



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by Chair Jarett Sanchez at 8:37 AM. Remote=*

There was a change in the agenda order, the review of the closed session minutes were placed under New Business for approval.

Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
President Chris Kious	Present
Chair Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present*
Commissioner Mark Davoust	Present*
Commissioner Ron Ford	Present
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present*
Commissioner Anita Lewis	Present
Commissioner John Martin	Present
Commissioner Kenneth Shepro	Absent

Others Present:

Commissioners: Kenyon, Wojnicki; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish & staff Petschke; Chief of Planning Rooks-Lopez; Dir. of NR Haberthur; Dir. of Ops. Pentecost; Dir. of Community Affairs Metanchuk; Chief of Police & Dir. of Public Safety Burger; HR Dir. Sarro; Attorney Hodge; Exec. Assist. Figliozzi;

II. Approval of Minutes from June 30, 2022

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Allan, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Ron Ford, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT:	Kenneth C. Shepro

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

None.

IV. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of a Grant of Easement Agreement with the Village of North Aurora for the Tanner/Remington Outfall Conveyance System at Dick Young and Lake Run Forest Preserves

Chief of Planning Rooks-Lopez presented a grant of easement with the Village of North Aurora. The Village of North Aurora has been working with WBK Engineering and the Forest Preserve District of Kane County to develop permanent, non-exclusive and temporary easements to upgrade and replace

the existing storm water conveyance system that will service both Tanner Trails and Remington Landing subdivisions. The existing storm water conveyance system draining Tanner Trails and Remington Landing subdivisions into the Lake Run Ditch has experienced issues with pipe blowouts, sinkholes and siltation of the existing pipes. Failure of the system is a major contributor to flooding experienced in the Tanner Trails subdivision and a section of Dick Young Forest Preserve that is currently under an agricultural lease. Surveys of the existing storm sewer uncovered deformed and back pitched sections believed to be the result of improper installation. The existing storm water conveyance system is on property owned by the Forest Preserve District and parcels owned by Reckinger, Coffey and Old Second National Bank, but no known easement documents covering the storm water conveyance system have been discovered. The Village of North Aurora is seeking 4.169 acres of permanent non-exclusive easement and 0.845 acres of temporary easement along the southwestern edge of Dick Young Forest Preserve, beginning at the northwest edge of the Tanners Trails subdivision, continuing west and terminating at the Lake Run Ditch. The project will upgrade and replace the failing existing storm sewer, and incorporate these improvements into permanent easements granted to the Village of North Aurora.

DISCUSSION: Chief of Planning Rooks-Lopez answered questions from the Committee, noting the original design intended the stormwater to flow as a path along the Lake Run ditch, however the collapsed tiles have caused areas to flood. Commissioner Allan asked about mitigating any debris that would be channeling into the ditch. Rooks-Lopez responded that the village of North Aurora would mitigate if that were to be needed. Exec. Dir. Meyers stated that the project is a correction of the original system, failed drain tiles. The Village will be responsible for any maintenance.

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 9/8/2022 8:30 AM**
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Anita Lewis, Commissioner
SECONDER: Mark Davoust, Commissioner
AYES: Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT: Kenneth C. Shepro

B. Presentation and Approval of Closed Session Minutes from May 2007 through June 2022

Chair Sanchez provided brief information regarding the presentation of closed session minutes, noting the land acquisition projects that have been purchased and/or closed.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
TO: Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee
MOVER: Ron Ford, Commissioner
SECONDER: Deborah Allan, Commissioner
AYES: Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT: Kenneth C. Shepro

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

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session at 8:51 AM to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT: **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: John Martin, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Ford, Commissioner
AYES: Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT: Kenneth C. Shepro

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:17 AM on a motion by Frasz, second by Davoust, roll call vote was taken, unanimous vote.

VI. Communications

Exec. Dir. Meyers reported the District closed on the purchase of a 48.36 acre property adjacent to the Big Rock Forest Preserve. Bringing the District total to 23,126 acres. Commissioner Allan asked what the acreage limit of ownership per county. Meyers indicated that according to the Down State Forest Preserve Act, the District can acquire up to 50,000 acres.

VII. Chairman's Comments

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

RESULT:	ADJOURNED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ron Ford, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
AYES:	Deborah Allan, Mark Davoust, Ron Ford, Drew Frasz, Anita Lewis, John Martin, Jarett Sanchez
ABSENT:	Kenneth C. Shepro

Jarett Sanchez, Chairman
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Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary