

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

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

I. Call to Order

President DeBolt called the meeting to order at 9:54 am 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
	Flowers	X	Rodriguez
X	Gengler	X	Shanley
X	Kellogg	X	Wormley

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

V. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bachmann made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. 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 Commission Meeting of February 6, 2024
- Kendall County Forest Preserve District Operations Committee Meeting of February 7, 2024
- Kendall County Forest Preserve District Public Hearing of February 8, 2024

B. Approval of Claims in the Amount of \$60,055.09

C. MOTION: Approval of a Request to the Kendall County Treasurer's Office to Transfer Interest Earnings Retained in Fund 1903 in the Amount of \$98,714.98, and in Fund 1902 in the Amount of \$1,081.90 to the District's Capital Fund 1907 by February 29, 2024

Commissioner Bachmann made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Kellogg.

Motion: Commissioner Bachmann					
Second: Commissioner Kellogg					
Roll call: Consent Agenda					
Commissioner	Aye	Opposed	Commissioner	Aye	Opposed
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers			Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley	X	
Motion unanimously approved.					

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Kendall County Forest Preserve District – 2023 Year-In-Review Report

Executive Advisor Guritz presented the Kendall County Forest Preserve District 2023 Year in Review report, highlighting the District’s various project accomplished.

President DeBolt thanked staff for all their efforts over the past year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MOTION: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Kendall County Forest Preserve District and Kendall County Dedicating Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program Funding in the Amount of \$189,000.00, Including Authorization to Construct Multi-Use Trail Segments within County-owned Parcels to Complete the Hoover – Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves Connecting Trail

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement between the Kendall County Forest Preserve District and Kendall County dedicating Kendall County Transportation Alternatives Program funding in the amount of \$189,000.00, including authorization to construct multi-use trail segments within County-owned parcels to complete the Hoover – Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves connecting trail. Seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.

Motion: Commissioner Shanley

Second: Commissioner Bachmann

Roll call: IGA – Hoover-Fox River Bluffs Trail Connection Project

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

Motion unanimously approved.

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

- B. RESOLUTION #24-02-001:** Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Regional Trail Program Grant in the Amount of \$200,000.00 for Completion of a Multi-Use Connecting Trail between Hoover and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the submission of an Illinois Department of Natural Resources – Regional Trail Program Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00 for completion of a multi-use connecting trail between Hoover and Fox River Bluffs Forest Preserves. Seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Motion: Commissioner Peterson

Second: Commissioner Rodriguez

Roll call: Resolution #24-02-001 – IDNR RTP Grant

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

Motion unanimously approved.

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

- C. MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #24-02-002 with Kyle Connell of Morris, Illinois for the Lease of 130.32 Acres of Property at Baker Woods Forest Preserve for a Total Base Rent Amount of \$27,457.90, Plus a Calculated Yield Payment on 71.54 Acres in Row Crop Production, 50/50 Hay Production on 22.0 Acres, and Hay Production on the Remaining 36.78 Acres

Commissioner Peterson made a motion to approve Farm License Agreement #24-02-002 with Kyle Connell of Morris, Illinois for the lease of 130.32 acres of property at Baker Woods Forest Preserve for a total base rent amount of \$27,457.90, plus a calculated yield payment on 71.54 acres in row crop production, 50/50 hay production on 22.0 acres, and hay production on the remaining 36.78 acres. Seconded by Commissioner Shanley.

Motion: Commissioner Peterson
 Second: Commissioner Shanley

Roll call: Farm License #24-02-002

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

Motion unanimously approved.

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

- D. MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #24-02-003 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 \$102,072.00 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 \$15.00 per Acre Base Rent Increase over the Prior Years' Agreement

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve Farm License Agreement #24-02-003 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 \$102,072.00 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 \$15.00 per acre base rent increase over the prior years' agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson.

Motion: Commissioner Shanley
 Second: Commissioner Peterson

Roll call: Farm License #24-02-003

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

Motion unanimously approved.

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

- E. **MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #24-02-004 with Albert Collins, Jr. for the Lease of 51.5 Acres of District Property at Henneberry Forest Preserve for a Total Amount of \$9,270.00 for Base Rent, which Sum Includes a \$10.00 per Acre Base Rent Increase over the Prior Years' Agreement

Commissioner Bachmann made a motion to approve Farm License Agreement #24-02-004 with Albert Collins, Jr. for the lease of 51.5 Acres of District property at Henneberry Forest Preserve for a total amount of \$9,270.00 for base rent, which sum Includes a \$10.00 per acre base rent increase over the prior years' agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Gengler.

Motion: Commissioner Bachmann					
Second: Commissioner Gengler					
Roll call: Farm License #24-02-004					
Commissioner	Aye	Opposed	Commissioner	Aye	Opposed
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers			Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley	X	
Motion unanimously approved.					

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

- F. **MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #24-02-005 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

Commissioner Kellogg made a motion to approve Farm License Agreement #24-02-005 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. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson.

Motion: Commissioner Kellogg					
Second: Commissioner Peterson					
Roll call: Farm License #24-02-005					
Commissioner	Aye	Opposed	Commissioner	Aye	Opposed
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers			Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley	X	
Motion unanimously approved.					

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

- G. **MOTION:** Approval of Farm License Agreement #24-02-006 with Tom Anderson of Somonauk, Illinois for the Licensed Use of the Equipment Storage Barn at Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve through March 19, 2025 in the Amount of \$1,200.00 (\$100.00 per month).

Commissioner Bachmann made a motion to approve Farm License Agreement #24-02-006 with Tom Anderson of Somonauk, Illinois for the licensed use of the equipment storage barn at Little Rock Creek Forest Preserve through March 19, 2025 in the amount of \$1,200.00 (\$100.00 per month). Seconded by Commissioner Gengler.

Motion: Commissioner Bachmann					
Second: Commissioner Gengler					
Roll call: Farm License #24-02-006					
Commissioner	Aye	Opposed	Commissioner	Aye	Opposed
Bachmann	X		Koukol	X	
DeBolt	X		Peterson	X	
Flowers			Rodriguez	X	
Gengler	X		Shanley	X	
Kellogg	X		Wormley	X	
Motion unanimously approved.					

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

X. Committee Chairman Reports: Commissioners Wormley (Finance) and Koukol (Operations)

No reports were presented.

XI. Public Comments

No comments were offered from citizens in attendance.

XII. Executive Session

None.

XIII. Other Items of Business

A. Notice of Regular Meeting Date Change

Kendall County Forest Preserve District Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Kendall County Board Room

Rescheduled to Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9:00 AM in the Kendall County Board Room

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Executive Advisor, Kendall County Forest Preserve District