

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 7, 2023**

**I. Call to Order**

President DeBolt called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm in the Kendall County Office Building - Second Floor Board Meeting Rooms 209 and 210.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the start of the Kendall County Board Meeting.

**III. Invocation**

An invocation was offered at the start of the Kendall County Board Meeting.

**IV. Roll Call**

X	Bachmann	X	Koukol
X	DeBolt	X	Peterson
X	Flowers	X	Rodriguez
X	Gengler	X	Shanley
X	Kellogg		Wormley

Roll call: Commissioners Bachmann, DeBolt, Flowers, Gengler, Kellogg, Koukol, Peterson, Rodriguez, and Shanley were all present.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gengler. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

**VI. Public Comment**

No public comments were offered from citizens in attendance.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- Kendall County Forest Preserve District Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2023
- Kendall County Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting of February 21, 2023

**B. Approval of Claims in the Amount of \$15,334.63**

**C. MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #23-03-001 with Albert Collins, Jr. for the Lease of 51.5 Acres of District Property at Henneberry Forest Preserve for a Total Amount of \$8,755.00 for Base Rent, which Sum Includes a \$20 per acre Base Rent Increase over the Prior Years' Agreement

**D. MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #23-03-002 with Mark and Tom Mathre for the Lease of 157.31 Acres of District Property at Millbrook North; 118.58 Acres at Millbrook

South, and 127.41 Acres at Millington Forest Preserve for a Total Amount of \$96,022.50 for Base Rent, Including a \$0.01 per Bushel Surcharge for Grain Dryer Use, Utility Bill Reimbursement, Plus a Calculated Yield Payment, which Sum Includes a \$20 per acre Base Rent Increase over the Prior Years' Agreement

- E. MOTION: Approval of Farm License Agreement #23-03-003 with Chris and Maurice Ormiston of Ottawa, Illinois for the Lease of 3.75 Acres of District Property at Henneberry Forest Preserve for a Total Amount of \$375.00 for Base Rent
- F. MOTION: Approval of Farm License Agreement #23-03-004 with Kyle Connell of Morris, Illinois for the Lease of 106.7 Acres of Property at Baker Woods Forest Preserve for a Total Amount of \$26,837.90, Plus a Calculated Yield Payment, which Sum Includes a \$20 per acre Base Rent Increase on that Portion of Property Committed to Row Crop, and a \$15 per acre Base Rent Increase on that Portion of Property Committed to Hay Production
- G. MOTION: Approval of a Farm License Agreement #23-03-005 with Nate Fazio of Yorkville, Illinois for Hay Production at Baker Woods Forest Preserve, Including Provisions for the Sale of District Surplus Hay based on Market Pricing and \$0.50 per Small Bale Storage and Delivery Fee
- H. MOTION: Approval of Farm License Agreement #23-03-006 with Tom Anderson of Somonauk, Illinois for the Licensed Use of the Equipment Storage Barn at Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve through March 1, 2024 in the Amount of \$1,200.00 (\$100.00 per month)
- I. MOTION: Approval of a Revised KCFPD Application for Employment

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Motion: Commissioner Shanley  
Second: Commissioner Peterson

**Roll call: Consent Agenda**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Opposed</b>
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers	X		Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley		

Motion unanimously approved.

Roll call: Commissioners Bachmann, DeBolt, Flowers, Gengler, Kellogg, Koukol, Peterson, Rodriguez, and Shanley, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

*No items posted for consideration.*

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ken Pickerill Estate House Renovations Project Updates**

- I. MOTION: Approval of Agreement UEI #GDTL:KWCBEV33 between the County of Kendall, Illinois and the Kendall County Forest Preserve District for the Disbursement and Use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds providing \$100,000.00 for the Completion of the Ken Pickerill Estate House Renovation Project Outdoor Pavilion

Commissioner Kellogg made a motion to approve the Agreement UEI #GDTL:KWCBEV33 between the County of Kendall, Illinois and the Kendall County Forest Preserve District for the Disbursement and Use of Kendall County’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds providing \$100,000.00 for the Completion of the Ken Pickerill Estate House Renovation Project Outdoor Pavilion. Seconded by Commissioner Shanley.

Commissioner Kellogg has worked to secure a donation of garage doors, and possibly new garage door openers for the Ken Pickerill Estate House. Commissioner Kellogg asked that lilies be planted in the landscaping in honor of Jackie Pickerill.

Commissioner DeBolt offered comments on progress for construction, and upkeep of the estate house grounds stating based on his observations, there are no concerns with upkeep or housekeeping.

Motion: Commissioner Kellogg  
Second: Commissioner Shanley

**Roll call: ARPA Grant for Ken Pickerill Estate House Pavilion**

Commissioner	Aye	Opposed	Commissioner	Aye	Opposed
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers	X		Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley		

Motion unanimously approved.

Roll call: Commissioners Bachmann, , Flowers, Gengler, Kellogg, Koukol, Peterson, Rodriguez, Shanley, and DeBolt, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

- II. MOTION: Approval of a Proposal from Wire Wizard of Illinois, Inc. of Plano, Illinois for the Purchase and Installation of a Security System for the Ken Pickerill Estate House in the Amount of \$1,267.00

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve a Proposal from Wire Wizard of Illinois, Inc. of Plano, Illinois for the Purchase and Installation of a Security System for the Ken Pickerill Estate House in the Amount of \$1,267.00. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

Motion: Commissioner Peterson

Second: Commissioner Flowers

**Roll call: Wire Wizard Proposal**

<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Opposed</b>
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt		X (Abs.)	Peterson	X	
Flowers	X		Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley		

Motion unanimously approved.

Roll call: Commissioners Bachmann, Flowers, Gengler, Kellogg, Koukol, Peterson, Rodriguez, and Shanley, aye. Opposed, none. Abstained, Commissioner DeBolt. Motion carried by a vote of 8:1.

**X. Committee Chairman Reports: Seth Wormley (Finance) and Dan Koukol (Operations)**

No reports were presented.

**XI. Public Comments**

No public comments were offered from citizens in attendance.

**XII. Executive Session**

None.

**XIII. Other Items of Business**

**A. Moody's Bond Rating Assignment**

Director Guritz presented the updated Moody's Bond Rating for the District. The District's bond rating was improved to Aa3 with no outlook.

**B. 2023 IDNR OSLAD Grant Award - \$600,000 – Subat Nature Center – Notification of State Award**

Director Guritz presented a letter of notification received from the IDNR for the award of a FY23 OSLAD grant for support of the completion of the Subat Nature Center and Subat Forest Preserve master plan improvements.

**C. Notice of Meeting Cancellation and Changes:**

KCFPD Commission Meeting of April 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM Rescheduled to April 5, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
KCFPD Operations Committee Meeting of April 5, 2023 – Meeting Cancelled

**XIV. Adjournment**

Commissioner Kellogg made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson.  
Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz  
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District