



# DeKalb County Forest Preserve District

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March 20, 2024

7:00PM

*Immediately following County Board Meeting*

Legislative Center's Gathertorium  
200 N. Main Street  
Sycamore, Illinois 60178

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

a. Minutes from February 21, 2024 Regular Forest Preserve District Meeting

b. Minutes from February 28, 2024 Special Forest Preserve District Meeting

**4. Communications & Proclamations**

**5. Public Comments**

Any member of the public may address the Forest Preserve District Board for up to 3 minutes on any topic of their choosing. There will be no yielding of time to other members of the public and agenda time for public comments is limited to 30 minutes in total.

**6. Resolutions**

a. **Resolution FP-R2024-004—A Resolution Approving the Payment of Forest Preserve Claims for March 2024, and Off-Cycle Claims Paid During the Previous Month, Including All Claims for Travel, Meals, and Lodging, in the Amount of \$195,627.13.** [PDF](#)

7. **Reports of Forest Preserve Officials:** Move to accept and place on file the following Reports of Forest Preserve Officials. [PDF](#)

Cash & Investments in Forest Preserve Bank Accounts – February 2024

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

**10. Adjournment**

*DeKalb County Forest Preserve District  
Sycamore, Illinois*



**DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE  
DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS  
February 21, 2024**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in regular session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. President Willis called the meeting to order, and the Secretary called the roll. Those present were District Commissioners Jerry Osland, Michelle Pickett, Roy Plote, Chris Porterfield, Amber Quitno, Ellingsworth Webb, Tim Bagby, Scott Campbell, Mary Cozad, Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, Meryl Domina, Laurie Emmer, Vice-President John Frieders, Rhonda Henke, Savannah Ilenikhena, Kathy Lampkins, Maureen Little, Jim Luebke, Terri Mann-Lamb, Joe Marcinkowski, Stewart Ogilvie, and President Suzanne Willis. Ben Haier was absent. There was a quorum established with twenty-three Commissioners present and one absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Mann-Lamb moved to approve the agenda as presented and Crawford 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

Cozad moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting. Emmer seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

None.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Resolution FP-R2024-003: A Resolution Approving the Payment of Forest Preserve Claims for February 2024, and Off-Cycle Claims Paid During the Previous Month, Including All Claims for Travel, Meals, and Lodging, in the Amount of \$194,756.70**

Motion

Plote moved that the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners hereby approve the payment of Forest Preserve claims for February 2024, and off-cycle claims paid during the previous month, including all claims for travel, meals, and lodging in the amount of \$194,756.70. Ilenikhena seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

President Willis called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the District's February 2024 Claims. Those voting aye were Commissioners Osland, Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Quitno, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Cozad, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Vice-President Frieders, Henke, Ilenikhena, Lampkins, Little, Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Marcinkowski, Ogilvie, and President Willis. Crawford was not present at the time of the roll call vote. The motion carried 22-0-2.

**Reports of District Officials**

Motion

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

Monthly Reports – November/December 2023/January 2024

Natural Resource Management Report – Fourth Quarter 2023

Cash & Investments in Forest Preserve Bank Accounts – January & February 2024

Mann-Lamb 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 shared that due to the early Spring temperatures, the District will begin their controlled Spring prairie burns a month earlier than normal.

Hannan additionally shared that the Operations Committee provided a consensus to Illinois Department of Natural Resources to conduct their controlled hunt within the Potawatomi Forest Preserve as a management tool for Chronic Wasting Disease in local deer populations. The IDNR's goal is to reduce disease transmission rates by lowering densities in infected areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mann-Lamb moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. and Pickett seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Willis called for a voice vote to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Tasha Sims, Secretary  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
District Commissioners

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President  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
District Commissioners

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***SPECIAL***  
**DEKALB COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE**  
**DISTRICT PROCEEDINGS**  
**February 28, 2024**

The DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners met in special session at the Legislative Center's Gathertorium on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. President Willis called the meeting to order, and the Secretary called the roll. Those present were District Commissioners Michelle Pickett, Roy Plote, Chris Porterfield, Amber Quitno, Ellingsworth Webb, Tim Bagby, Scott Campbell, Mary Cozad, Rukisha Crawford, Patrick Deutsch, Meryl Domina, Laurie Emmer, Vice-President John Frieders, Ben Haier, Rhonda Henke, Laura Hoffman, Savannah Ilenikhena, Maureen Little, Jim Luebke, Terri Mann-Lamb, Joe Marcinkowski, Stewart Ogilvie, and Jerry Osland. Kathy Lampkins was absent. There was a quorum established with twenty-three Commissioners present and one absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion

Ilenikhena moved to approve the agenda as presented and Plote seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

Vice-President Frieders called for a voice vote to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

Motion

Vice-President Frieders moved to accept Suzanne Willis's resignation from the DeKalb County Forest Preserve District Commissioners as well as her role as the District of Commissioner's President. Deutsch seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried.

**SELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**

Motion

Campbell moved to elect Steve Faivre as Forest Preserve District Commissioners President Pro-Tem. Quitno seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

The motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

*Quitno left the meeting. There were now twenty-two Commissioners present and two absent.*

**ELECTION OF FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER PRESIDENT**

Nominations

Luebke nominated Ellingsworth Webb to be the Forest Preserve District Commissioner President. Deutsch seconded the motion.

*President Pro-Tem Faivre asked three times if there were any other nominations.*

Close Nominations

Hearing no other nominations, President Pro-Tem Faivre closed nominations for the Forest Preserve District Commissioner President.

Vote to Elect District Commissioner President

The President Pro-Tem called for a roll call vote to elect Webb as President. Those Commissioners voting yea were Pickett, Plote, Porterfield, Webb, Bagby, Campbell, Cozad, Crawford, Deutsch, Domina, Emmer, Vice-President Frieders, Haier, Henke, Hoffman, Ilenikhena, Little, Luebke, Mann-Lamb, Marcinkowski, and Ogilvie. Osland opposed. The motion carried 21-1-2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion

Mann-Lamb moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. and Ilenikhena seconded the motion.

Voice Vote

President Webb called for a voice vote to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Ellingsworth Webb, President  
DeKalb County Forest Preserve  
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