



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

### COMMISSION MINUTES

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#### I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Commission meeting was held Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM at Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by President Chris Kious at 9:00 AM. Remote=\*

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

*President Kious asked Ben Katzen, who is retiring from the District to lead the pledge. Ben has been with the District for 23 years.*

#### III. Roll Call

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| President Chris Kious          | Present                        |
| Commissioner Deborah Allan     | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Mavis Bates       | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Dale Berman       | Present                        |
| Commissioner David Brown       | Present                        |
| Commissioner Mark Davoust      | Present                        |
| Commissioner Ron Ford          | Present                        |
| Commissioner Drew Frasz        | Present                        |
| Commissioner Michael Kenyon    | Present                        |
| Commissioner Bill Lenert       | Present                        |
| Commissioner John Martin       | Present                        |
| Commissioner Jarett Sanchez    | Present                        |
| Commissioner Cheryl Strathmann | Present                        |
| Commissioner Clifford Surges   | Present                        |
| Commissioner Vern Tepe         | Present                        |
| Commissioner Barbara Wojnicki  | Present                        |
| Commissioner Todd Wallace      | Present                        |
| Commissioner Michelle Gumz     | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Mo Iqbal          | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Myrna Molina      | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Kenneth Shepro    | Present*(via remote @ 9:03 AM) |
| Commissioner Monica Silva      | Present*                       |
| Commissioner Anita Lewis       | Present (In person @ 9:04 AM)  |
| Commissioner Tom Koppie        | Absent                         |

**Others Present:** Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish & staff Petschke; Attorney Hodge; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk & staff; HR Dir. Sarro & staff Cleave; Chief of Planning Rooks-Lopez; Chief of Police and Public

Safety Dir. Burger; Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; NRM staff Chess; KCIT Peters; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi and members of the public including Batavia Mayor Schielke.

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

None.

**V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2022**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Mark Davoust, Commissioner  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Dale Berman, Commissioner   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie  |

**VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem for September 2022**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Drew Frasz, Commissioner  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Deborah Allan, Commissioner   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie  |

**VII. Presentations:**

**FP-R-22-10-2971 Resolution of Commendation for Benjamin Katzen**

*Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the resolution of commendation for Ben Katzen, congratulating him for his 23 years of service. Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk thanked Ben for his dedication and wished him well on his retirement. Environmental Education Manager McKittrick spoke highly of Ben Katzen and the staff.*

**DISCUSSION:** *President Kious thanked Ben for his dedication and years of service to the District, specifically as an environmental educator.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Kenyon, Commissioner  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie  |

**VIII. Administration**

**FP-R-22-10-2972 Resolution Approving the 2023 Holiday Calendar**

*Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the 2023 holiday schedule.*

**DISCUSSION:** *None.*

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Dale Berman, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**FP-R-22-10-2973 Resolution Approving the Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Disposal**

*Chief of Finance Stanish presented the surplus vehicle and equipment disposal. In 2013, the District began using an online auction house to dispose of surplus vehicles and equipment, with good results. Staff views this process as instrumental in obtaining the best results and numerous bids. Attached is a list of vehicles and equipment that staff requests approval to declare as surplus, for disposal through an online auction service. All proceeds from the auction go into the General Fund under Sale of Material. In calendar year 2021, the District received \$67,866.50 from the online sale of vehicles and equipment.*

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Drew Frasz, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Dale Berman, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**FP-R-22-10-2974 Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Estimated Budget for the Purpose of Establishing the 2022 Tax Levy**

*Interim Chief of Finance Petschke presented the resolution approving the 23/24 estimated budget for levy purposes. The actual budget will be constructed in December and will be presented in May 2023 for the June 30, 2023 deadline. This budget reflects the approval for both CPI and new construction increases.*

*Petschke explained, the District will hold a Truth in Taxation hearing prior to the Full Commission meeting.*

**DISCUSSION:** Brief conversation.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Dale Berman, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Mavis Bates, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**IX. Agreements**

**FP-R-22-10-2975 Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Region 5 Association of Snowmobile Clubs**

*Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the agreement renewal with the*

*Snowmobile Clubs Region 5.* Several preserves, including Burlington Prairie, Muirhead Springs, Hampshire and Bowes Creek Woods, along with a section of the Great Western Trail west of LaFox Road, are open to snowmobiling during winter, when conditions are appropriate. In 2011, the Forest Preserve District of Kane County established a Snowmobile Use Agreement with the Clubs of Region 5 Association of Snowmobile Clubs (Clubs) to permit the Clubs to mark, maintain and operate snowmobile trails within these preserves. Since 2011, the Clubs have been extremely helpful in maintaining these trails as well as patrolling snowmobile use areas. The Clubs also work very closely with local Public Safety departments to provide emergency rescue for motorists stranded during severe snowstorms. Many of the Clubs' members are active participants in the District's Volunteer Snowmobile Safety Patrol. The proposed renewal agreement has been updated to add Bowes Creek Woods Forest Preserve, as well as to extend the length of the term by five years: December 10, 2022 to March 15, 2027. The Use Agreement was reviewed by the District's legal counsel and PDRMA.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Bates expressed her concerns with snowmobiles, noting she is not in favor, however stated she was aware that the snowmobile clubs are nature conservative, they volunteer at the District and do a great job. Bates stated she would not be voting yes or no, rather abstain.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Kenyon, Commissioner   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michelle Gumz, Commissioner  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Mavis Bates  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie   |

## X. Bid and Proposals

### **FP-R-22-10-2976 Resolution Approving Bids for Tree and Brush Clearing at Portions of Burnidge, Grunwald Farms, Big Rock, and Hoscheit Woods Forest Preserves**

*NRM Manager Chess presented the bid for the tree and brush clearing.* The objectives of these projects are to remove non-native brush and small mesic trees in degraded oak woodlands, with an emphasis on bittersweet, and to greatly reduce their ability to reinvade the area via seed or re-sprouting. Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*) is a woody, perennial vine that grows as a climbing vine, up to 60 feet. As it climbs, the bittersweet overtakes native trees and shrubs, girdling trunks and branches. Dense vines weigh down tree canopies, leading to breakage. Other woody invasive species, such as Common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) and Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera spp.*), are some of the other primary threats to biodiversity in Kane County's forests. These species create a thick mid-story cover that prevents light from reaching native understory plants. They also grow very well in shade; oak saplings do not. This adaptation prevents the regeneration of native trees. Mechanical removal of these invasive species, combined with chemical follow-up, will help to restore the woods to a healthier condition. This, in turn, will provide better habitat quality for the entire suite of wildlife that these preserves support. In particular, the habitat value for birds is greatly enhanced with the removal of these invasive shrubs. Native insects don't feed on buckthorn, so their coverage decreases the concentration of caterpillars across the sites. Additionally, their plentiful berries are nutrient poor and cause a laxative effect that makes them a starvation food.

Contractors were sought to bid on clearing projects across four heavily infested forest preserves. Funds totaling \$100,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for tree-thinning projects at several preserves. Funds totaling \$100,000 are available in the Natural Resource Management Tree and Brush Thinning

Account to cover all of project 1 (\$52,450) and project 2 (\$24,750) as well as \$22,800 of project 3 for a total cost of \$100,000. Funds totaling \$140,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for weed management. Sufficient funds totaling \$102,187 are available in the Natural Resource Management Weed Management Account to cover the \$1,945 remaining on project 3. Funds totaling \$335,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for the Big Rock FP Bald Eagle and Wild Turkey Habitat project. Sufficient funds totaling \$335,000 are available in the Big Rock FP Bald Eagle and Wild Turkey Habitat project, Restoration Account, to cover projects 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 at a total cost of \$313,482.50. Funds totaling \$200,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2022/23 for the Hoscheit Woods Rusty Patch Bumblebee Habitat project. Sufficient funds totaling \$200,000 are available in the Hoscheit Woods Rusty Patch Bumblebee Habitat project, Restoration Account, to cover project 10 at a cost of \$33,000. This project is made possible by a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Grant which will reimburse the District 100% of funds spent following the completion of the project. Sufficient funds are not available to cover the cost of project 4 at \$24,745. Staff will address this area later, possibly in-house.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Kenyon, Commissioner   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Cherryl Strathmann, Commissioner   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie   |

**FP-R-22-10-2977                      Resolution Approving a Bid to Purchase a Utility Tractor for the Natural Resource Management Department**

*NRM Manager Chess presented the bid for the utility tractor.* In accordance with the 2022/23 fiscal year budget, staff is seeking approval for the replacement of a 2000 JD 6410 open station utility tractor. After 21 years of service, this utility tractor is in need of replacement. The 6410 was the first tractor purchased by the District capable of operating a 15-foot rotary mower. It has been used extensively since 2001. During the summer months, it is used to mechanically control sweet clover and Canada thistle populations throughout Kane County. It has also proven its worth in the construction of prescribed burn breaks, seeding new prairies, tree planting, and applying herbicides. It is one of NRM's most versatile and valuable pieces of equipment. The 6410's life expectancy has been extended beyond its original 15-year service life. We are fortunate not to have incurred major repair costs to this point. However, it has begun to show signs of its age from heavy use. The tractor has developed minor engine and hydraulic oil leaks in the last couple of years, and more recently has developed an electrical issue which is affecting the flashing lights/turn signals. The tractor sees extensive road travel around the county each year, and its warning lights are critical to its safe use on the roads. At the time of its purchase, the 6410 was a great improvement over other tractors in the District in terms of horsepower and engine-cooling capability. The 6410 could operate a large mower for hours in the hot, dusty prairie while other tractors would overheat frequently. This increased its productivity immensely. One thing that didn't improve was the work environment for the operator. They still had to deal with the elements; heat compounded by engine heat, cold, dust, pollen, insects, flying debris, noise and occasional precipitation. The replacement for the 6410 will include an enclosed cab to provide a more comfortable, safer work environment for the operator. Bids were sought from eight vendors for a John Deere Powertech 6120E Utility Tractor. The only bid submitted was received from Arends Hogan Walker LLC dba AHW LLC of Champaign, Illinois, for \$82,725.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Ron Ford, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Michael Kenyon, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**FP-R-22-10-2978 Resolution Approving a Bid to Purchase a 2023 299D3XE Compact Track Loader for the North Operations Division**

Chief of Planning and Land Management Rooks-Lopez presented the bid for the purchase of a compact track loader for the North Ops. Division. In accordance with the approved 2022/23 fiscal year budget, staff is seeking approval for the replacement of a 1994 Ford backhoe and a 2000 New Holland Tractor with a compact track loader. The new machine will be a Caterpillar 2023 299D3XE compact track loader with hi-flow hydraulics. The District currently owns several hydraulic implements with specific functions (power broom, power rake, trencher, grapple bucket) and can rent others, if necessary, to efficiently tackle projects. Additionally, replacing wheels with tracks will allow for better traction in muddy conditions, will do less damage to the ground and will compact the soil less than the wheeled machines. The new Caterpillar 99D3XE compact track loader will be procured through the joint-purchasing cooperative with Sourcewell, formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), from Altofer Cat of East Dundee, Illinois, in the amount of \$104,890. Funds totaling \$105,000 were budgeted in the 2022/23 fiscal year for the purchase of a track loader for North Operations division. Sufficient funds totaling \$151,500 are available in the North Operations Machinery & Equipment Account for this expense, totaling \$104,890.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Drew Frasz, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Dale Berman, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**XI. Land Acquisition**

**FP-R-22-10-2979 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Parcels Totaling Approximately 30.68 Acres Adjacent to Hampshire South Forest Preserve in Hampshire Township**

Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the purchase of two parcels in Hampshire Township totaling in approximately 30.68 acres.

**DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Shepro asked how many acres is the Hampshire South Forest Preserve, Meyers responded approximately 200 acres.

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**TO:** Forest Preserve District Commission  
**MOVER:** Mavis Bates, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Barbara Wojnicki, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**FP-R-22-10-2980 Resolution Approving the Purchase of a Parcel Approximately 100 Acres Adjacent to Hampshire South Forest Preserve in Hampshire Township**

*Exec. Dir. Meyers presented the purchase of a parcel in Hampshire Township for \$14,000 an acre for approximately 100 acers.*

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Lenert felt this property was a positive gain for the District. There was discussion regarding the remaining 2017 referendum balance. Commissioner Brown asked about funds received through the farmer program. Exec. Dir. Meyers responded that revenues go to the General Fund, however a portion is distributed to the Construction Development fund, the long term goal is to restore the land.*

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]  
**TO:** Forest Preserve District Commission  
**MOVER:** Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Cherryl Strathmann, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace  
**ABSENT:** Tom Koppie

**XII. New or Unfinished Business**

**FP-R-22-10-2981 Resolution Approving the Amended 2022 Holiday Calendar**

*President Kious presented a resolution for the amended 2022 holiday calendar to include Election Day, Tuesday November 8, 2022 for the District staff. Kious explained the item was presented at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting and was voted down. However, the item was requested to be discussed at the full commission level during the Executive Committee meeting. President Kious opened the floor for discussion.*

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Frasz stated he was under the impression it was a mandated holiday at County. He noted that for the District the Holiday was not mandated, therefore he was not in favor of the Holiday. Frasz stated that many opportunities to vote have been provided. Commissioner Kenyon stated that he felt staff needed to be treated fairly. Commissioner Lenert asked for clarification in the Committee structure regarding items presented at Full Commission. Attorney Hodge stated that the President of the Board has the right to bring any item to the Full Commission meeting, as the standing committees are advisory decisions. President Kious stated that for consistency, he wanted to provide an opportunity for the full board to discuss as a whole. Commissioner Sanchez stated that the District staff should have the same opportunity as the County for the Holiday. Attorney Hodge indicated that Election Day for 2022 was adopted as a state Holiday, at the discretion of municipal government. Brief conversation continued.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [14 TO 9]</b>   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Dale Berman, Commissioner  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Barbara Wojnicki |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | David Brown, Drew Frasz, Mo Iqbal, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Todd Wallace   |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie   |

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

*None.*

**XIV. Communications**

*Comm. Affairs Dir. Metanchuk reported on the Harvest of the Acorn Moon event, noting an estimated 400 people attended. Metanchuk provided an update on the Tallgrass Prairie Adventure Exhibit at Creek Bend Nature Center noting the exhibit would be opening soon. More information to follow.*

**XV. President's Comments**

*President Kious noted that Ben Katzen had been the first person who invited him to the monthly Senior Strolls, Kious was grateful for all of the knowledge and time put in, Ben will be greatly missed.*

**XVI. Department Reports for September 2022**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>   |
| <b>TO:</b>       | Forest Preserve District Commission  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bill Lenert, Commissioner  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Mark Davoust, Commissioner   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cherryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie   |



**XVII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.*

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>  |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Kenyon, Commissioner  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Todd Wallace, Commissioner  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Dale Berman, David Brown, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Michelle Gumz, Mo Iqbal, Michael Kenyon, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Kenneth C. Shepro, Monica Silva, Cheryl Strathmann, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe, Barbara Wojnicki, Todd Wallace |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Tom Koppie  |

Respectfully Submitted,

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

*Gabriella Figliozzi*

Gabriella Figliozzi,  
Recording Secretary

*Myrna Molina*

Myrna Molina  
Board Secretary