



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

Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:30 AM

County Board Room

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Full Commission meeting was held Tuesday, September 9, 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 Daugherty, Penesis, Sanchez

II. Roll Call

PRESENT:

President Forest Preserve District Bill Lenert
Secretary Forest Preserve District Mo Iqbal
Commissioner Deborah Allan
Commissioner Alex Arroyo (In person at 8:53AM)
Commissioner Mavis Bates
Commissioner Sonia Garcia
Commissioner Jon Gripe
Commissioner Michelle Gumz (In person at 8:40AM)
Commissioner Leslie Juby
Commissioner Chris Kious
Commissioner Michael Linder
Commissioner Myrna Molina
Commissioner Bill Roth
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann
Commissioner Bill Tarver
Commissioner Vern Tepe (Arrived in person at 8:56AM)
Commissioner Rick Williams
Commissioner David Young

REMOTE:

Commissioner Gary Daugherty
Commissioner Ted Penesis
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez

ABSENT:

Commissioner Dale Berman
Commissioner Anita Lewis
Commissioner Clifford Surges

Also Present: Exec. Dir. Haberthur, Dep. Dir. Monroe, Dir. of Finance Petschke; Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez & staff Tegge; HR Dir; NRM Dir. Chess; Ops. Dir. Jensen & Sparks; Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk & Staff Kovach; 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 Tarver to lead the pledge.

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

Resident of Kane County Ken Shepro, spoke in favor of the agenda item under New Business, the Resolution Affirming a letter of intent to purchase property in Blackberry Township, Campton Hills. Mr. Shepro commended all parties involved, noted that the property has had a long history

and applauded the efforts for uniting the entities of the township, village, and Garfield Farm.

V. Presentation and Approval of the Minutes of August 12, 2025

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MOVER: Chris Kious

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Alex Arroyo, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

VI. Presentation and Approval of the Bills and Commissioners' Per Diem of August 2025

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Jon Gripe

SECONDER: Cheryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Alex Arroyo, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

VII. Presentations

None.

VIII. Finance and Administration

FP-R-25-09-3176 Resolution Approving the Purchase of One 96" Toro 7500 Z Master for the Operations Department

Dir. of Operations Jensen presented the purchase of a mower. Funding was approved in the fiscal year 2025/26 budget for the replacement of mower #306, a 2008 Toro 4000D Groundskeeper with 2,561 hours. The Toro 4000D mowers were originally purchased in 2008-2009 as wide area finish mowers for North and South Operations. These machines are part of Toro's commercial line, specifically designed for golf course use. These specialized models have functioned well enough for staff to operate them until the end of their usable life, but a model change is recommended to better meet the District's needs at a reduced price point. The District purchased a Toro 7500 Z Master with a 96" cutting deck last year. This relatively new model from Toro is in use in the South Operations division and has proven durable, efficient, lighter, and easier to secure when trailering. The cost of a Toro 7500 Z Master is almost half that of a 4000D. The 96" Toro 7500 Z Master is available through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, with Ralph Helm Inc. of Elgin, Illinois, being an authorized dealer. The Sourcewell contract offers a 27% reduction off of MSRP, for a savings of \$12,299.58.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Young asked about the Sourcewell Co-op agreement and if the vendor would offer a lower price directly. Attorney Price explained the intergovernmental cooperative agreement with Sourcewell, noting that they are required to offer a public competitive bid. President Lenert explained that there have been concerns with utilizing a co-op rather than direct vendors in the past at the County level. Attorney Price explained that the intergovernmental co-op is required to meet the best and lowest price. In order to solicit with the vendor directly, the comparison in product would have to be the exact same. The governmental co-ops have to meet the bid standards across the board.*

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Mavis Bates

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon

Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young
ABSENT: Alex Arroyo, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

FP-R-25-09-3177 Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder Pickup Trucks for the Public Safety Department, One 2025 Ford F-450 Crew Cab Truck, and One 2025 Ford F-550 Extended Cab Dump Truck for the Natural Resources Department

The District's Fleet Supervisor Sparks presented the purchase of various trucks for the Public Safety department and the Natural Resource department. All four vehicles being presented are part of the District's replacement schedule. For Public Safety, the two Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 pickup trucks will replace squads #224 and #225. Squad #224 is a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe with 119,000 miles, and #225 is a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe with 149,000 miles. These vehicles provide daily patrols and security presence on District property, as well as provide emergency response to calls for service. The cost of one 2025 Ford F-150 Police Responder 4x4 pickup is \$48,940. Additionally, \$15,248 is being requested to outfit the trucks with needed emergency lighting, sirens, and protective controls, for a single unit cost of \$64,188, and a total cost for two vehicles of \$128,376, as presented. A 2025 Ford F-450 Crew Cab 4x4 will be replacing truck #66, a 2008 Ford F-450 with 64,000 miles assigned to Natural Resource Management (NRM). This truck is used to transport medium to heavy equipment, as well as staff and materials to properties throughout the County. It is being equipped with an aluminum flatbed and a 30,000-pound gooseneck ball, capable of safely using the District's current trailer inventory, as well as providing versatility to meet future demands. The cost of this vehicle is \$77,500. A 2025 Ford F-550 Extended Cab, 4x4 dump truck will be replacing truck #67, a 2012 Ford F-550 dump truck with 57,000 miles, also assigned to NRM. This vehicle serves as the only dump truck assigned to NRM and is responsible for transportation of heavy equipment, bulk material hauling needs, and is fitted with a temporary water tank to support prescribed burns. Total cost of the F-550 chassis and dump box is \$99,209. The two Ford F-150 Police Responder pickups, Ford F-450, and Ford F-550 are available through the State of Illinois Procurement Contract with Morrow Brothers Ford, Greenfield, Illinois, as the qualified, lowest bidder for each.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Jon Gripe

SECONDER: Rick Williams

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Alex Arroyo, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

FP-R-25-09-3178 Resolution Authorizing A One-Year Fuel Contract

Dir. of Finance Petschke presented the fuel contract. The District partnered with Kane County in July 2025 to be included on the joint fuel bid that included the City of Aurora, Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) and various other County departments. The results from the Kane County bid were: The bid was structured so that the base cost of the fuel is determined from the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS) low rack pricing on the date of the delivery, and the quoted per-gallon mark-up contained within the bid. Due to the District having smaller above ground tanks (500 – 1,500 gallons), the mark-up quoted by the vendors was higher as compared to the County, which takes full semi-loads per delivery. J.T. Barrier LLC had the

lowest mark-up fee rate for this contract on unleaded gasoline at \$0.115 and B5 biodiesel at \$0.125 per gallon, which is a reduction compared to the current rate of delivery of \$0.13 per gallon for both gasoline and B5 biodiesel.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Deborah Allan

SECONDER: Cheryl Strathmann

AYE: Deborah Allan, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Mo Iqbal, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Alex Arroyo, Dale Berman, Michelle Gumz, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

(Commissioner Arroyo arrived in person at 8:53AM, Commissioner Gumz arrived in person at 8:54AM)

FP-R-25-09-3179 Resolution Approving the Forest Preserve District's Holiday Schedule for 2026

President Lenert remarked that a Commissioner requested to table the item for 30 days. Commissioner Roth remarked that he was against tabling the item. In 2025, the Board of Commissioners approved a holiday schedule, which aligns with the Kane County Court Holiday Calendar, is consistent with the scheduled closures for Kane County offices, including IT services. This schedule met the recommendations of the District's compensation and classification study's benefits analysis for competitiveness in recruitment and retention. To maintain this consistency, and to continue to provide competitive paid time off benefits, staff is proposing the approval of the same schedule of holidays for 2026, with the exception of one (1) holiday, the day after Christmas, which has been removed for a total of fifteen (15) paid holidays.

RESULT: **TABLE FAILED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [18-2]**

MOVER: Mo Iqbal

SECONDER: David Young

AYE: Mo Iqbal, David Young

NAY: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges, Vern Tepe

The motion to table failed, the original item was called for a vote and discussion.

FP-R-25-09-3179 Resolution Approving the Forest Preserve District's Holiday Schedule for 2026 *(Commissioner Tepe arrived in person at 8:56AM)*

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Kious requested clarification regarding the holiday schedule. He asked if it was the same as the schedule approved at the Kane County Board. President Lenert responded that yes, it was the same schedule. Commissioner Tarver questioned why there was a request to table the item. President Lenert responded that Commissioner Iqbal requested to research the dates further.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [19-1]**

MOVER: Cheryl Strathmann

SECONDER: Mike Linder

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, Sonia Garcia, Jon Gripe, Michelle Gumz, Leslie Juby, Chris Kious, Bill

Lenert, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Rick Williams, David Young

NAY: Mo Iqbal
PASS: Vern Tepe
ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

IX. Land Acquisition

FP-R-25-09-3180 Resolution Authorizing a Utility Easement with METRONET for the Installation and Maintenance of Fiber Optic Service at the Great Western Trail in Campton Township

Dir. of Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the easement with Metronet. The District maintains over 200 miles of linear trail across the county, including the Great Western Trail. This east-west regional trail nearly bisects the county. The 18-mile path begins at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles and extends to eastern Sycamore in DeKalb County at its western terminus. In April 2025, the District was contacted by representatives of Metronet with a request to install a fiber optic service line through a section of the Great Western Trail to provide services to the Campton Hills subdivision on Hidden Oaks Road. The proposed easement permits Metronet to construct and maintain a 1 1/2" conduit underground by directional bore, so as to not disturb the land, trail or public use through the entire easement.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
MOVER: Mavis Bates
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, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young
ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

FP-R-25-09-3181 Resolution Authorizing the District to Apply for IDNR OSLAD Grant Funds For Acquisition Funding Assistance of a Property in Dundee Township, Adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve

Dir. of Land Protection Rooks-Lopez briefly presented the resolution to apply for an OSLAD grant. In March 2025 the District entered into a lease agreement with the Conservation Foundation for the use and maintenance of approximately 122.092 acres of land in West Dundee adjacent to Schweitzer Woods Forest Preserve, locally known as the "Galvin" parcels. In May 2025, the District submitted an application for acquisition funding assistance through the IDNR, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for up to \$750,000.00. The IDNR 'highly recommends' acquisition applicants apply for both LWCF and OSLAD programs although only one program will be awarded. Staff is requesting permission to apply for the IDNR OSLAD Grant to assist with funding the acquisition which, if awarded, would reimburse up to 50% (\$1,125,000.00 cap) for the purchase of the property.

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, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe,

ABSENT: Rick Williams, David Young
Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

X. Planning and Utilization

FP-R-25-09-3182 Resolution Approving a Bid for the Resurfacing of Hughes Creek Golf Club Cart Paths and New Cart Path Construction at Settler's Hill Golf Course

Landscape Architect Tegge presented the new cart path. The existing cart paths at Hughes Creek Golf Club were installed in phases from the late 1990s to the early 2000s and are showing significant signs of deterioration and failure in large sections. In early 2025, half of hole #4 up to hole #9 green were resurfaced. This project will focus on pulverizing-in-place and resurfacing cart paths near the clubhouse, from hole #1 to the bridge at hole #4. Additionally, minor path adjustments will be made near the clubhouse and at green #1. The additional surface course will add approximately 3" of height to the path, and will be backfilled and seeded to maintain a smooth transition. In between holes #3 and #4, additional portions of the cart path will be converted from decomposed granite to either limestone or asphalt. The Settler's Hill Golf Course underwent a major renovation in 2022; the whole course was redesigned; a driving range was added and the new course was laid out in such a manner as to create a "returning nines" flow centered on a future clubhouse location. Conceptual engineering in 2023 on a minimally-acceptable club house proved to be prohibitively expensive at an estimated cost of \$12M. The golf course architect from the course's redesign, Greg Martin, was consulted to revise the course hole numbering to apply the returning nines concept with the existing clubhouse as the hub. This revision involves building a new path from the current tee box at #6 and connect to current tee box #15. A new split path will be built just west of the clubhouse to allow golfers to drive up to the new #10 tee and return down the same path after the new #18 (see map). The bid was publicly advertised and the qualified, lowest bidder was Maneval Construction of Ingleside, Illinois, with a base bid cost of \$270,365.70 to complete both projects. Additionally, a contingency of \$27,036.57 shall be set aside to cover any unanticipated construction costs, bringing the total overall project cost to \$297,402.27.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Rick Williams

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, Michael Linder, Myrna Molina, Ted Penesis, Bill Roth, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

FP-R-25-09-3183 Resolution Authorizing a Bid For Native Seed Purchases to Restore Lands at Various Preserves

Dir. NRM Chess presented the bid to purchase native seed. He explained the complexity of the bids awarded to ensure the District is receiving specific seed species and not assuming their inclusion in the mix. Native plants are the basis of all native ecosystems, and therefore are the basis of our work in the Natural Resource Management department. Our native insects coevolved with these plants, and cannot survive on imported plants. In turn, all of our fauna that prey upon our native insects cannot do so if those insects are not present, due to non-native or low-diversity plants occupying the space of our native plants. This year's seed bid represents a project-driven approach to determining seed needs. This is the fourth-year mixes were bid by option with seeds bagged by species. This approach both maximizes value and ensures quality of the delivered product. All of the seed specified in our bid is slated to go onto the ground this winter, to support ongoing restoration projects. The bid was publicly advertised with six vendors responding.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Allan asked about the different seed harvest events conducted by staff and volunteers throughout the season. Dir. Chess stated that the District brings in an estimated \$150,000 worth of seed harvest. Commissioner Gripe stated that the District functions like a well-oiled machine and noted that staff makes the hard work look easy. He thanked the staff for all their efforts.

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth

SECONDER: Mike Linder

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

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

FP-R-25-09-3184 Resolution Approving Bids for Tree and Brush Clearing at Portions of 11 Forest Preserves

Dir. of NRM Chess presented the approval of the bid for tree and brush clearing. The objectives of these projects are to remove non-native brush and small mesic trees in degraded oak woodlands and large-scale tallgrass prairie restorations. 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. Grassland invasive species, like callery pear (Pyrus calleryana), have similar impacts to prairie communities by choking out the native grasses and forbs. Mechanical removal of these invasive species, combined with chemical follow-up, will help to restore the ecosystems to a healthier condition. This, in turn, will provide better habitat quality for the entire suite of wildlife that these preserves support. Contractors were sought to bid on clearing projects across numerous, heavily-infested forest preserves.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Gripe commented that sometimes the public perceives that the District is cutting down trees when the larger projects are happening. He asked Dir. Chess to explain the process. Dir. Chess explained that clearings are comprised of invasive species. Staff reviews and determines the level of need according to species, size, etc. It is for the benefit of the native species to thrive.*

RESULT: ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

MOVER: Jon Gripe

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

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

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

FP-R-25-09-3185 Resolution Authorizing the District To Apply for IDNR OSLAD Grant Funds for a Wildlife Observation Platform and Supporting Improvements at Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve

Dir. of Planning and Land Protection Rooks-Lopez presented the authorization request to apply for an OSLAD grant. Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve contains the first wetland mitigation bank created by the District. The volume and diversity of birds that have returned to this wetland is unrivaled by any previous projects completed by the District. Multiple state and federal threatened and endangered species have been seen utilizing the site, and the word of

this success is widespread amongst the “birding” community. As a result, birders have inundated the site hoping for glimpses of these rarities. This increase in visitors to the preserve has created issues with the establishment of the wetland plants required for the mitigation bank. The proposed wildlife-observation platform was included as one of six promised capital projects for the 2024 Land Acquisition & Preserve Improvement Referendum. This project is comprised of the construction of a raised observation deck overlooking a reconstructed wetland popular with marsh birds and waterfowl. It will allow visitors of varying physical abilities access for bird watching with as minimal damage to the plant community as possible and no impact to the mitigation bank. Staff is requesting permission to apply for the IDNR OSLAD Grant to assist with funding the proposed improvements which, if awarded, would reimburse up to 50% (\$600,000.00 cap) for development and engineering.

DISCUSSION: *None.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Deborah Allan

SECONDER: Michelle Gumz

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, 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, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

XI. Executive

None.

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

None.

XIII. New or Unfinished Business

FP-R-25-09-3186 Resolution Affirming a Letter of Intent and Authorizing the Purchase, Donation Acceptance, Exchange, and Sale of a Real Property of Approximately 415 +/- Acres in Campton Township and Blackberry Township

President Lenert presented the letter of intent, additionally, he thanked Mr. Shepro for the support to purchase real estate in Campton and Blackberry townships during the public comment section of the agenda.

RESULT: **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE**

MOVER: Rick Williams

SECONDER: Bill Roth

AYE: Deborah Allan, Alex Arroyo, Mavis Bates, Gary Daugherty, 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, Bill Tarver, Vern Tepe, Rick Williams, David Young

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

Commissioner Bates requested a moment of silence for the well-known tree at Bliss Woods Forest Preserve that fell during the recent storm. Exec. Dir. Haberthur noted that the tree was estimated to be 250 years old.

XIV. Communications

Dir. Metanchuk presented various upcoming events. The popular Great Orb Hunt returned on September 4, 2025 and will run through September 30th. An additional location will be added, Dick Young Forest Preserve, and will continue at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve. The Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at The Wilds, Red Oak

Center. Lastly, the 2025 Foundation Golf Outing will be held Thursday, September 11, 2025 at the Hughes Creek Golf Course.

Exec. Dir. Haberthur Thanked all parties for their efforts in moving the acquisition forward successfully. He Introduced Ashley Monroe, the District's first Deputy Executive Director.

XV. President's Comments

None.

XVI. Department Reports

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

MOVER: Deborah Allan

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

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

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:29AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Mike Linder

SECONDER: Bill Tarver

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

ABSENT: Dale Berman, Anita Lewis, Clifford Surges

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary

Mohammad Iqbal
Board Secretary