



FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF KANE COUNTY

PLANNING AND UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 9:30 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 President Chris Kious at 10:14 a.m. Remote=*

Members Present:

<u>Attendee Name:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
Chairman Barbara Wojnicki	Absent
President Chris Kious	Present
President Pro Tem Mavis Bates	Present*
Commissioner Dave Brown	Present*
Commissioner Michael Kenyon	Present*
Commissioner Bill Lenert	Present
Secretary Myrna Molina	Present*
Commissioner Jarett Sanchez	Present
Commissioner Cherryl Strathmann	Present*

Others Present:

Commissioners Allan*, Berman*, Davoust*, Ford*, Martin*, Shepro*; CFO Stanish* & staff Petschke*; Chief of Planning Anderson Jr.*; Dir. of NRM Haberthur* & staff Rodeghero*; Dir. of Ops. Goreth*; Dir. of Comm. Affairs Metanchuk*; Chief of Police & Dir. of Public Safety Gilloffo*; Attorney Hodge*; Recording Secretary Figliozzi; KCIT Peters.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2020

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cherryl Strathmann, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki

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

None.

IV. Bids and Proposals

A. Presentation and Approval of Bids for Control of Reed Canary Grass at Various Preserves

Reed canary grass is abundant across county wetlands and forests. Contractors were sought to bid on spring/summer 2021 control projects of multiple, separate infestations of reed

canary grass, across seven different preserves. The bid was sent to 29 vendors and publicly advertised, with 7 responding. Staff recommends the Committee approve the bids for the control of reed canary grass at portions of Aurora West, Grunwald Farms, Fox River Shores, Lone Grove, Freeman Kame-Meagher, Meissner-Corron, and Pingree Grove Forest Preserves, with V3 Companies, Ltd. of Woodridge, Illinois, for a total contract cost of \$41,301 for all options, as presented.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Bates asked about the herbicides used. Haberthur explained the types of chemicals used noting the safety of the staff and land is the priority.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

B. Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Control of Canada Thistle at Brunner Family Forest Preserve

The District sought contractors to bid on spring/summer 2021 control of Canada thistle across 68 acres of Brunner Family Forest Preserve. The District sent the bid to 29 vendors and publicly advertised, with seven vendors responding. Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid for the control of Canada thistle at a portion of Brunner Family Forest Preserve with Integrated Lakes Management of Waukegan, Illinois, for a contract cost of \$7,581.06, as presented.

DISCUSSION: President Kious asked how the herbicide is applied, Dir. Haberthur responded that staff applies by backpack spray.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Mavis Bates, Commissioner	
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

C. Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Control of Garlic Mustard at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve

Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a non-native plant that has become well established in most woodlands owned by the District. Work will consist of weed whipping, hand pulling and/or mowing garlic mustard plants across one woodland unit, twice in the spring of 2021. Removal work for all options would begin immediately and be completed by mid-summer. The bid was sent to 29 vendors and publicly advertised, with 7 responding. Staff recommends the Committee approve the bid for the control of garlic mustard at a portion

of Johnson’s Mound Forest Preserve, with Cardno, Inc. of Monee, Illinois, for a contract cost of \$11,500 for Option 2, as presented.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Davoust commended the steward who has long served in this area. Dir. Haberthur praised the stewards and noted the areas are large and assistance by the volunteers in the mitigation process is appreciated.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

D. Presentation and Approval of a Bid for Oakhurst Forest Preserve Lake Patterson Access Area Renovation

The District selected Hey & Associates to perform site engineering and permitting. They began preliminary engineering in March 2020 and recently completed final engineering in December 2020. The District conducted a formal bid process. Bids were publicly advertised with 10 bidders responding. The lowest, responsible bidder was D. Construction, Inc., of Coal City, Illinois. The base bid came in at \$871,936.78, within budget for the project. Additionally, \$27,500 shall be set aside as contingency to cover any additional costs that may arise during construction for a total possible cost of \$899,436.78.

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	MOVED FORWARD BY ROLLCALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

V. New or Unfinished Business

A. Presentation and Approval of Hughes Creek Golf Course Maintenance Facility Site Plan and Building Replacement.

Exec. Dir. Meyers provided background information regarding design plan modification and funding. Chief of Planning Anderson Jr. presented the design plan modification to the existing building and the site. Meyers noted that a DCEO grant was submitted for this project. Staff is currently waiting for potential award information.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Lenert asked what the cost of the demolition would be. Also discussed tabling this item upon request of Commissioner Frasz. Lenert indicated that the reasons stated were to allow more time to view the property. Anderson responded to the question regarding the estimated cost for demolition, stating it would be just over \$12k.

The structure was never intended for the current use. This structure is not in good condition. Commissioner Davoust stated that the current pictures in the agenda packet does not appropriately demonstrate the state the building is in. Commissioner Ford stated that typically the idea of keeping a barn would be for public use, in this case this building is not serving the purpose and would be more costly. There was significant discussion regarding the previous review of the project during the budget process in 2020 (current fiscal year) and discussion on the demolition of the barn versus keeping and renovating the building. President Kious called for a motion to approve the memo as presented, moved by Sanchez, seconded by Lenert, prior to roll call Commissioner Bates motioned to table the item and failed for lack of a second. Roll Call vote was taken on initial motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [6-1]	Next: 2/4/2021 8:30 AM
TO:	Forest Preserve District Executive Committee	
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Bill Lenert, Commissioner	
AYES:	Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Bill Lenert, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann	
NAYS:	Mavis Bates	
ABSENT:	Barbara Wojnicki	

B. Presentation and Approval of Site Plan for Buffalo Park and Brunner Family Forest Preserves Sledding Hill, Shelter and Bathroom Improvements.

Chief of Planning and Operations Anderson presented the site plans with the amendments to the improvements, which include moving the shelter and restroom. The proposed area provides a view to the river from the shelter and allows easier access to the parking lot and water. *(Commissioner Lenert departs @ 11:00 a.m.)*

DISCUSSION: None.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jarett Sanchez, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Cheryl Strathmann, Commissioner
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cheryl Strathmann
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert, Barbara Wojnicki

VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, Contracts, Litigation and Personnel

None.

VII. Communications

None.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11: 02 a.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mavis Bates, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Dave Brown, Commissioner
AYES:	Mavis Bates, Dave Brown, Michael Kenyon, Myrna Molina, Jarett Sanchez, Cherryl Strathmann
ABSENT:	Bill Lenert, Barbara Wojnicki

Chris Kious, President
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Adjournment until: Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 9:30 am in person and via Video Conference at the Kane County Government Center Bldg. A, Geneva, Illinois, 60134

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozi

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Recording Secretary