

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 13, 2019

I. Call to Order

President Gilmour called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:25 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Flowers, Gengler, Gilmour, Hendrix, Prochaska, and Vickers all were present. Commissioner Gryder entered the meeting at 5:27 pm.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Vickers. All, aye. Opposed, none.

IV. Public Comments

Rebecca Antrim, Administrative Assistant expressed appreciation and encouraged approval of the items on the agenda pertaining to Director Guritz's increase and lease agreement.

V. Executive Session

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to enter executive session at 5:27 pm under 2(c)1 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Roll call: Commissioner Flowers, Gengler, Gilmour, Hendrix, Prochaska, and Vickers were all present.

Commissioner Gryder entered the meeting at 5:27 pm.

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to adjourn executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Vickers. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Regular meeting reconvened at 5:38 pm.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Director Guritz provided an executive director's report providing updates on the Hoover crossing agreement, and efforts to locate the Subat Forest Preserve drain tile system. The Hoover crossing

agreement has been finalized. Kendall Excavating completed contracted work to backfill the exposed sewer line and address future bluff erosion.

VII. MOTION: Forward Claims to Commission for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$30,089.14

Director Guritz presented claims for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,089.14.

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to forward claims to Commission for an amount not-to-exceed \$30,089.14. Seconded by Commissioner Hendrix. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

VIII. Review of Financial Statements and Cost Center Reports for the Period Ending July 31, 2019

Director Guritz presented a review of the financial statements and cost center reports for the period ending July 31, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

No agenda items posted for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

IX. Illinois Department of Natural Resources – State Pheasant Fund Advisory Committee Grant for Support of Cropland Conversion Efforts at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve

Director Guritz presented overviews of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources – State Pheasant Fund Advisory Committee and IDNR-Habitat Fund grant programs that could extend additional support for cropland conversion efforts at Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserve. A match of funds scheduled for appropriation and expenditure in FY20 will serve as a 50% match within the application.

X. Review of a Final Draft of the Tri-Party Crossing Agreement (Yorkville – Kendall County Forest Preserve District – OmniTRAX/Illinois Railway) for Hoover Road at Hoover Forest Preserve

Director Guritz presented a review of a final draft of the tri-Party crossing agreement between Illinois Railway/OmniTRAX, the United City of Yorkville and Kendall County Forest Preserve District.

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to forward the review of a final draft of the tri-party crossing agreement for Hoover Road at Hoover Forest Preserve to Commission for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

XI. Other Items of Business

- **Millington Village Board Presentation – Freeman Forest Preserve Boat Launch Area Improvements**

Director Guritz presented an overview of the Millington Village Board discussions on the proposed boat launch area at Freeman Forest Preserve. The Village Board unanimously approved a motion to forward a letter of support for the District's application.

The Committee of the Whole discussed the Boat Access Area Development (BAAD) grant application and gave direction to submit the application with no matching funds.

- **Hoover Forest Preserve – ICECF Community Restoration Challenge Grant – Pizzo & Associates Woodland Clearing Proposal**
- **Drain Tile and Culvert Clearing Project Updates (Subat, Jay Woods, and Little Rock Creek)**

Director Guritz provided an overview and updates on progress with the ICECF Community Restoration Challenge Grant and pending drain tile clearing projects.

XII. Summary of Action Items

Director Guritz provided a summary of action items. Items moving forward for Commission consideration included the submission of a grant application to the Pheasant/Habitat Funds, a proposal from Pizzo for woodland clearing at Hoover, once confirmed, and proposals for drain tile and culvert clearing project efforts at Subat, Jay Woods, and Little Rock Creek.

XIII. Public Comments

No public comments were offered by citizens in attendance.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Hendrix made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Executive Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District