

DeKalb County Forest Preserve District
Sycamore, Illinois



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

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 8:30 p.m. President Willis called the meeting to order, and the Secretary called the roll. Those present were District Commissioners Jim Luebke, Terri Mann-Lamb, Stewart Ogilvie, Jerry Osland, Michelle Pickett, Roy Plote, Chris Porterfield, Amber Quitno, Ellingsworth Webb, Tim Bagby, Scott Campbell, Patrick Deutsch, Meryl Domina, Laurie Emmer, Vice-President John Frieders, Ben Haier, Rhonda Henke, Savannah Ilenikhen, Kathy Lampkins, and President Suzanne Willis. Maureen Little, Joe Marcinkowski, Mary Cozad, and Rukisha Crawford were absent. There was a quorum established with twenty Commissioners present and four absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Emmer moved to approve the agenda as presented and Pickett seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion

Mann-Lamb moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting. Porterfield seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Willis asked for a voice vote on the approval of minutes. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janet Berkes, DeKalb, expressed that she was proud to live in a County with such great forest preserves. She shared that she believes the District does an amazing job, they plan for the future, and she is proud of all that they do.

COMMUNICATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

None.

Rukisha Crawford arrived. There were now twenty-one Commissioners present and three absent.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution FP-R2023-009: A Resolution Approving the Acquisition of Property in Kingston Township for the Genoa to Kingston Trail (G2K Trail)

Motion

Plote moved that the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners do hereby approve the acquisition of approximately *3.47 acres and part of parcel 02-22-476 -001, described on map Exhibit A, of trail corridor at a price of \$15,000.00 per acre totaling \$52,052.00, *actual acres to be determined by a survey of the area, in Kingston Township. Porterfield seconded the motion as presented.

Roll Call Vote

President Willis called for a roll call vote on the motion to purchase said property. Those voting aye were Commissioners Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Ogilvie, Osland, Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Quitno, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Crawford, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Vice-President Frieders, Haier, Henke, Ilenikhena, Lampkins, and President Willis. The motion carried 21-0-3.

Resolution FP-R2023-014: A Resolution Approving the Payment of Forest Preserve Claims for November 2023, and Off-Cycle Claims Paid During the Previous Month, Including All Claims for Travel, Meals, and Lodging, in the amount of \$220,814.00

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 \$220,814.00. Emmer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Willis asked for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the payment of the District's November 2023 Claims. Those Commissioners voting aye were Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Ogilvie, Osland, Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Quitno, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Crawford, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Vice-President Frieders, Haier, Henke, Ilenikhena, Lampkins, and President Willis. The motion carried 21-0-3.

Reports of District Officials

Motion

Plote moved to accept and place on file the following Reports of District Officials:

1. Monthly Reports – October 2023
2. Cash & Investments in Forest Preserve Bank Accounts – October 2023

Pickett seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The President requested a voice vote to accept the Reports of District Officials as presented. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Hannan provided the Commissioners with a couple brief updates on what the District has been working on. He additionally shared that the Forest Preserve District would be following the County and approving their FY2024 property tax levy and budget in December.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion

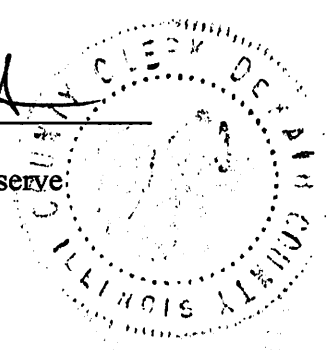
Pickett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. and Mann-Lamb seconded the motion.


Voice Vote

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



Tasha Sims, Secretary
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
District Commissioners





Suzanne Willis, President,
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
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