



1996 S. Kirk Rd. Suite 320
Geneva, IL 60134

Forest Preserve District, Planning and Utilization Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Cherryl Strathmann, President Christopher Kious, President Pro Tem, Mavis Bates,
Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz, Mike Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Mike Linder, Vern Tepe

Thursday, October 24, 2024

9:30 AM

3rd Floor Board Room

I. Call To Order

The Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee meeting was held Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the Administration Offices located at 1996 S. Kirk Road, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134. *Chair Strathmann called the meeting to order at 9:46AM.*

Approval of Remote Attendance

Commissioner Linder

- PRESENT** President Chris Kious
Chair Cherryl Strathmann
Board Member Mavis Bates
Board Member Michael Kenyon
Board Member Anita Lewis
Board Member Michael Linder (Remote)
Board Member Vern Tepe
- ABSENT** Board Member Ron Ford
Board Member Michelle Gumz

Also Present: Commissioners Allan, Juby (Remote), Molina (Remote), Roth; Exec. Dir. Haberthur; Dir. of Finance Petschke & staff Carrano; Ops. Dir. Jensen; NRM Dir. Chess; Dir. of Planning & Land Protection Rooks-Lopez; HR Dir. Clough; Chief of Police Burger; Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk & staff Kovach; Admin staff Figliozzi, Rafferty, Attorney Hodge and members of the public.

II. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2024

- RESULT:** APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT
- MOVER:** Michael Linder
- AYE:** Mavis Bates, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe
- ABSENT:** Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz

III. Public Comment (Each Speaker is limited to three minutes)

Mike Angus, Exec. Dir. of Chicago Area Mountain Bikers (CAMBr) spoke to the committee of a proposal for an expanded mountain biking request in Fabyan Woods Forest Preserve. He encouraged the committee to review and approve his proposal. He requested additional authority to allow mountain biker trail use at Raceway Woods Forest Preserve after dark.

IV. Bids and Proposals

TMP-24-3072Resolution Approving a Change Order for the Carpentersville Dam Removal Project

Exec. Dir. Haberthur presented the change order of the of the Carpentersville dam removal project. In 2015, the District entered into an intergovernmental agreement with

the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the River Obstruction Removal Project. The scope of the river obstruction removal project included cost for the removal of the Fabyan Causeway Island and Carpentersville Dam. The agreement included 100% reimbursement from the IDNR for engineering and demolition costs up to the \$2,500,000 for the removal of the Carpentersville Dam, of which \$911,112.16 remain. The awarded contract with RES Environmental is \$1,197,089.85. Additionally, \$119,708.99 was set aside as a contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,316,798.84. During the demolition of the dam a previously unknown stone causeway, approximately 50' wide and spanning the length of the dam was discovered. Staff, IDNR, V3, Army Corp and RES Environmental are working on solutions to remove or redistribute the material that appears to be comprised of native river bed material. If the material must be disposed, the additional cost estimate is \$430,000.00, which is \$310,291.01 higher than the authorized spending limit. Staff is requesting an increase in the contingency for the project of \$400,000.00 to cover this potential change and any additional unanticipated expenses, for a total project not to exceed \$1,716,798.84. Funds totaling \$2,500,000.00 were budgeted for engineering and demolition of which \$911,112.16 remain for this project. The IDNR has agreed to reimburse the District 100% of this change order in the amount of \$400,000 for the unanticipated costs that may occur during Dam removal and engineering.

DISCUSSION: *Commissioner Tepe asked what was being removed. Dir. Rooks-Lopez explained that all of the concrete and the causeway concrete.*

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Anita Lewis
SECONDER: Mavis Bates
AYE: Mavis Bates, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe
ABSENT: Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz

TMP-24-3032 Resolution Approving a Bid for Tree Planting at the Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve for the Centennial Celebration

NRM Dir. Chess presented the bid for tree purchase for the centennial celebration. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County was formed on June 8, 1925, in order to protect high-quality natural areas across the County. Chief among the priorities of the founders was the protection of Johnson's Mound, a large gravel kame covered in oak-sugar maple woods with one of the richest understory floras present to this day. Johnson's Mound became the District's first forest preserve upon its acquisition, and has now expanded to a 955-acre preserve. In 2025, the District will celebrate 100 years of conservation. In order to mark that milestone, the District is returning the its original roots by expanding the initial acquisition with a 35-acre agricultural conversion to tallgrass prairie and oak woodland. Trees will be available for donors and volunteers to plant, as a total of 800 trees are planted across the area. In order to diversify the planting and give the new grove better structure, the District is seeking to supplement the smaller volunteer planted trees with 250 larger 1.5" caliper trees that would be planted and cared for by a contract company for a full year. This would also include a guarantee on the trees for that year with a scheduled replacement in the second year, if the tree dies in the first year. The District publicly advertised the bid and received four responses. The qualified, lowest bid was received from RES Great Lakes of Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$145,000. Funds totaling \$575,000 were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2024/25 for the Centennial Anniversary Improvements project at Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve. Sufficient funds totaling \$383,058 are available in the Planning account for this expense totaling \$145,000. **DISCUSSION:** *Commissioner Strathmann asked if there were various species of trees. Dir. Chess responded that yes,*

there would be sugar maples, oaks, etc.

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Michael Kenyon
SECONDER: Michael Linder
AYE: Mavis Bates, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe
ABSENT: Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz

TMP-24-3036 Resolution Approving a Bid for the Resurfacing of Cart Paths throughout Hughes Creek Golf Course

Ops. Dir. Jensen presented the bid for the Hughes Creek cart path project. The existing asphalt cart paths were installed in phases from the late 1990's to early 2000's and are showing significant signs of deterioration and failure in large sections. This project is focused on making continuous improvements in a portion of the most degraded section; while taking into consideration equipment access and travel routes of future cart path maintenance and replacement projects. Beginning at the bridge located near Hole 4, this 35,470 square foot resurfacing will continue into the Hole 9 fairway area, which replaces approximately 1/3 of the total cart path system, or approximately 1.25 miles. The existing path will be pulverized in place, adding approximately 2 additional inches of base from the recycled material, graded, and overlaid with a 2" surface course of asphalt. This process will increase the height of the path by approximately 2" and will be backfilled and seeded to maintain a smooth transition. A 2,400 square foot section of asphalt trail is being removed and returned to a mowed turf path due to the proximity of problematic, wetland vegetation. This change will be similar in design and surface to a 2001 aerial photograph of the area, an allow for mechanical control of the vegetation without compromising an asphalt surface. The bridge approach will be paved as it was prior to the bridge improvement project in FY 2019/20, but all existing decomposed granite sections and pull-offs will remain as the crushed stone surface. The bid was publicly advertised, with 4 responding bidders. Maneval Construction of Ingleside, IL was the lowest qualified bidder with a base bid cost of \$115,927.00, Option 1 cost of \$10,825.00, and Option 2 cost of \$10,825.00; for a total project cost of \$137,577.00. Additionally, we are recommending an 8% contingency allowance to cover any unforeseen costs that may arise during the construction process of \$11,000.00, for a total cost not to exceed \$148,577.00. Funds totaling \$150,000 were budgeted and are available for the Hughes Creek Golf Club Path Improvements project for FY 2024/25 in Land Area Development for the Planning Department. **DISCUSSION:** *None.*

RESULT: **MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE**
TO: Forest Preserve District Executive Committee
MOVER: Michael Kenyon
SECONDER: Michael Linder
AYE: Mavis Bates, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe
ABSENT: Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz

V. New or Unfinished Business

None.

VI. Closed Session to Discuss Land Acquisition, License Agreements, Potential Litigation and Personnel – *None.*

VII. Communications

Dir. of Comm. Engagement Metanchuk promoted the Kane County Certified Naturalists (KCCN) information session that will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 7:00pm at the Hickory Knolls Discovery Center, St. Charles Park District. She reminded the committee that the IAPD Best of the Best Gala event will be held this Friday, October 25, 2024 at the Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, IL.

VIII. Chairman's Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15AM.

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Michael Kenyon

SECONDER: Michael Linder

AYE: Mavis Bates, Michael Kenyon, Anita Lewis, Michael Linder, Cherryl Strathmann, Vern Tepe

ABSENT: Ron Ford, Michelle Gumz

Chair Cherryl Strathmann
Forest Preserve District Planning and Utilization Committee
Forest Preserve District of Kane County

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabriella Figliozzi

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Recording Secretary