



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY
LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2020

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 8:30 AM via videoconference and at the Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lenert at 8:30 AM. The Committee entered into a Closed Session to discuss land acquisition at 8:35 AM, a roll call vote was taken. Remote=*

Attendance: Chair Lenert, Kious, Davoust*, Martin*, Molina*, Kenyon* **Absent:** Kenyon, Surges

Others Preset:

Commissioners Berman*, Bates*, Gumz*, Frasz, Strathmann*, Tepe*, Wojnicki; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr., Dir. NRM Haberthur*, Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk*; Attorney Hodge*; Recording Secretary Figliozi

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session @ 8:31 a.m. to discuss Land Acquisition.

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| RESULT: | APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | John Martin, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Myrna Molina, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Mark Davoust, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, |
| ABSENT: | Michael Kenyon, Clifford Surges, |

DISCUSSION:

Exec. Dir. Meyers discussed new parcels for consideration to acquire, properties in negotiations, property closings and update other information previously discussed. District's new acreage totals 22,980.75 with recent closings.

Recent Closings:

Urich Parcel – (Johnson’s Mound FP/Blackberry Township) Just under 25 acres for the 3 combined parcels. Closed on October 29, 2020.

Sanchez Parcel - 155 Edgewood, Aurora (Oakhurst FP/Aurora Township) Approximately .29 acre vacant lot next to north end of Oakhurst FP used for volleyball. Closed on November 3, 2020.

Harrigan Property – (Rutland Forest Preserve/Rutland Township) – This property is approximately 160 acre parcel next to the preserve. The bog area is located in the upper left part of the parcel. Closed on 12/17/2020. *Staff was thrilled as this area is unique as this is the only bog in Kane County.*

Dir. of NRM Haberthur commented that this item was the #1 priority of the 2017 Referendum. This bog is intact, unlike other bogs in surrounding counties. The District now owns about 87% of the land. Haberthur explained that one in five species were listed as endangered or threatened and one in ten are rare species that are now going to be protected.

Information:

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Urich (Compton) Parcel- SALE (Johnson’s Mound FP/Blackberry Township)- Currently working through zoning process to subdivide the 5 acres to resell, the item is going through zoning board appeals on January 12th 2021. Staff will be prepared to market the property in March, which will be ideal, staff anticipates this selling quickly.

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Miscellaneous:

There was discussion regarding the status of funding and the current acquisition projects pending. Exec. Dir. Meyers indicated that the funding pending does not include future grant reimbursements. Commissioner Martin asked what, if any, repercussions of grant funding resulting from the pandemic. Meyers responded that the OSALD grants have been suspended. This is a main capital source of funding. The District would be losing the opportunity to apply for grants this year such as a land acquisition grant of \$750,000 and capital project of \$400,000. Commissioner Wojnicki asked about the maximum acreage that the District can purchase. Meyers responded that based on the population, the District can acquire up to 50,000 acres.

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The Committee returned to Open Session @ 9:01 a.m.

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| RESULT: | EXIT CLOSED SESSION BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Myrna Molina, Commissioner |
| SECONDER: | Mark Davoust, Commissioner |
| AYES: | Mark Davoust, Bill Lenert, John Martin, Myrna Molina, |
| ABSENT: | Michael Kenyon, Clifford Surges, |

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