



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners**

Minutes of the Finance Committee

9:30 AM

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

**Brookfield Zoo Chicago, 8400 31st
Street, Brookfield, Illinois**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairwoman Anaya asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserves Code of Ordinances, Section 1-5-4.

No public speakers.

25-0335

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 07/01/2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 25-0335. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

25-0308

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a construction contract with Great Lakes Landscape Company, primary place of business Bartlett, Illinois, for construction of a new trail connecting Beaubien Woods Boat Launch to Altgeld Gardens in Chicago, Illinois.

Reason: Contract #74000016702 issued under Solicitation #25-80-012896 for Project #25-80-02, Beaubien Woods - Altgeld Gardens Trail Connection. The work includes, but is not limited to, construction of a new aggregate-surface trail with a box culvert. Work also includes building a temporary hauling road with natural prairie land restoration. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) will reimburse up to \$315,000.00 of the trail cost as mitigation for impacts from a future 130th Red Line Extension station pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the CTA (Board Item No. 23-0520).

Bid Opening Date: 8/12/2025

Bid Results:

1. Great Lakes Landscape Company	\$1,074,397.00
2. Meru Corporation	\$1,239,177.00
3. Semper Fi Landscaping, Inc.	\$1,330,229.95
4. MYS, Inc.	\$1,533,909.86
5. Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co., Inc.	\$1,813,869.69

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,074,397.00

Contract Period: Four hundred forty-seven (447) calendar days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Account Name/Number: Land Improvements 51009.560019, 51010.560019, 51033.560019, 51034.560019 and 51036.560019; and future Construction and Development accounts

District: 4

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Vásquez, to approve 25-0308. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

25-0313

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 9/9/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Litigation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$3,500,000.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2025 to Present:	\$511,003.54
Legal Fees for 9/9/2025 to Be Approved:	\$97,295.28

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0313. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

25-0314

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 9/9/2025

The Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation met on the above listed date and recommends the following for approval:

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2025 to present:	\$254,671.29
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$25,000.00

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 25-0314. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

25-0093

Presented by: ADAM BIANCHI, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 7/31/2025

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for July 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and filed 25-0093. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore,
S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Anaya, Aguilar, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Lowry, McCaskill, Miller, Moore, S. Morrison, Scott, Stamps, Trevor and Vásquez (14)

Excused Absence: K. Morrison, Gainer and Morita (3)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairwoman



Secretary

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