

*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.

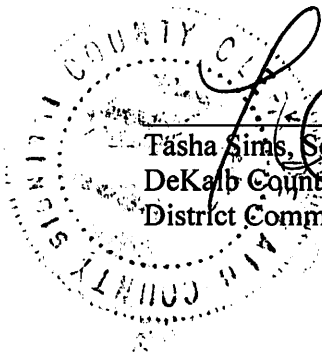
ADJOURNMENT


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.





Tasha Sims, Secretary
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
District Commissioners



Elizabeth Webb
President,
DeKalb County Forest Preserve
District Commissioners