

*DeKalb County Forest Preserve District  
Sycamore, Illinois*



**DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE  
DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS  
March 15, 2023**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:34 p.m. President Willis called the meeting to order, and the Secretary called the roll. Those present were District Commissioners Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, Meryl Domina, Laurie Emmer, Vice-President John Frieders, Ben Haier, Rhonda Henke, Savannah Ilenikhena, Kathy Lampkins, Maureen Little, Jim Luebke, Terri Mann-Lamb, Stewart Ogilvie, Jerry Osland, Michelle Pickett, Roy Plote, Chris Porterfield, Amber Quitno, Ellingsworth Webb, Tim Bagby, Scott Campbell, Mary Cozad, and President Suzanne Willis. There was a quorum established with twenty-three Commissioners present, none absent, and one vacancy.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Mann-Lamb moved to approve the agenda as presented and Webb seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Willis called for a voice vote to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion

Porterfield moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting. Crawford seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Willis asked for a voice vote on the approval of minutes. All Commissioners present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kelsey Musich of Sycamore expressed that she hoped that with the future Plank Road improvements, near Lindgren Road, that there may be an opportunity at the same time to create more paths to connect the neighborhoods and North Grove Elementary School.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Resolution FP-R2023-001: A Resolution Authorizing an Open Purchase Order for Procurement of Forest Preserve District Vehicles and Equipment**

#### Motion

Plote moved that the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners hereby authorize an Open Purchase Order for the procurement of Forest Preserve District vehicles and equipment as outlined in the Resolution. Cozad seconded the motion as presented.

#### Roll Call Vote

The President called for a roll call vote on the motion as presented. Those Commissioners voting aye were Crawford, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Frieders, Haier, Henke, Ilenikhena, Lampkins, Little, Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Ogilvie, Osland, Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Quitno, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Cozad, and President Willis. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Claims – March 2023**

#### Motion

Plote moved to approve the payment of claims for this month, and the off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging, in the amount of \$130,158.53. Deutsch seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call Vote

President Willis asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve and payment of the District's March 2023 Claims. Those Commissioners voting aye were Crawford, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Frieders, Haier, Henke, Ilenikhena, Lampkins, Little, Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Ogilvie, Osland, Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Quitno, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Cozad, and President Willis. The motion carried unanimously.

## OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Plote provided some brief updates and Forest Preserve Superintendent Terry Hannan expressed his thanks to the County's Highway Department for their assistance in creating the bid specifications for the upcoming Great Western Trail Resurfacing Project. He also added that the District will be hosting various summer programs and educational outreach opportunities. They have also been busy with cleanup from the last ice storm.

There were no other items of Old Business or New Business.

## ADJOURNMENT

#### Motion

Deutsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. and Mann-Lamb seconded the motion.

#### Voice Vote

President Willis called for a voice vote on the adjournment. Motion carried unanimously.



Tasha Sims, Secretary  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
District Commissioners



Suzanne Willis, President,  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
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