



## FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

### LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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#### I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee meeting was held Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 8:30 AM at the Administration Offices located at Kane County Government Center, 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A, Geneva, IL 60134. The meeting was opened by Chair Jarett Sanchez at 8:31 AM. Remote=\*

#### Members Present:

##### Attendee Name:

##### Status:

Chair Jarett Sanchez	Present
President Chris Kious	Present
Commissioner Drew Frasz	Present
Commissioner Ron Ford	Present*
Commissioner Deborah Allan	Present*
Commissioner John Martin	Present
Commissioner Ken Shepro	Present* (@ 9:03 a.m.)
Commissioner Anita Lewis	Absent
Commissioner Mark Davoust	Present* (@ 8:56 a.m.)

#### Others Present:

Commissioners Berman\*, Brown\*, Kenyon\*, Molina\*, Strathmann\*; Exec. Dir. Meyers; CFO Stanish\* & staff Petschke\*; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.\*; Dir. of Ops Goreth\*; Dir. of NRM Haberthur\* & staff Rodeghero\*; Dir. of Public Safety and Chief of Police Gilloffo\*; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk\*; Attorney Hodge\*; Recording Secretary Figliozzi; KCIT Peters.

#### II. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2020

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Martin, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Drew Frasz, Ron Ford, Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, John Martin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis, Mark Davoust, Ken Shepro

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

*None.*

#### IV. New or Unfinished Business

##### A. Presentation and Approval of the Carpentersville Dam Removal Project Access and Land Transfer Agreement with Otto Engineering, Inc.

The agreement provides for an access easement over Otto Engineering property on the east side of the river and utilize the mill race to dewater the site to whatever extent needed and the transfer of the small parcel of land on the west side of the river to the District.

As additional background, the removal of the Carpentersville Dam has been discussed for several years. The Villages of Carpentersville and Algonquin completed a river report, which indicates a need to remove the dam for improvements to water quality, habitat restoration and enhance recreation. The IDNR has agreed to provide 100 percent of the funding for the engineering, dam removal/modification and river/shoreline restoration, at an estimated cost of \$2.4 million. Staff recommends the Committee approve this Access and Land Transfer Agreement with Otto Engineering as presented.

**DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Martin asked if the Dam was currently holding back water, and if so, what will the impact be once removed. Chief of Planning Anderson responded that the river will look the same as it does in the downstream. Chair Sanchez confirmed, noting it would lower a little bit. Anderson indicated that expected improved water and habitat quality are the benefits in removing the obstruction. President Kious noted that the Village of Carpentersville is eager to see this project complete. Commissioner Ford asked about the owner of the island. Anderson responded that the area has been maintained as a park area, the owners have spent time and money to keep that area clean.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>	<b>Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM</b>
<b>TO:</b>	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Deborah Allan, Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ron Ford, Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Drew Frasz, Ron Ford, Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, John Martin	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis, Mark Davoust, Ken Shepro	

#### **V. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel**

The Committee moved into Executive Closed Session @ 8:43 a.m. to discuss Land Acquisition, Litigation.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	John Martin, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Drew Frasz, Ron Ford, Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, John Martin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis, Mark Davoust, Ken Shepro

*(Davoust arrived via zoom @ 8:56 a.m. during Closed Session) (Shepro arrived via zoom @ 9:03 a.m. during Closed Session).*

The Committee returned to Open Session @ 10:00 a.m. on a motion by Davoust, second by Ford. Roll Call Vote was taken, unanimous vote.

*Chairman Sanchez asked the Committee for a motion to approve an updated resolution authorizing condemnation action against the Union Pacific Rail Road for the acquisition of a section of abandoned rail line connecting LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve to Randall Road in St. Charles Township.*

**DISCUSSION:** *There was a motion by Frasz, second by Ford. Roll Call Vote was taken, unanimous vote.*

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<b>TO:</b>	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drew Frasz, Commissioner	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ron Ford, Commissioner	
<b>AYES:</b>	Drew Frasz, Ron Ford, Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, John Martin, Ken Shepro	
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis	

**VI. Communications**

*None.*

**VII. Chairman's Comments**

*None.*

**VIII. Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Drew Frasz, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ron Ford, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Mark Davoust, Drew Frasz, Ron Ford, Deborah Allan, Jarett Sanchez, John Martin, Ken Shepro
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Anita Lewis

Jarett Sanchez, Chairman  
Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Committee  
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

**Adjournment until: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 8:30 am in person and via Video Conference held at the Kane County Government Center, Bldg. A 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gabriella Figliozi*

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