This proposed agreement renewal would continue the existing partnership between the District and Dundee Township.

The renewal terms of the license agreement are as follows:

- A 15-year term, extending the license through May 31, 2040.
- Agreement includes allowance for automatic renewal for an additional 5-year term, unless either party provides a cancellation notice by December 1st of the year immediately preceding the end of the Renewal Term.

The remaining terms of the agreement are unchanged. Important terms of the original agreement include:

- Township shall pay District \$1.00 annually to utilize the building.
- Township shall be responsible for all costs associated with improving, operating, and maintaining the structure.
- Township shall hold the District harmless for any injuries or property damage that occurs from their use of the structure.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Allan expressed her appreciation of the District's continued efforts to save and care for barns in the county. President Lenert noted that Dundee Township cares for and handles the maintenance expenses as well.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Chris Kious

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

There was a short recess due to an unexpected power shortage. There was a motion made by Sanchez, second by Juby at 9:00AM. Unanimous Voice Vote. The committee regained power and called the meeting back to order at 9:07AM, motion by Sanchez, second by Juby, voice vote.

FP-R-25-11-3194 Resolution Approving Bids for Herbicide Control of Woody Resprouts at Various Preserves

NRM Dir. Chess presented the resolution for the herbicide control bid. In the face of modern fire suppression and landscape fragmentation, invasive species represent a massive threat to 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, contractors, and volunteers annually clear dozens of acres of invasive woody

growth from the preserves. 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 and it is common to see seedlings of invasive species thrive in these conditions. 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 a bid for control of woody re-sprouts across eight preserves split between nine projects and received seven responses. The qualified, lowest bid for each of the projects are as follows:

- Project 1** – Big Rock Forest Preserve – (50.1 acres): Bid of \$32,715.30 by Davey Resource Group Inc.
- Project 2** – Bliss Woods Forest Preserve – (56.4 acres): Bid of \$30,738 by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC
- Project 3** – Bowes Creek Greenway Forest Preserve – (4.7 acres): Bid of \$3,070.98 by Bluestem Ecological Solutions
- Project 4** – Burnidge Forest Preserve – (24 acres): Bid of \$13,394.88 by Woods to Wetlands
- Project 5** – Dick Young Forest Preserve – (94.6 acres): Bid of \$24,886.11 by Pizzo and Associates, Ltd.
- Project 6** – Grunwald Forest Preserve – (32.7 acres): Bid of \$17,942.49 by Woods to Wetlands
- Project 7** – Hampshire Forest Preserve – (76.1 acres): Bid of \$36,375.80 by Tallgrass Restoration, LLC
- Project 8** – Settler’s Hill Golf Course – (18 acres): Bid of \$8,989.20 by Woods to Wetlands
- Project 9** – Big Rock Forest Preserve – (43.4 acres): Bid of \$25,041.80 by Davey Resource Group Inc.

***DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Gripe commented on the importance of the weed control for the native species. He requested to communicate to the public the reasons why the mitigation is necessary and explain which invasive species should be avoided to minimize the spread. Exec. Dir. Haberthur responded that the District holds classes that teach and show what the invasive species are and how best to mitigate at home, additionally what natives are best for plantings. The District will continue to inform the public.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Ted Penesis
SECONDER: Cheryl Strathmann
AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams
ABSENT: David Young

FP-R-25-11-3195 Resolution Approving a Contract with Wight and Company for Professional Design Services for an Urban Ecology Field Station at Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve

Dir. of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the resolution for professional design services, noting the District would be prepared to apply for a PARC grant once released. The previous PARC grant was a 75%/25% reimbursement match

with a max of \$2.8M. The proposed urban ecology field station was included as a key project for the 2024 Land Acquisition & Preserve Improvement Referendum. It includes the construction of a nature center in Aurora. Patron data suggests that school groups, community groups and the general public in Kane County's urban centers, especially Aurora, need a nearby nature center that has programs, educational exhibits, and outdoor infrastructure relevant to their unique urban ecology. Arlene Shoemaker Forest Preserve is situated within the heart of Aurora, with connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods and walking trails to a nearby elementary school. In addition, the Illinois Prairie Path Aurora Spur runs along the northern boundary of the Preserve. An urban nature center here will allow the District to better reach under-served communities, at-risk youth, and low-income families that reside and attend school in Aurora. In addition, the urban ecology focus will fully support the District's mission.

The District plans to seek funding assistance from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Park and Recreation Facility Construction Grant (PARC) which, if awarded, could reimburse 75% of the project cost up to \$2,800,000. A successful PARC grant application will require a site plan as well as preliminary facility design and costs for the Urban Ecology Field Station. To help with the design, permitting and grant preparation for this unique project, the District utilized a request for qualifications process to select a consultant. Twelve firms responded; Wight & Company was selected. A scope of work was developed and a total fee of \$50,000 was established. Additionally, \$5,000 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any unanticipated additional costs that may arise during design, for a total contract price not to exceed \$55,000.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Deborah Allan

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

X. Executive

FP-R-25-11-3196 Resolution Authorizing the Delegate(s) to Vote on Matters Presented During the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) Annual Business Meeting Held on January 31, 2026

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the resolution to authorize delegates to vote at the annual IAPD Business meeting. The District is a member in good standing with the Illinois Association of Park Districts. The District shall attend the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference at the Chicago Regency Hotel on January 29-31, 2026. Each member district shall be entitled to be represented at all Association meetings and conferences by a delegate or delegates. Delegates of the Association meetings or conference may include members of the governing boards of member districts, the Secretary, Attorney, Treasurer, Director, or any paid employee of the member district. Each delegate shall present proper credentials consisting of a certificate by the Secretary of the member district said delegate or delegates represent, with seal of office affixed, showing that the governing board at a special or regular meeting authorized said delegate or delegates to represent said member district. On all questions each member district represented shall have one vote which shall be the majority expression of the delegation from that member district." No member district shall be entitled to vote by proxy and only delegates of member district shall cast a ballot for that member district."

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Jarett Sanchez

SECONDER: Deborah Allan

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

DOC-2025-28 Presentation and Approval of the Forest Preserve District's 2026 Committee Meeting Schedule

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the annual committee meeting schedule for approval.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jon Gripe

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

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

None.

XII. New or Unfinished Business

Commissioner Bates requested that the District implement a Consent Agenda portion to the Full Commission Agenda. Attorney Price responded that the District could implement if the Board so desired. President Lenert responded that it would be considered.

XIII. Communications

Community Engagement Dir. Metanchuk reported that the District has begun prescribed burn season. Press releases and post cards were sent out. She stated that the Winter Treeline edition has been released. Additionally, the Commissioners were invited to join the District's employee recognition event on Friday, December 5, 2025.

XIV. President's Comments

None.

XV. Presentations

2025 Best of the Best Awards Presented by the Illinois Association of Park Districts

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented an award the District received on behalf of the IAPD Best of the Best annual Gala in recognition of celebrating the 100-year anniversary. Additionally, the District received a "Best Friends of the Parks" award and presented it to Fister Inc. of Batavia. The District's Volunteer Coordinator, Robb Cleave presented the award and recognized a great neighbor and friend of the District, George Fister. George and Carol Fister have provided the District with buckets for various events such as cleanups of the Fox River and seed collection. The small size of the buckets allows everyone to participate and control the weight for our volunteers. The donation of the buckets has become a huge benefit for the District. Mr. Fister stated that this was a win for his company as well. They were able to repurpose the buckets helping the environment and the District.

Lastly, President Lenert thanked Myrna Molina for her 15 years of service as a Forest Preserve District Commissioner.

Honoring District Veterans

President Lenert recognized the District's veterans in honor of Veteran's Day. The Full Commission meeting was held on Monday due to the Holiday falling on the regularly scheduled Tuesday.

XVI. Department Reports

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Jubby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:31AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Jarett Sanchez

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Jubby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams

ABSENT: David Young

Bill Lenert, President
Forest Preserve District Commission
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

Gabriella Figliozzi
Recording Secretary

Mohammad Iqbal
Board Secretary