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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Forest Preserve Operations Committee Minutes
October 25, 2022**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve Operations Committee met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Legislative Center's Liberty Room in Sycamore, Illinois on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Members present were Ms. Mary Cozad, Mr. John Emerson, Ms. Maureen Little, Ms. Michelle Pickett (via phone), and Chairman Craig Roman. Mr. Patrick Deutsch and Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb were absent. A quorum was established with five Members present and two absent.

Forest Preserve District Superintendent Terry Hannan was also present.

Mr. Emerson moved to allow Ms. Michelle Pickett to attend the meeting by other means via phone as per County Board Rule Sec. 2-21(D). Ms. Little seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Cozad and was approved unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Cozad moved to approve the September 27, 2022 minutes as presented. Ms. Little seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Mr. Patrick Deutsch and Ms. Terri Mann-Lamb arrived. All seven Members were now present.

PUBLIC HEARING: On Proposed Levy and Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Chair Roman opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

There were no members from the public present and hearing no comments, Chair Roman closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT'S PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR FY2023

It was moved by Ms. Cozad, seconded by Mr. Deutsch and it was approved unanimously to forward the Ordinance to the full Board of Commissioners recommending its approval.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT'S ANNUAL APPROPRIATE FOR FY2023

It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Mann-Lamb and it was approved unanimously to forward the Ordinance to the full Board of Commissioners recommending its approval.

MONTHLY REPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Mr. Hannan noted that he will have a September, October, and November Monthly Report the next time the Committee meets. He did briefly review the Wildlife Highlights Reports for the months of July, August, and September 2022 as well as the Restoration Highlights Report for July, August, and September 2022.

Due to this being the last time this Committee will meet, Mr. Hannan thanked the Committee for all of their support. He additionally thanked Chair Roman for his leadership and support in acquiring many pieces of land over the past few years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Mann-Lamb moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Land Acquisition per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) at 6:13 p.m. Ms. Cozad seconded the motion and it carried by a 7-0-0 roll call vote. Those Members voting aye were Ms. Cozad, Mr. Deutsch, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Little, Ms. Mann-Lamb, Ms. Pickett, and Chair Roman. None were opposed and no one was absent.

The Committee entered back into their Open Meeting at 6:26 p.m.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY 60.86 ACRES OF LAND ADJACENT TO SANNAUK FOREST PRESERVE IN SOMONAUK TOWNSHIP

The Committee reviewed the information and land acquisition evaluations for the approximately 60.86-acre Stenglein property adjacent to Sannauk Forest Preserve and connecting to the Somonauk Trail for acquisition from the Stenglein Family. The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District has a land acquisition contract for this land acquisition per appraisal of \$10,000 per acre for \$610,000.

The Resolution before the Committee is requesting the approval of the acquisition of approximately 60.86 acres, more or less, on S. County Line Road, Somonauk, Property Index Nos. 18-33-400-004 and 18-34-351-001, at a price of \$10,000.00 per acre totaling \$610,00.00. This land ranks very high in the Forest Preserve District Land Acquisition Priority Evaluation process and the District has applied for 50% grant assistance from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

It was moved by Ms. Cozad, seconded by Ms. Mann-Lamb and approved unanimously by roll call vote to forward the Resolution to the full County Board recommending its adoption.

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ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Deutsch and seconded by Mr. Emerson to adjourn the Committee Meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair _____

Tasha Sims, Recording Secretary