

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

**County Board Room, County Building**

**Board Meeting of  
Tuesday, September 9, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

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JOHN P. DALEY  
JOHN A. FRITCHEY  
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STANLEY MOORE  
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EDWIN REYES  
TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER  
PETER N. SILVESTRI  
DEBORAH SIMS  
ROBERT B. STEELE  
LARRY SUFFREDIN  
JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON  
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL RECORD**

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

**QUORUM**

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (14)

Absent: Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy (3)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

**INVOCATION**

Father Thomas Koys, Pastor at St. James Church, Sag Bridge, Lemont, gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

There were no public speakers for the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting.

**FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY****CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar items for the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting.

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**PRESIDENT**

**14-0400**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT****FOREST PRESERVE FEE SCHEDULE**

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances to facilitate the ability to obtain a permit for activities such as rallies, pickets, protests, speeches, and demonstrations.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 7 - Fees, Chapter 1 – Fee Schedule of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as follows:

**7-1-1: FEE SCHEDULE****Picnic Permits\* .....**

- Picnic Permits - one grove per permit, fees assessed for all permits; large groups may require multiple permits and/or security.  
Picnic permit category W = 25 to 99 people  
Picnic permit category X = 100 to 399 people  
Picnic permit category Y = 400 to 999 people  
Picnic permit Level 4 = Large area events
- Special use permits: special accommodations such as tents, beer truck, caterer, rides, generator, lights, overflow parking. A special use permit will be required for the aforementioned accommodations even if a picnic permit is not required based on the size of the group.
- Special activity/event permits: activities not included in picnic permits and/or special use permits. Usually sold to a group.

- Rallies, pickets, protests, speeches, and demonstrations involving 25 or more persons shall be considered activities requiring special event permits.
- Nonprofit organizations with proper documentation may qualify for a reduced rate of 50% on designated picnic permit charges.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Ordinance Amendment be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0436**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

##### **Honoring the Fall 2014 Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassadors (YOA) Managers and Students**

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2014, the Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassadors will present their findings on how the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) can better connect teens to nature and outdoor recreation and enable young people to have an active voice and role in the Preserves. The Next Generation Youth Outdoor Ambassadors is a program funded in part under the Coastal Zone Management Act, by NOAA’s Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in conjunction with the Illinois Coastal Management Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and was conducted in partnership with Fishin’ Buddies; and

**WHEREAS**, six Youth Outdoor Ambassadors planned and coordinated five events at five different locations that attracted more than 800 teens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors introduced over 800 youth to Forest Preserve programming and presented to an additional 600 youth in classroom settings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors designed a survey data form that was utilized to determine which Preserve programs resonate most with teens. More than 200 youth from the Calumet region completed the survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors exceeded their goals for this project and have successfully gathered findings that will help the Preserves improve their teen programming; and

**WHEREAS**, under the leadership of Credell Walls, Preserves' Community Outreach Specialist, Pete Gizyn, YOA Program Manager, John Kidd, Sr., Founder & President of Fishin' Buddies, and the YOA members Bria Foster, Amari Floyd, Kelvin Boyd, Stephenie Monroe, Aleah Moore, Chental Handy, and Christopher Morris have provided valuable data that will allow the Preserves to grow and develop successful teen programming; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent, and Toni Preckwinkle, President, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, hereby thank and congratulate the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors, Pete Gizyn, and Credell Walls.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to Credell Walls, Peter Gizyn, John Kidd, Sr., and the Youth Outdoor Ambassadors as a token of appreciation for their service to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County residents.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Consent Calendar Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**14-0439**

### **Report of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

**Monday, September 8, 2014**

**9:00 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

## **SECTION 1**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairperson Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (11)

**Absent:** Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Goslin, Moore and Murphy (6)

## **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 Public Testimony.**

**1. Lenore Beyer-Clow, Policy Director Openlands**

14-0375

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

## CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) code of ordinances for the purpose of establishing a Conservation and Policy Council for the purpose of providing additional leadership and expertise in the conservation area and other related areas.

**WHEREAS**, One hundred years ago, civic leaders in Chicago had the wisdom and foresight to leave us an extraordinary gift: the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”), and;

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the need for a renewed vision for the District and as an acknowledgment of this body’s commitment to a program of renewal, restoration and engagement, on February 18, 2014, the District Board of Commissioners adopted the Next Century Conservation Plan (the “Plan”), and;

**WHEREAS**, the Plan, which was developed by a team of civic leaders, organizations and District staff to map the District’s strategic conservation vision for the next 100 years, calls for transforming the forest preserves to places that foster diversity of plants, animals and habitats and welcome diverse people, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Plan also calls for the creation of a Conservation and Policy Council to provide continuous conservation leadership and expertise to the President and Board of Commissioners of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the District Board of Commissioners that Title I Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 18 Conservation and Policy Council of the Code of the District hereby is enacted as follows:

**TITLE 1  
ADMINISTRATIVE**

CHAPTER 1 - OFFICIAL FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT CODE  
CHAPTER 2 - SAVING CLAUSE  
CHAPTER 3 - DEFINITIONS  
CHAPTER 4 - GENERAL PENALTY  
CHAPTER 5 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE  
CHAPTER 6 - FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
CHAPTER 7 - ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS  
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CHAPTER 16 - GREEN BUILDINGS

CHAPTER 17 - OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL  
CHAPTER 18 - CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

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**CHAPTER 18 CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL**

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1-18-2 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

1-18-3 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

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**1-18-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

A. *Short Title.* This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council Ordinance.

B. *Purpose.* The purpose of the Conservation and Policy Council is to safeguard, expand and bring additional resources to the District by providing public recommendations regarding conservation, based on the Council's knowledge, skill, leadership and expertise in the field of conservation and other related areas, to the General Superintendent, President, and Board of Commissioners of the District.

C. *Declaration.* The District Board hereby establishes the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council ("Conservation Council"). The District Board hereby finds and declares that the Conservation Council shall do, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Develop and annually update a five-year strategic and financial plan to operationalize the Next Century Conservation Plan and annually recommend adoption of the updated strategic and financial plan to the General Superintendent, President, and Board of Commissioners;
2. Review and make recommendations to the General Superintendent, President and Board of Commissioners about the annual budget and its alignment with the strategic and financial plan;
3. Review and make recommendations to the General Superintendent, President and Board of Commissioners about conservation policies and practices;
4. Review and make recommendations to the General Superintendent, President and Board of Commissioners about opportunities to maximize public and private financial resources to accomplish conservation goals and initiatives; and
5. Provide public recommendations, as needed, to improve the District's operations and conservation leadership.

D. *Definitions.* For purposes of this article, the following words or terms shall have the meaning or construction ascribed to them in this Section:



1. Conservation Council means the eleven (11) Member board charged with providing public recommendations to the General Superintendent, President, and Board of Commissioners on all matters relating to the policies of the District and the Next Century Conservation Plan.
2. Chairperson means the chairperson of the Conservation and Policy Council.
3. District Board means the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
4. Member means a Member of the Conservation and Policy Council.
5. Ordinance means the Ordinance Establishing the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council Ordinance, as amended.
6. President means the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.

#### **1-18-2 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

A. General. The appointed Members shall receive no compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while serving on the Conservation Council.

B. Number of Members. There shall be eleven (11) Members of the Conservation Council.

1. One Chairperson (1)
2. One Ex Officio (1)
3. Nine Members (9)

C. Appointment of Members. One of the eleven (11) Members shall be Chairperson, appointed by the President and one of the eleven (11) shall be an Ex-Officio Member. The Ex-Officio Member shall be a District Board Commissioner, appointed by the President. The Ex-Officio Member shall be a voting Member of the Conservation Council. The Ex-Officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the District Board and the Conservation Council. The ten (10) remaining Members, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed in the following manner:

1. Initial Appointments. The President shall appoint all Initial Members of the Conservation Council based on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances.
2. Subsequent Appointments. After the first term of each of the Initial Member appointments expires or are otherwise terminated, Members of the Conservation Council will be selected as follows:
3. The President, in consultation with the Council, will appoint a Nominating Committee, comprised of at least 5 individuals, to recommend replacement or renewal of Members as terms expire.

- a. A majority of the Nominating Committee members will be representatives of not-for-profit organizations that have as their primary focus conservation of nature, land and/or water.
  - b. One member of the Nominating Committee will be a representative of a not-for-profit organization that has as its primary focus government finance and public policy.
  - c. The Nominating Committee may include up to two Conservation Council members.
4. The Nominating Committee will review the qualifications of individuals on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances, and will present at least one nomination for each vacant position to the President before the end of the term
5. The President will select from the Nominating Committee's list and present one name for each vacancy to the Board of Commissioners for concurrence.
6. If the Board does not approve appointment of the recommended candidate(s), the President may go back to the original recommendations of the Nominating Committee, or request additional names from the Nominating Committee.
7. Prior to their confirmation hearing, each candidate for appointment by the President or Board of Commissioners shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, that:
  - a. Is signed by the candidate;
  - b. Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;
  - c. Is notarized;
  - d. Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment;
  - e. Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills;
8. If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the President of the District Board of Commissioners in writing within seven (7) business days of the change.

D. Terms of Members.

1. Ex-Officio Member.

The District Board Commissioner who is appointed as the ex-officio Member shall serve on the Conservation Council for the length of the Commissioner's term. Upon an appointment or election change for the representative from the District Board, the President may provide notice to the District Board and the Conservation Council of any such change in ex-officio Member appointment.

2. The remaining Members. The Chairperson and the other remaining nine (9) Members of the Conservation Council shall serve terms as follows
- a. For the Initial Members,
    - 1. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, other than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2015.
    - 2. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, other than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2016.
    - 3. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, other than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.
    - 4. The Chairperson initially appointed by the President also shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.
  - b. Thereafter, all Members including the Chairperson, but excluding the Ex-Officio Member, appointed shall serve a term of three (3) years.
    - 1. Each appointed Member, whether initial or subsequent, shall hold office until a successor is appointed.
    - 2. Any appointed Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, other than a vacancy caused by the expiration of the predecessor's term, shall serve until the expiration of his or her predecessor's term.
- E. Vacancy. A vacancy shall occur upon the:
- a. Expiration of Member's term,
  - b. Resignation,
  - c. Death,
  - d. Conviction of a felony, or
  - e. Removal from the office of an appointed Member as set forth in paragraph 'F' of this Section.
- F. Removal of Members. A Conservation Council Member may be removed for good cause by the President. Good cause includes inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or any cause which renders the Member unfit for the position or unable to perform the duties of the position. The President shall provide written notice to that Member, the General Superintendent, the Conservation Council and the District Board of the proposed removal of that Member from the Conservation Council; such notice shall state the specific grounds which constitute cause for removal. The Member, in receipt of such notice, may request to appear before the District Board and present reasons in support of his or her retention. Thereafter, the District Board shall vote upon whether there are sufficient grounds to remove that Member from office. The President shall notify the subject Member of the final action of the District Board.
- G. Officers. The Conservation Council shall contain three (3) Members that serve as Officers: (1) Chairperson, (2) Vice-Chairperson and (3) Secretary. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Vice Chairperson and Secretary are elected by the Council. Each of the three officers, respectively, shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Conservation Council and may be appointed to serve successive terms as officers.

H. Duties of officers.

1. The Chairperson shall:
  - a. Preside at all meetings, when present;
  - b. Execute all documents relating to Conservation Council policy or designate such responsibility as warranted;
  - c. Prepare the initial agenda for each meeting; and
  - d. Perform any other agenda duties as directed by the Conservation Council.
2. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the capacity of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence. In the event the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to this office for the unexpired term or until the President brings forth another appointment that is recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board.
3. The Secretary shall maintain the Conservation Council records, including notices for and minutes of meetings and hearings.

**1-18-3 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**A. Criteria to be considered in nominating or appointing individuals to serve as Members shall include:

1. Background and skills needed on the Conservation Council including, but not limited to expertise in one or more of the following:
  - a. Conservation (practice)
  - b. Ecology (science)
  - c. Education/interpretation
  - d. Cultural resources/archeology/historic preservation
  - e. Management/business
  - f. Eco- or heritage tourism/market feasibility analysis
  - g. Finance
  - h. Public policy and planning
  - i. Outdoor recreation
  - j. Health and wellness
  - k. Volunteer management
  - l. High level government experience
  - m. Working knowledge of the District, Chicago Botanic Garden, Brookfield Zoo and/or other culturally significant institutions affiliated with, or supportive of, the District's statutorily defined purpose.
2. Resident of Cook County, Illinois;
3. Availability and willingness to attend Conservation Council meetings quarterly; and
4. Ability and willingness to:

- a. Learn sufficient details about District management and operations in order to effectively evaluate proposed actions and reports; and
- b. Accept and fulfill reasonable assignments from the Chairperson of the Conservation Council.

### **1-18-3 MEETINGS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

- A. The President shall call the first meeting of the Conservation Council thereafter, the Members shall prescribe the times and places for their meetings and the manner in which regular and special meetings may be called.
- B. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson, however, no less than four (4) meetings shall be held annually.
- C. A majority of the voting Members shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations of the Conservation Council shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting Members of the Conservation Council present and voting at the meeting at which the action is taken.
- D. The Conservation Council may hold public hearings as it deems appropriate to the performance of any of its responsibilities.
- E. The Conservation Council shall comply in all respects with the Open Meetings Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.
- F. The Conservation Council shall be subject to the Local Records Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 50 ILCS 205/1, et seq., as well as the Freedom of Information Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.
- G. The Conservation Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities that shall be posted on its website.

### **1-18-5 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

- A. The Conservation Council shall submit to the General Superintendent, the Board of Commissioners and the President an annual report prior to the end of each calendar year.
- B. Included in the report shall be any recommendations for additional legislation or other action which may be necessary to carry out the mission, purpose and intent of the District with respect to conservation issues.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon approval and adoption.

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be Accept a Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yeas:** Chairperson Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (11)

**Nays:** Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Goslin, Moore and Murphy (6)

**Proposed Substitute 14-0375**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

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CHAPTER 5 FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 RULES OR ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

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- 1-5-1: DEFINITIONS
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- 1-5-3: BUDGET MATTERS
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- 1-5-5: [Reserved for Procedures Relating to Revenue Matters]
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- 1-5-7: TRANSITION

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1-5-2: ORGANIZATION

2-1. President.

- a) The President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County shall be the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, and the chief executive officer of the Forest Preserve District.
  - b) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board and to see that the rules and regulations of the Board are complied with and enforced. The President shall preserve order and decorum; shall decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal of the decision as provided by Section 4-17 of these rules; shall entertain all motions, ordinances or resolutions only in accordance with the provisions of these rules; and shall generally perform the duties of a presiding officer.
  - c) President Pro Tempore. At the commencement of a term, the President shall nominate and the Board shall by resolution elect one (1) Commissioner as President Pro Tempore for such term. The President Pro Tempore shall, in the absence of the President, preside over meetings of the Board. In addition, in the event the President is temporarily unable to act in performing the remainder of his or her official duties, the President Pro Tempore shall perform such duties and possess all the rights and powers of the President until such time as the President is able to perform such duties or, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, until such vacancy is filled. If the President Pro Tempore shall cease to be a Commissioner or shall resign the office of President Pro Tempore, the Board shall elect another Commissioner to serve as President Pro Tempore for the remainder of the term.
- 2-2. Adoption of Rules. At the commencement of a term, the Board may adopt new rules of organization and procedure by ordinance setting forth such rules in their entirety and repealing these rules. Such ordinance must be adopted by a majority of those elected. Rules so adopted shall supersede these rules.

2-3. Committees.

1. The committees of the Board shall be:
  - i. The standing committees and their standing subcommittees listed in Rule 2-6;
  - ii. Special committees created by Board resolution under Rule 2-5; and
  - iii. Special subcommittees created by standing committees or by special committees under Rule 2-5.

Subcommittees may not create subcommittees.

2. The President shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of all committees in addition to the Commissioners who are appointed committee members.
3. A vacancy on a committee, or in the Chair or Vice-Chair position on a committee, shall be created when a Commissioner resigns from such position or ceases to be a Commissioner. Resignations shall be made in writing to the Secretary who shall promptly notify the President and all Commissioners.
4. Vacancies on committees or in the positions of Chair or Vice-Chair shall be filled by appointment by the same appointing authority as the initial appointments to such committee. In the case of committee appointments made by the Board, the Board shall fill vacancies by resolution. In the case of vacancies on special subcommittees that were created by committees, the parent committee shall fill the vacancy by motion.
5. Any Commissioner, regardless of whether a Chair, Vice-Chair or member of the committee, and the President shall be afforded the courtesy of participating in debate on any item before a committee.
6. The Chair of a committee or subcommittee shall have the authority to call and preside at meetings of such committee or subcommittee. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform the functions of the Chair.
7. The Secretary shall, at the end of each fiscal year, submit to the President and the Board a summary of all items pending in each committee.

2-4. Membership and Officers of Standing Committees.

- (a) At the commencement of each term, the members of each standing committee and standing subcommittee shall be appointed for the term by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected.
- (b) At the commencement of each term, the Chair and Vice-Chair of each standing committee and standing subcommittee shall be appointed for the term by resolution of the Board adopted by a majority of those elected.

2-5. Special Committees and Subcommittees.

- (a) The Board may create special committees by resolution adopted by a majority of those elected. The appointed members of a special committee shall be designated by resolution.
- (b) A committee may create a special subcommittee by motion adopted by a majority of the Commissioners who are voting members of the committee.



- (c) The resolution or motion creating a special committee or special subcommittee shall specify the subject matter of the special committee or subcommittee and the number of members to be appointed thereto, and may specify a reporting date during the term in which event the special committee or subcommittee shall be abolished as of such date. Unless an earlier date is specified by resolution or motion, special committees and subcommittees shall expire at the end of the term.

2-6. Standing Committees. The standing committees of the Board, their standing subcommittees and the number of members to be appointed to each (including Chair and Vice-Chair) are as follows:

AUDIT (7) - Chief Financial Officer shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Audit Committee

BOTANIC GARDEN (10)

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (10)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (7)

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole) with the following subcommittees with the number of members indicated:

Labor (7)

Litigation (7)

Workers' Compensation (5)

LAW ENFORCEMENT (9)

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

RECREATION (9)

RULES (9)

ZOOLOGICAL (10)

2-7. Referrals to Committees. The Board may by motion refer any item before the Board to a committee or to a subcommittee. The Chair of a committee may refer an item pending in that committee to a subcommittee of that committee. An item referred by the Board to any committee or subcommittee, or by a committee chair to a subcommittee, shall not be jointly referred to any other committee or subcommittee. Only upon the return of the item to the Board, either by report of the committee or by the Board's discharge of the item from the committee or subcommittee, may the Board refer the item to another committee or subcommittee.

All items referred to committee or subcommittee by the Board shall be designated with a Communication Number as assigned by the Secretary.

No committee or subcommittee shall meet for any purpose other than to consider one or more items designated by Communication Numbers.

The Secretary shall refer the draft Journal of Proceedings directly to the Committee on Rules and Administration and provide a Communication Number within twenty-one (21) days of a Board meeting.

2-8. Public Hearings of Committees. Any committee meeting may, at the discretion of the Chair, be designated as a public hearing; provided that the following requirements are satisfied:

1. A paid notice containing the time, place, subject matter of the hearing, and solicitation of pertinent public testimony shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Cook County;
2. A like notice shall be posted on the website maintained by the Secretary;
3. A court reporter is present and reporting all written and oral testimony by members of the public;
4. All oral testimony by members of the public shall be the first order of business after the committee is called to order; and
5. Any other meeting notification requirements found elsewhere in these rules.

2-9. Reporting by Committees. Notwithstanding any action to be undertaken by committees or subcommittees pursuant to this section, only the Board may take final action on any item referred to a committee or subcommittee. Committees shall report to the Board, and subcommittees shall report to their parent committees, subsequent to the adjournment of a meeting of the committee or subcommittee.

The report of any committee or subcommittee shall be comprised of two (2) sections.

The first section of the report, "the text," shall constitute the minutes of the meeting for which the report was prepared and shall contain: a list of the attendees; an account of the items considered; a summary of the deliberations, including motions and amendments proposed and/or adopted; all votes taken; the result of said votes; and any attachments to the record as ordered by the Chair.

The second section of the report shall include a summary of certain actions taken at the meeting for which the report was prepared. For purposes of this section, action is defined as motions, duly seconded and carried, to adopt one (1) of the six (6) following statements of intent with respect to a Communication Numbered item:

- (1) Recommend for Approval;
- (2) Recommend for Approval as Amended;
- (3) Not Recommended for Approval;
- (4) Not Recommended for Approval as Amended;
- (5) Recommended for Receiving and Filing; and
- (6) Returned With No Recommendation.

The committee's adoption of any one (1) of the above six (6) statements of intent, as reported to the Board, shall constitute conclusive action by the committee on a Communication Numbered item, and shall automatically discharge the committee from further jurisdiction of the item. Absent the attachment of one (1) of these six (6) statements of intent to the Communication Numbered item, such item will remain in committee unless discharged by the Board.

The Board's approval of a committee report that contains a statement(s) of intent as set forth in numbers (1) through (5) above in this section will constitute final Board action on the item(s) attached to the statement(s) of intent. The Board's approval of a committee report that contains a statement of intent as set forth in number (6), "Returned With No Recommendation," places the item before the Board for immediate consideration.

Commissioners present and voting on a motion to approve a committee report retain the right to divide their vote with regard to each item contained in the second section of the report, or to request a separate vote, either by voice or roll call, on such items, regardless of the action taken in Committee and prior to the approval of the committee report.

2-10. Discharge of Committee by the Board. The Board may discharge any item from committee by a majority vote.

2-11. Confirmation of Presidential Appointments. All appointments and reappointments of the President requiring the advice and consent of the Board shall be referred to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee upon the President's submission. The Committee shall promptly hold such hearings as it deems appropriate and shall, no later than thirty (30) days after referral, report all such appointments to the Board with a recommendation for action. If the Committee has not made a timely report on any appointment, the appointment shall, at the next regular meeting of the Board following the expiration of such thirty (30) days, be referred to the Board with "no recommendation" by the Committee.

2-12. Advisory Committee.

~~(a) This Committee shall be deemed defunct, dissolved and replaced by the Conservation and Policy Council established by Title 1, Chapter 18 of the District Code of Ordinances. consist of citizens of the District who shall serve at the will of the President and in connection with the Board of Commissioners, shall constitute the Advisory Committee of the District.~~

~~(b) The Committee shall consider and recommend to the Board such action as it shall deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill and accomplish, in the largest measure, the objects and purposes of the District in its establishment and development.~~

~~(c) This Committee shall be appointed by the President with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board. No person shall be appointed to the Advisory Committee who is a member or employee of the Board. There shall be not less than seven (7) or more than seventeen (17) members of the Advisory Committee.~~

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CHAPTER 18 CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL

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1-18-5 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL

1-18-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council Ordinance.
  
- B. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, the following words or terms shall have the meaning or construction ascribed to them in this Section:
  - 1. Council means the eleven (11) member Conservation and Policy Council charged with providing public recommendations to the President, Board of Commissioners, and Superintendent on all matters relating to the conservation policies of the District and the Next Century Conservation Plan.
  - 2. Chairperson means the chairperson of the Conservation and Policy Council.
  - 3. District means the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
  - 4. District Board means the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
  - 5. Member means a Member of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council.
  - 6. Ordinance means the Ordinance Establishing the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council Ordinance, as amended.
  - 7. Plan means the Next Century Conservation Plan for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, Resolution 14-0091, adopted by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners on February 18, 2014.
  - 8. President means the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
  - 9. Superintendent means the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois.
  
- C. Purpose. The purpose of the Conservation and Policy Council is to safeguard, expand and bring additional resources to the District by providing public recommendations regarding conservation, based on the Council's knowledge, skill, leadership and expertise in the field of conservation and other related areas, to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent of the District. The Council shall review and evaluate the implementation of the Plan.
  
- D. Declaration. The District Board hereby establishes the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Conservation and Policy Council ("Council"). The District Board hereby finds and declares that the Council shall do, but not be limited to, the following:
  - 1. Develop and annually update a five-year strategic and financial plan to operationalize the Plan and annually recommend adoption of the updated strategic and financial plan to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent of the District.;

2. Review and make recommendations to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent about the annual budget and its alignment with the strategic and financial plan;
3. Review and make recommendations to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent about conservation policies and practices;
4. Review and make recommendations to the President, District Board, and the Superintendent about opportunities to maximize public and private financial resources to accomplish conservation goals and initiatives; and
5. Provide public recommendations, as needed, to improve the District's operations and conservation leadership.

## **1-18-2 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

A. General. The appointed Members shall receive no compensation for their service, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses while serving on the Conservation Council.

B. Number of Members. There shall be eleven (11) Members of the Conservation-Council.

1. One Chairperson (1)
2. One Ex Officio (1)
3. Nine Members (9)

C. Appointment of Members. One of the eleven (11) Members shall be Chairperson, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board and one of the eleven (11) shall be an Ex-Officio Member. The Ex-Officio Member shall be a District Board Commissioner, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board. The Ex-Officio Member shall be a voting Member of the Council. The Ex-Officio Member shall serve as a liaison between the District Board and the-Council. The ten (10) remaining Members, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed in the following manner:

1. Initial Appointments. The President shall appoint all Initial Members of the Council with the advice and consent of the District Board based on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances.
2. Subsequent Appointments. After the first term of each of the Initial Member appointments expires or are otherwise terminated, Members of the Council will be selected as follows:
3. The President, in consultation with the Council, will appoint a Nominating Committee, comprised of at least 5 individuals to recommend replacement or renewal of Members as terms expire.
  - a. A majority of the Nominating Committee members will be representatives of not-for-profit organizations that have as their primary focus conservation of nature, land and/or water.
  - b. One member of the Nominating Committee will be a representative of a not-for-profit organization that has as its primary focus government finance and public policy.

c. The Nominating Committee may include up to two Council members.

4. The Nominating Committee will review the qualifications of individuals on the criteria established in Section 1-18-3 of the District's Code of Ordinances, and will present at least one nomination for each vacant position to the President before the end of the term.

5. The President, with advice and consent from the District Board, will select from the Nominating Committee's list and present one name for each vacancy to the District Board for concurrence.

6. If the Board does not approve appointment of the recommended candidate(s), the President may go back to the original recommendations of the Nominating Committee, or request additional names from the Nominating Committee.

7. Prior to their confirmation hearing, each candidate for appointment by the President or Board of Commissioners shall submit a notarized, signed affidavit to the Chairman of the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the District Board, that:

- a. Is signed by the candidate;
- b. Is sworn under oath, under penalties of perjury;
- c. Is notarized;
- d. Attests that the candidate fulfills the requirements set forth under the requisite statute, ordinance, law or regulation that creates the appointment;
- e. Attests that the candidate possesses the adequate qualifications and skills;

8. If there is any change in the information contained in the affidavit after the candidate is appointed, the candidate will notify the President and the District Board in writing within seven (7) business days of the change.

#### D. Terms of Members.

##### 1. Ex-Officio Member.

The District Board Commissioner who is appointed as the ex-officio Member shall serve on the Council for the length of the Commissioner's term. Upon an appointment or election change for the representative from the District Board, the President shall provide notice to the District Board and the Council of any such change in ex-officio Member appointment.

2. The remaining Members. The Chairperson and the other remaining nine (9) Members of the Council shall serve terms as follows

##### a. For the Initial Members,

1. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2015.

2. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the District Board, her than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2016.

3. Three (3) of the Members initially appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the District Board, other than the ex-officio Member, shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.

4. The Chairperson initially elected by the Members also shall serve a term that expires on December 31, 2017.

b. Thereafter, all Members including the Chairperson, but excluding the Ex-Officio Member, appointed shall serve a term of three (3) years.

1. Each appointed Member, whether initial or subsequent, shall hold office until a successor is appointed, except in cases of removal.

2. Any appointed Member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, other than a vacancy caused by the expiration of the predecessor's term, shall serve until the expiration of his or her predecessor's term.

E. Vacancy. A vacancy shall occur upon the:

a. Expiration of Member's term,

b. Resignation,

c. Death,

d. Conviction of a felony, or

e. Removal from the office of an appointed Member as set forth in paragraph 'F' of this Section.

F. Removal of Members. A Council Member may be removed for good cause by the President. Good cause includes inefficiency, neglect of duty, malfeasance, or any cause which renders the Member unfit for the position or unable to perform the duties of the position. The President shall provide written notice to that Member, the Conservation Council, the District Board, and the General Superintendent of the proposed removal of that Member from the Council; such notice shall state the specific grounds which constitute cause for removal. The Member, in receipt of such notice, may request to appear before the District Board and present reasons in support of his or her retention. Thereafter, the District Board shall vote upon whether there are sufficient grounds to remove that Member from office. The President shall notify the subject Member of the final action of the District Board.

G. Officers. The Council shall contain three (3) Members that serve as Officers: (1) Chairperson, (2) Vice-Chairperson and (3) Secretary. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary are elected by the Council. Each of the three officers, respectively, shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Council and may be appointed to serve successive terms as officers. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary shall serve for one year terms.

H. Duties of officers.

1. The Chairperson shall:

a. Preside at all meetings, when present;

b. Execute all documents relating to Council policy or designate such responsibility as warranted;

c. Prepare the initial agenda for each meeting; and

d. Perform any other agenda duties as directed by the Council.

2. The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the capacity of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence. In the event the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to this office for the unexpired term or until the President brings forth another appointment that is recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the District Board.

3. The Secretary shall maintain the Council records, including notices for and minutes of meetings and hearings.

I. The Council may create standing or ad hoc Subcommittees. The Chairperson may appoint non-voting members to those subcommittees. The District shall assign appropriate staff to the Council so that the Council may further and carry out its purposes and activities.

**J. Disclosure of interests required.**

1. Any Member, who has direct or indirect interest in any contract or transaction with the District, shall disclose this interest in writing to the Council which shall, in turn, notify the President and the District Board of such interest.

2. This interest shall be set forth in the minutes of the Council and the Member having such interest shall not participate on behalf of the Council in any way with regard to such contract or transaction unless the Council or District Board waives the conflict.

3. The Cook County Board of Ethics shall have jurisdiction over the investigation and enforcement of this section and over the sanctions for violations as set forth in Sections 1-13-4 and 1-13-5 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ethical Conduct.

**1-18-3 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS**

A. Criteria to be considered in nominating or appointing individuals to serve as Members shall include:

1. Background and skills needed on the Council including, but not limited to expertise in one or more of the following:

a. Conservation (practice)

b. Ecology (science)

c. Education/interpretation

d. Cultural resources/archeology/historic preservation

e. Management/business

f. Eco- or heritage tourism/market feasibility analysis

g. Finance

h. Public policy and planning

i. Outdoor recreation

j. Health and wellness

k. Volunteer management

l. High level government experience

m. Working knowledge of the District, Chicago Botanic Garden, Brookfield Zoo and/or other culturally significant institutions affiliated with, or supportive of, the District's statutorily defined purpose.

2. Resident of Cook County, Illinois;

3. Availability and willingness to attend Council meetings quarterly; and



4. Ability and willingness to:

- a. Learn sufficient details about District management and operations in order to effectively evaluate proposed actions and reports; and
- b. Accept and fulfill reasonable assignments from the Chairperson of the Council.

**1-18-3 MEETINGS OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

- A. The President shall call the first meeting of the Council. Thereafter, the Members shall prescribe the times and places for their meetings and the manner in which regular and special meetings may be called.
- B. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chairperson, however, no less than four (4) meetings shall be held annually.
- C. A majority of the voting Members shall constitute a quorum. Recommendations of the Council shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting Members of the Council present and voting at the meeting at which the action is taken.
- D. The Council may hold public hearings as it deems appropriate to the performance of any of its responsibilities.
- E. The Council shall comply in all respects with the Open Meetings Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 5 ILCS 120/1, et seq.
- F. The Council shall be subject to the Local Records Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 50 ILCS 205/1, et seq., as well as the Freedom of Information Act, as now or hereafter amended, and found at 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq.
- G. The Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities that shall be posted on its website.

**1-18-5 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

- A. The Council shall submit to the District Board, the President, and the Superintendent an annual report prior to the end of each calendar year.
- B. Included in the report shall be:
  - 1. any recommendations for additional legislation or other action which may be necessary to carry out the mission, purpose and intent of the District with respect to conservation issues; and
  - 2. a report on the progress of the District towards meeting the specific goals set forth in the Plan.

- C. The Council shall submit the minutes of its meetings to the District Board within 30 days of each meeting. The minutes shall be received and filed by the District Board.

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TITLE 2

FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROEPRTY

CHAPTER 1 AVIATION IN FOREST PRESERVES

CHAPTER 2 PROTECTION OF NATURAL FEATURES AND WILDLIFE

CHAPTER 3 TRESPASS AND USE OF PROERPTY  
 CHAPTER 4 RECREATION IN FOREST PRESERVES  
 CHAPTER 5 AUTHORIZED CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY

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CHAPTER 5 – AUTHORIZED CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY

2-5-1: PURPOSE  
 2-5-2: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZED CONVEYANCE OF FOREST PRESERVE LAND  
 2-5-3: SALE OF SURPLUS FOREST PRESERVE LAND  
 2-5-4: TRANSFER OF LAND  
 2-5-5: ANNEXATION  
 2-5-6: EMINENT DOMAIN  
 2-5-7: EASEMENTS  
 2-5-8: REQUIRED REVIEW FACTORS

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2-5-8 – REQUIRED REVIEW FACTORS

A. Various factor will be considered in reviewing a proposed transfer, sale, easement, or use of land including (a) the interest of the District,; (b) the benefits to the public in relation to the burden imposed on the District; (c) the land management policies of the District; (d) the protection, preservation, restoration and restocking of the trees, forests, property, flora, fauna, wildlife, natural resources and scenic beauties of the District; (e) the safety and general welfare of the public and of the Applicant; and (f) such other factors as the District deems relevant to the particular case. The Board of Commissioners recognizes that each situation and request is unique. Any action taken by the Board of Commissioners or the General Superintendent under this Ordinance is dependent upon the particular facts and circumstances of each case.

1. The General Superintendent with the Planning and Development Department shall review any land conveyance proposal and prepare a report for the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County Forest Preserve District, who may refer the matter to the ~~Citizens' Advisory Committee and the~~ Real Estate Committee. The report shall review the proposal in terms of the factors outlined in A (above) and compatibility with the mission of the Cook County Forest Preserve District. No land conveyance proposal shall be acted upon by the Board without such report. The General Superintendent shall, on a regular basis, forward a list of the rejected proposals to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District.
2. Proposals deemed to be in accordance with the mission of the Forest Preserve District shall be referred to the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District who may refer the matter to the ~~appropriate committee(s) including the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the~~ Real Estate Committee. The committee recommendations shall be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for action. No land conveyance proposal shall be acted upon by the Board without such committee(s) recommendation(s).

B. Public Notice.

1. Notice of any proposals regarding conveyance of the land and all meetings in relation to said use or conveyance shall be made public. No less than three (3) full business days before any meeting of the Board or a committee or subcommittee, notice shall be provided to all Commissioners and to all news media and organizations that have requested notice of Board meetings and shall be made available to the public in the office of the Secretary (FPD Code 1-5-4). The website of the Cook County Forest Preserve District shall also include a dedicated page listing all real estate acquisitions and proposed transfer, sale, easement or use of land. The page shall be updated in a timely manner as action is taken. In addition, notice shall be posted at the location of the proposed land conveyance.
2. ~~All meetings of the Citizens Advisory Committee shall be open to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).~~

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Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon approval and adoption.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Ordinance be Adopted as Amended by Substitution. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yeas:** Chairperson Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (11)

**Nays:** Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Goslin, Moore and Murphy (6)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this committee be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yeas:** Chairperson Suffredin, Commissioners Butler, Daley, Garcia, Gorman, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele and Tobolski (11)

**Nays:** Vice Chair Fritchey, Commissioners Collins, Gainer, Goslin, Moore and Murphy (6)

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File 14-0375.....Recommended for Approval as Substituted

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0440**

**Real Estate Committee Report**

**Monday, September 8, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Goslin (4)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Vice Chairman Gorman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107 (dd)**

**1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen**

**14-0331**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the northeast corner of Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Ave.) and Vollmer Road for use of 0.066 Acre or 2,890 square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT has requested the temporary easement to construct a paved shared use trail connection from the existing crosswalk at the northeast corner of Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Ave.) and Vollmer Road to the Tinley Creek Paved Trail. Construction of the shared use trail will connect the existing FPCC Trail on the north side of Vollmer Road to a signalized crosswalk connecting to the existing sidewalk on the south side of Vollmer Road.

Construction of the trail connection will improve the public’s access to the Tinley Creek Paved Trail and encourage the use of the crosswalks at the signalized intersection. IDOT will construct the trail connection at no cost to the Preserves. The Preserves will accept future maintenance responsibility

for the portion of the trail connection on the Preserves property.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.066 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** None

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**Concurrence(s):**

The Comptroller and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 5

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Easement Request be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Goslin (4)

**14-0332**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

## **EASEMENT REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Preserves”) to grant a temporary easement to the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) at the southwest corner of Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Ave.) and 47th Street for the use of 0.030 Acre or 1,320square feet.

**Reason:** IDOT has requested the temporary easement to construct a paved shared use trail connection from a proposed crosswalk at the southwest corner of Illinois Route 43 (Harlem Ave.) and 47th Street to the Salt Creek Greenway Paved Trail. Construction of the shared use trail will connect the existing Preserve Trail on the west side of Harlem Ave. to a signalized crosswalk connecting to the existing sidewalk on the east side of Harlem Ave.

Construction of the trail connection will improve the public’s access to the Salt Creek Greenway Paved Trail and encourage the use of the crosswalks at the signalized intersection. IDOT will construct the trail connection at no cost to the Preserves. The Preserves will accept future maintenance responsibility for the portion of the trail connection on the Preserves property.

The area for the permanent easement is 0.030 acres. IDOT indicates that no trees are expected to be removed for this project.

**Easement Fee:** None

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**Concurrence(s):**

The Comptroller and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**District(s):** 16

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Easement Request be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Goslin (4)

**14-0333**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor, to grant a License to AT&T, Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain 300 linear feet of underground 4-inch conduit to contain fiber optic cable along 167th Street in Oak Forest. The proposed facilities will provide a source of high speed internet, video, and improved telephone service for residents south of the Preserves. The location of the conduit will be confined to the existing right of way of 167th Street. The conduit will be installed underground by directional bore to minimize surface disturbance. AT&T will also remove their existing cabinet on the Preserves property installed in 1980 under License No. 1188; there will be no visible structures on the Preserves property.

**Term:** 10 (Ten) Years

**License Fee:** \$7,024.79

**License Application Fee:** \$1,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$11,424.79 for the term of the License (Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** None

**The area of the License is:** 0.103 Acre

**Concurrence(s):**

The Comptroller and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 6

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this License Request be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Goslin (4)

**14-0374**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

## **PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

### **FOREST PRESERVE LANDS AND PROPERTY**

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) code of ordinances to facilitate the ability of owners of residential property adjacent to land owned by the Preserves to obtain a license to allow them to continue to maintain building or other structures on land owned by the Preserves under certain very limited circumstances.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 - Forest Preserve Lands and Property, Chapter 3 - Trespass and Use of Property, Section 1 - Erection and Ownership of Structures of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

#### **Chapter 3 -Trespass and Use of Property.**

2-3-1: ERECTION AND OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES.

2-3-2: DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

2-3-3: GOODS AND VEHICLES AS OBSTRUCTIONS.

2-3-4: OBSTRUCTING USE OF PREMISES.

2-3-5: DUMPING GARBAGE; LITTERING.

2-3-6: SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS.

2-3-7: ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES.

2-3-8: GLASS BEVERAGE CONTAINER ORDINANCE.

2-3-9: PENALTY.

2-3-1: ERECTION AND OWNERSHIP OF STRUCTURES.

A. Permit to Erect; License to Use: No person shall stage any equipment or erect, construct or maintain any fence, building or other structure within the Forest Preserve District, or assert any right to the exclusive use and occupancy of any structure or any portion of said structure, without first having obtained a permit in writing from the District for the staging of equipment, or erection, construction or maintenance of such fence, building or other structure, or a license for the use and occupancy of such property. Where private property, located adjacent to property of the Forest Preserve District, benefits from an unlawful fence, building or other structure within the Forest Preserve District, described in this Chapter, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the private property is responsible for the erection, construction or maintenance of the unlawful fence, building or other structure.

B. Structures on Property of District; Authority: Any fence, building or other structure erected, whether lawfully or unlawfully, shall immediately become the property of the Forest Preserve District, and the use or tenancy of any structure or land may be terminated at any time when, in the discretion of the District, it is in the best interests of the public and of the Forest Preserve District to so terminate such use or tenancy. Any such structure, whether erected lawfully or unlawfully, may be removed or destroyed by the Forest Preserve District, unless otherwise provided in said permit or license.

C. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, any permit issued pursuant to this section shall at a minimum include a fee based upon a per day square footage use as calculated from the annual cost per acre fee for licenses as stated in

Title 5 Chapter 2 of this Code.

D. Residential Land Use License - Extreme Hardship: Upon receipt of a citation for violating the provisions of this Section, the owner of a residential parcel of real estate, on which a significant building or structure was erected that encroaches on land owned or controlled by the District, may apply to the District for a limited, non-assignable, renewable license to allow the building or structure to remain on land owned or controlled by the District for up to ten (10) years under the following circumstances: (1) the owner complies with the land use licensing requirements of Title 5, Chapter 2, Article A of the District's Code of Ordinances (except for the application fee, which shall not be required, referenced in Section 5-2A-1); (2) the encroaching building or structure was not erected by the current owner seeking such license and the encroaching building or structure was erected prior to the current owner's acquisition of the relevant adjacent parcel to which the encroaching building or structure has been associated; (3) the owner provides proof, as shall be determined by the General Superintendent or his designee, that immediate removal of the building or other structure would result in a undue hardship; (4) the owner agrees to remove or tear down the encroaching building or structure prior to, or in connection with, the sale or transfer of the relevant adjacent property.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 FPD Board of Commissioners referred to the Real Estate Committee.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Ordinance Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chair Gorman, Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, García, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski (13)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler, Fritchey, and Goslin (4)



**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, that this committee meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File 14-0331	Recommended for Approval
File 14-0332	Recommended for Approval
File 14-0333	Recommended for Approval
File 14-0374	Recommended for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0441**

**Report of the Finance Subcommittee on Labor**

**Monday, September 8, 2014**

**9:40 AM Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm. 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Vice Chairman García, Commissioners Gainer, Reyes and Sims (4)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler and Fritchey (3)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Vice Chairman García asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 Public Testimony.

**1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen**

**14-0385**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

ADMINISTRATIVE

Amending the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) code of ordinances to clarify the required participants for apprenticeship programs in order to be deemed a responsible bidder.

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 1 – Administration, Chapter 8 – District Finances, Section 2 – Contracts and Purchases, Subsection S-5 of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code is hereby amended as Follows:

Chapter 8 – District Finances

1-8-1: Receipts of Money

1-8-2 Contracts and Purchases

1-8-3: Wage Rates for Public Works Employee.

1-8-4 Property Tax Relief

1-8-5 Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises

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S. *Responsible bidder for bids for construction, maintenance, and repair of public works* shall mean a bidder who meets all of the job specifications, the following applicable criteria, and submits evidence of such compliance:

1. All applicable laws prerequisite to doing business in the State of Illinois.
2. Evidence of compliance with:
  - a. Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number (for individuals);
  - b. Provision of Section 2000(E) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code and Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 (known as the Equal Opportunity Employer Provisions).
3. Certificates of insurance indicating the following coverage; general liability, workers compensation, completed operation, automobile, hazardous occupation, product liability and professional liability insurance.
4. Compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance, and retirement for those trades covered in the Act.
5. Active apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract for all bidders, General Contractors, and/or subcontractors.
6. Certified payrolls as specified in 820 ILCS 130/5 for all contractors and subcontractors.

For purposes of this Section 1-8-2(S), the terms "public works" and "construction" shall have the meanings set forth in the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/2. Moreover, it is expressly understood that the term "public works" shall not include snow removal, landscaping, tree trimming, and tree removal unless such activities are done in conjunction with, or in preparation for, new construction or the repair, maintenance, assembly or disassembly of equipment owned or leased by the District.

**Effective date:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.

**Legislative History:** 7/22/14 Board of Commissioners referred to the Finance Subcommittee on Labor.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, that this Ordinance Amendment be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chairman García, Commissioners Gainer, Reyes and Sims (4)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler and Fritchey (3)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this committee be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Vice Chairman García, Commissioners Gainer, Reyes and Sims (4)

**Absent:** Chairman Murphy, Commissioners Butler and Fritchey (3)

### **SECTION 2**

#### **YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File 14-0385.....Recommended for Approval

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Gainer, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0442**

#### **Report of the Rules Committee**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

**9:45 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room, Rm 569  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, Schneider, Silvestri and Steele (7)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey and Sims (2)  
(Commissioner Daley noted that Commissioner Sims had a medical excuse.)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Suffredin asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30 Public Testimony.**

**There were no public speakers.**

**14-0455**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 7/22/2014.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Journal of Proceedings be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, Schneider, Silvestri and Steele (7)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey and Sims (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Suffredin, Vice Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Gainer, Schneider, Silvestri and Steele (7)

**Absent:** Commissioners Fritchey and Sims (2)

**SECTION 2**

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION  
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

File Id Number 14-0455 .....Recommended for Approval

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0463**

**Report of the Finance Committee**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014**

**10:00 AM Sagawau Environmental Learning  
Center 12545 West 111th Street, Lemont, Illinois**

**SECTION 1**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

There were no public speakers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**14-0459**

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Committee Date: July 22, 2014

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present: \$232,161.92

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:

\$116,418.51

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$418,718.40

Legal Fees for 7/22/2014 to be approved:

\$86,562.56

**\*For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 7/22/2014.**

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

Committee Date: September 8, 2014

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$348,581.43

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:

\$5,066.04

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$505,280.96

Legal Fees for 9/8/2014 To Be Approved:

\$43,801.88

**\*For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for 9/8/2014.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Silvestri, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes  
Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

#### 14-0460

Committee Name: Finance Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation

Committee Date: 9-8-2014

Workers' Compensation Claims Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$223,201.68

Lien Recovery Approved Fiscal Year 2014 to Present:

\$25,000.00

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:

\$90,000.00

**\*For details on payment approvals by the Workers Compensation Subcommittee, refer to the Workers Compensation Subcommittee Report for 9/8/2014.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Committee Report be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes  
Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**14-0414**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Action:** Disbursement Approval

**Payee:** Matthew Paving Inc., Oak Lawn, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$200,920.05

**Accounts:** Recreation (Landscape Improvements), 25-6760

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-02-01C4

**Summary:** Districtwide Picnic Groves Drainage & Accessibility

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0421**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Action:** Request to disburse payment

**Payee:** University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Developing Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan

**Fiscal Impact:** \$256,167.42, Contract is not to exceed \$1.3 million for completion of the initial plan. Funding of additional work under the IGA would be approved by the Board on a year to year basis with a maximum of (5) years.

**Accounts:** Habitat Restoration, 09-6750

**Contract Number(s):** FPD 2014-01101

**Summary:** The Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois is developing the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan to be completed, produced and distributed by 12/31/2014 as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Preserves of Cook County.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0462**

**Department(s):** Planning & Development

**Action:** Disbursement Approval

**Payee:** Plata Corporation, Chicago, Illinois

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Construction Services

**Fiscal Impact:** \$249,859.81

**Accounts:** 25-6710 Building Account

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01-G3R3

**Summary:** North Police HQ., Highland Woods Golf Course, Crabtree Nature Center, Deer Grove Subdivision HQ and Northwest Resource Management

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Daley, that this Disbursement be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

### **BID RECOMMENDATIONS**

**14-0399**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #14-31-106N consists of the removal of hazardous trees and emergency response on a time and materials basis in the north region of the Preserves.

**Bid Opening Date:** 7/25/2014



**Bid Results:**

- |                              |            |            |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1. Vega Tree Service         | \$61.92/hr |            |
| 2. Winklers Tree & Landscape | \$70.11/hr |            |
| 3. Trees R' Us               |            | \$75.00/hr |
| 4. Groundskeeper Landscape   | \$89.95/hr |            |

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** the combined total of contract #14-31-106N, #14-31-106C and #14-31-106S will not exceed \$500,000.00 in a calendar year.

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2019

**Account Name/Number:** Vegetation Management, 09-6754

**District:** Districtwide

**Concurrence(s):**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0401**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") to enter into a contract with Winkler's Tree Service, Hillside, Illinois.

**Reason:** Contract #14-31-106C consists of the removal of hazardous trees and emergency response on a time and materials basis in the central region of the Preserves.

**Bid Opening Date:** 7/25/2014

**Bid Results:**

- |                            |            |             |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Winkler's Tree Service  | \$67.27/hr |             |
| 2. Groundskeeper Landscape | \$79.36/hr |             |
| 3. Trees R Us              |            | \$115.00/hr |

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** The combined total of contract #14-31-106N, #14-31-106C, and #14-31-106S will not exceed \$500,000 in a calendar year.

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2019

**Account Name/Number:** Vegetation Management, 09-6754

**District:** Districtwide

**Concurrence(s):**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0402**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Groundskeeper Landscape, Orland Park, Illinois

**Reason:** Contract #14-31-106S consists of the removal of hazardous trees and emergency response on a time and materials basis in the south region of the preserves

**Bid Opening Date:** 7/25/2014

**Bid Results:**

- |                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Groundskeeper Landscape | \$68.75/hr  |
| 2. Winkler’s Tree Service  | \$68.81/hr  |
| 3. Trees R Us              | \$135.00/hr |

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** The combined total of contract #14-31-106N, #14-31-106C, and #14-31-106S will not exceed \$500,000.00 in a calendar year.

**Contract Period:** 1/1/2015 - 12/31/2019

**Account Name/Number:** Vegetation Management / 09-6754

**District:** Districtwide

**Concurrence(s):**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

#### **14-0411**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Planning & Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Path Construction, Inc., Arlington Heights, Illinois, for building and related site improvements at the Preserves Rolling Knolls Welcome Center near Elgin.

**Reason:** Contract 13-80-01 G7R3 Re-Bid is for the Preserve’s new Rolling Knolls Welcome Center. The proposed project is to demolish a portion of the existing clubhouse that is no longer useable, remodel the remaining portion of the existing clubhouse building, build an addition to the existing clubhouse and to reconstruct the existing parking area. The proposed project includes but is not limited to the development of a meeting room with a warming kitchen, a multipurpose room, new ADA toilet facilities, a small office area to support the facility and improved site drainage for the parking area and around the building. This facility also includes the use of geothermal heating system and photovoltaic panels, both of which are being partially funded by a grant from Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. Another contract will be let at a later date to construct additional site improvements around the property.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/20/2014

#### **Bid Results:**

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Recommended Add Alternate Bid</u>
1. Poulos Inc.	\$2,387,000.00	\$2,513,000.00 *
<b>2. Path Construction Co, Inc.</b>	<b>\$2,397,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,595,200.00</b>
3. Simpson Construction Co.	\$2,583,500.00	\$2,650,800.00
4. Cornerstone Contracting, Inc.	\$2,829,000.00	\$2,997,000.00

\*The compliance administrator deemed Poulos Inc. as a non-responsive bidder for lack of MBE/WBE participation.

A total of six (6) alternate bid items were requested with the Bid Proposal. The Preserves desires to include two (2) items in the scope of this contract. The bid recommendation is to award the contract with add alternates #2 & #5: #1: Construct a landscaped dry creek, #2: Construct geo-thermal system in lieu of air cooled system, #3: Delete installation of new shade and evergreen trees, #4: Delete installation of shrubs, #5 Construct roofing system with cedar roof deck in lieu of specified system and #6: Install bollard lighting at front entry sidewalk.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$2,595,200.00

**Contract Period:** Three hundred thirty (330) days from notice to proceed

**Account Name/Number:** Building Accounts 25-6710, 51-6710, 52-6710, 54-6710 & Grant Account 10-6710

**District:** 15

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0412**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Department of Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois

**Reason:** Contract number 14-31-111 consist of the removal, topping or pruning of eight hundred and forty seven (847) trees, which includes forty three (43) that require stumping and twenty four (24) additional stumps (due mostly to impacts from the Emerald Ash Borer), in accordance with the Preserves’ specifications in Region 9, Calumet Division. Vega Tree Service, Northlake, Illinois, was the lowest responsive and responsible of the two (2) bidders.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/15/2014

**Bid Results:**

1. Vega Tree Service \$86,000.00
2. Homer Tree Service \$191,462.50

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$86,000.00

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) working days from notice to proceed.

**Account Name/Number:** EAB Tree Removal/09-6756

**District(s):** 3,4,5,6, and 11

**Concurrence(s):**

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance provision.

The Chief Attorney and Chief Financial Officer have approved this item.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

**14-0424**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into a contract with Industria, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois for George Dunne National Trail patching repairs and parking lot pavement repairs.

**Reason:** Contract 14-80-25R, George Dunne National Trail patching repairs and parking lot pavement repair, work includes, but is not limited to, full depth trail pavement patching at the Tinley Creek Paved Trail surrounding George Dunne National Golf Course and a connecting path to Bremen Grove, removal and resurfacing parking lot pavement at George Dunne National Golf Course parking lot, drainage improvements, backfilling, landscaping, striping and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications.

**Bid Opening Date:** 8/20/2014

**Bid Results:**

1. Outlook Design & Construction, Inc.	\$143,296.64*	
2. <b>Industria, Inc.</b>	<b>\$174,175.00</b>	
3. Pavement Systems Inc.	<b>\$174,550.00</b>	
4. Century Contractors, Inc.		<b>\$183,075.00</b>
5. Crowley-Sheppard Asphalt, Inc.	<b>\$194,227.00</b>	
6. Cornerstone Contracting, Inc.	<b>\$397,000.00</b>	

\*Outlook Design & Construction, Inc. has been found to be non-responsive.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$174,175.00

**Contract Period:** Sixty (60) days from notice to proceed

**Account(s):** Trails, 25-6780 and 54-6780

**District(s):** 17

**Concurrence(s):**

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner García, that this Bid Recommendation be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

## **REVENUE REPORT**

**14-0432**

**Department:** Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense Report

**Report Period:** 7/1/2014 - 7/31/2014

**Summary:** Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expense Report for July 2014

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Steele, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that this meeting was adjourned.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Daley, Gainer, García, Gorman, Moore, Reyes Schneider, Silvestri, Suffredin and Tobolski, County Commissioners (12)

**Absent:** Commissioners Butler, Collins, Fritchey, Murphy and Sims (5)

## **SECTION 2**

### **YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN**

File Id Number 14-0459.....Recommended for Approval  
File Id Number 14-0460.....Recommended for Approval  
File Id Number 14-0414.....Recommended for Approval  
File Id Number 14-0421.....Recommended for Approval

File Id Number 14-0462.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0399.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0401.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0402.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0411.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0412.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0424.....Recommended for Approval  
 File Id Number 14-0401.....Recommended for Receiving and Filing

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Committee Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

**OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT**

**14-0429**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Waste Management of Illinois, Carol Stream, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase contract amount in Region 1.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Placement and service of Port-a-lets

**Original Contract Period:** 5/15/2012 - 4/14/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$130,096.00

**Original Approval:** 5/2/2012, \$93,916.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 12/5/2012, \$36,180.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$35,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014, \$10,000.00, FY 2015, \$25,000.00

**Accounts:** Contractual and other Professional Services, 01-6217, Special Events Public Relations, 01-6260 and Mighty Acorn, 06-6222 and Volunteer Resource Program, 01-6228.

**Contract Number(s):** 12-51-105

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** Port-a-lets placement and service in Districts 5, 6 and 11

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0430**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Waste Management of Illinois, Carol Stream, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase contract in Region 4.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Placement and service of Port-a-lets

**Original Contract Period:** 5/15/2012 - 4/14/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$100,251.00

**Original Approval:** 5/2/2012, \$85,401.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 12/5/2012, \$14,850.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$31,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014, \$10,000.00 and FY 2015, \$21,000.00

**Accounts:** Contractual and Other Professional Services, 01-6217, Special Events Public Relations, 01-6260, Mighty Acorn, 01-6222 and Volunteer Resource Program, 01-6228



**Contract Number(s):** 12-51-108

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** Placement and service for Pot-a-lets in Districts 14, 15 and 17

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0446**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Hoving Pit Stop, Inc., West Chicago, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase contract in Region 2.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Placement and service of Port-a-lets

**Original Contract Period:** 5/15/2012 - 4/14/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$167,278.00

**Original Approval:** 5/2/2012, \$143,428.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$23,850.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$30,500.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014, \$20,000.00 and FY 2015, \$10,500.00

**Accounts:** Contractual and Other Professional Services, 01-6217, Special Events Public Relations, 01-6260, Might Acorns, 01-6222 and Volunteer Resource Program, 01-6228.

**Contract Number(s):** 12-51-106

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** Placement and service of Port-a-lets in Districts 9, 12, 13, 14 and 16

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0447**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Landscape Maintenance

**Vendor:** Service Sanitation, Gary, Indiana

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to increase contract Region3.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Placement and service of Port-a-lets

**Original Contract Period:** 5/15/2012 - 4/14/2015

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** N/A

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$202,895.00

**Original Approval:** 5/2/2012, \$144,980.00

**Previous Increase(s):** \$57,915.00

**This Increase Requested:** \$35,500.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2014, \$15,000.00 and FY 2015, \$20,500

**Accounts:** Contractual and Other Professional Services, 01-6217, Special Events Public Relations, 01-6260, Mighty Acorns, 01-6222 and Volunteer Resource Program, 01-6228.

**Contract Number(s):** 12-51-107

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** Placement and service for Port-a-lets in Districts 5, 6 and 17

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0407**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Other Part(ies):** The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("MWRD") and The Village of North Riverside, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with MWRD and The Village of North Riverside, Illinois for Addison Creek streambank stabilization along 19th Avenue south of Cermak Road.

**Goods or Services:** MWRD proposes to construct a streambank stabilization project on Forest Preserve property along Addison Creek south of Cermak Avenue. MWRD will prepare all plans and specifications and construct the project at its sole cost and expense. The Village of North Riverside will maintain the stabilized bank along 19th Avenue at its sole cost and expense.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** Continuous

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Summary:** The project will prevent further erosion of Forest Preserve property and protect adjacent 19th Avenue infrastructure by installation of biostabilization measures.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Tobolski, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy  
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**14-0408**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Law Enforcement

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County

**Request:** Permission to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement

**Goods or Services:** To have the Sheriff of Cook County and the Preserves share use of the District's police K-9 training facility located in the Tinley Creek Division, Burr Oak Woods.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 1/1/2014, retroactively, - 12/31/2018, with automatic one year renewals.

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** N/A

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves") and County of Cook, on behalf of the Sheriff of Cook County, desire to have the Sheriff of Cook County and Preserves share use of the District's police K-9 training facility located in the Tinley Creek Division, Burr Oak Woods at 13801 South Harlem Avenue, Cook County, Illinois via a license agreement between the parties.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Intergovernmental Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0409**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED AGREEMENT**

**Vendor:** Commuter Rail Division of the Regional Transportation Authority ("Metra")

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("the Preserves") to enter into an easement agreement

**Reason:** The Forest Preserve would like to construct and maintain a bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Metra railroad, near Forest Glen Woods in the City of Chicago tracks near MP 11.0, between Devon and Foster Avenues, on Metra's Milwaukee North Line. The Forest Preserve has been working to extend the North Branch Bicycle Trail south approximately four miles, to connect to the City of Chicago's Bike Trail System. The North Branch Bicycle Trail is 18 miles in length, the Preserve's longest linear trail system, and one of the District's most used bicycle trails.

As consideration for the easement, the Preserves has agreed to pay Metra one dollar (\$1.00).

**Contract period:** Perpetual with the trail

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$1.00

**Account(s):** N/A

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

**District(s):** 9

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0410**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Department:** Law Enforcement

**Other Part(ies):** Cook County

**Request:** Permission to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement and disburse the required funds.

**Goods or Services:** To have Sheriff's Merit Board conduct background investigations.

**Agreement Number(s):** N/A

**Agreement Period:** 8/1/2014 - 7/31/2015, retroactively with automatic one year renewals.

**Fiscal Impact:** Up to \$15,000.00 per year

**Accounts:** Police Supply and Equipment Services, 01-6647

**Summary:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) and County of Cook, on behalf of the Sheriff of Cook County, desire to have Sheriff’s Merit Board conduct background investigations of candidates for sworn law enforcement positions at the Preserves.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0416**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Burris Equipment, Frankfort, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “Preserves”) to enter into and execute an agreement with Burris Equipment, the local distributor for Felling Trailers, Inc. Felling Trailers, Inc. and its team of local distributors were awarded a contract by the National Joint Powers Alliance (“NJPA”). The Preserves shall purchase Felling Trailers based on the prices, terms, and conditions offered to members of the NJPA.

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Seven (7) 2014 Felling Trailers

**Contract Value:** \$104,134.60

**Contract period:** 4/10/2014 - 4/10/2018

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$104,134.60

**Accounts:** Vehicles and Trucks, 09-6625

**Contract Number(s):** 031014-FTS

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**Summary:** This contract provides for seven (7) trailers to be purchased for use by Resource Management. There are no MBE and/or WBE distributors for Felling Trailers Inc.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0417**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### **PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licenser to grant a License to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc. (“WMI”), Grantee, to locate, operate and maintain two groundwater monitoring wells, one existing and one proposed, along Doty Avenue at the Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve. The groundwater monitoring wells are to insure that the groundwater quality is not affected by the nearby landfills.

**Term:** Ten (10) Years

**License Fee:** \$3,400.00

**License Application Fee:** \$1,000.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,800.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** N/A

**The area of the License is:** 0.004 Acre

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 4

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0419**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), as Licensor to grant a License to The Village of Niles, Illinois (“the Village”) to locate, operate and maintain a 72-inch storm sewer and outfall structure to the North Branch Chicago River. The storm sewer is part of a storm water relief program that also includes a detention basin and bioinfiltration facility on other village property. The sewer will capture storm water runoff to relieve flooding and to reduce the combined sewer overflow discharge. The request also includes licensing the existing combined sewer overflow structure for which no license or agreement is known. The Village will also construct a new ADA crosswalk on Caldwell Avenue at Cleveland Street with push button activated flashers, and a new paved trail connection, along the route of the new storm sewer, to the existing North branch Trail. The crossing will improve accessibility and safety and provide an alternative to the current use of the FPCC driveway and parking lot to access the trail.

**Term:** Continuous

**License Fee:** \$23,439.39

**License Application Fee:** \$500.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$27,339.39 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$141,212.64

**The area of the License is:** 0.34 Acre

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 13



**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0420**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED LICENSE REQUEST**

**Request:** Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”), to grant a License to The Village of River Forest, Illinois (the “Village”) to locate, operate and maintain a storm sewer outfall structure on the east bank of the Des Plaines River, adjacent to Thatcher Avenue approximately 400 feet south of North Avenue. The Village plans to construct a large scale sewer separation project in the adjacent neighborhood to reduce flooding in the area and to improve water quality in the FPCC and Des Plaines River by reducing combined sewer overflow discharges. The Village will also stabilize and replant the bank area at the outfall.

**Term:** Continuous

**License Fee:** \$3,400.00

**License Application Fee:** \$500.00

**YELAR Fee:** \$3,400.00

Total one-time upfront fee of \$7,300.00 for the term of the License  
(Sec. 5-2A-4 and 5-2B-4)

**Tree Mitigation Fee:** \$7,227.03

**The area of the License is:** 0.02 Acre

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

Grantee has met the insurance requirements under the License Agreement.

The Forest Preserves staff has reviewed this license application and plans and has found them to be acceptable; therefore, it is recommended that the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of this license.

**District(s):** 9

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this License Request be referred to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0434**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

**Department:** Planning and Development

**Grantee:** Forest Preserves of Cook County

**Grantor:** Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**Request:** Authorization to apply for grant

**Purpose:** The Forest Preserve District of Cook County proposes to apply for a Boat Access Area Development (“BAAD”) Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources that would support the development of a canoe launch at Busse Lake in the Ned Brown Preserve in Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

**Grant Amount:** \$80,000.00

**Grant Period:** April 2015 - June 2017

**Fiscal Impact:** \$36,370.00

**Account(s):** Recreation (Landscape Improvements ), 25-6760

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

**Summary:** This project would increase access to Busse Lake for paddling, expand the Preserves’ programmatic capacity, and advance the goals of the Forest Preserves’ Centennial Campaign Plan to increase healthy outdoor recreation opportunities.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Grant Application Authorization Request be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0438**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES**

**WHEREAS**, the FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY (the “Preserves”) has authorized various banks as depositories of its accounts;

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, the Preserves may also seek to open lines of credit or purchase appeal bonds from various insurers, bond companies or other institutions to cover the costs of judgments against the Preserves in the event the Preserves, upon Board approval, decides to appeal such judgments;

**WHEREAS**, the various banks that serve as depositories of the Preserves’ accounts require the manual or facsimile signature of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Preserves for the warrants, checks drafts or other orders on these accounts;

**WHEREAS**, the various insurers, bond companies and other institutions with whom the Preserves may seek to open a line of credit, or from whom the Preserves may seek to purchase an appeal bond, may require the manual or facsimile signatures of duly elected or appointed Officers of the Preserves in order to allow the Preserves to establish lines of credit or purchase appeals bonds;

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, based on changes in Preserves personnel, it is necessary to advise banks, insurers, bond companies and other institutions of changes to the list of elected or appointed Officers of the Preserves who are authorized to sign on behalf of the Preserves in order to allow the Preserves to issue checks, warrants or other orders with respect to Preserves bank accounts; establish lines of credit; or purchase appeals bonds;

**WHEREAS**, upon approval, this Resolution shall supersede the prior Resolution, Item No. 14-0266, which was approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves on May 20, 2014 regarding authorized signatures;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, effective as of the date this resolution is approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves, the manual or facsimile signatures of any three of the following officers shall appear on all lines of credit opened; appeal bonds purchased; or warrants, checks, drafts or other orders drawn on the bank accounts or other accounts of the Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE  
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STEPHEN C. HUGHES  
COMPTROLLER, TIMOTHY HICKS  
TREASURER, STEPHEN C. HUGHES

provided, however, that one signature must be that of either the Treasurer or the Chief Financial Officer that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby do what you are suggesting or endorsing with this resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the banks, insurers, bond companies, sureties or other institutions authorized as lenders, depositories, or sureties of the Preserves shall be entitled to honor and to charge the Preserves, for such lines of credit, appeal bonds, warrants, checks, drafts or other orders whenever such documents shall be signed manually or by facsimile by any three of the following six officers of the Preserves:

PRESIDENT, TONI PRECKWINKLE  
 GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, ARNOLD RANDALL  
 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, STEPHEN C. HUGHES  
 COMPTROLLER, TIMOTHY HICKS  
 TREASURER, STEPHEN C. HUGHES

provided, however, that one signature is that of the Treasurer or Chief Financial Officer

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0431**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

# **REPORT**

**Department:** Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

**Report Period:** Fiscal Year Ending 12/31/2013

**Summary:** Audit Report

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0433**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Procurements and Disbursements Report for July 2014

**Report Period:** 7/1/2014 - 7/31/2014

**Summary:** The Procurements and Disbursements Report for July 2014 is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's Code of Ordinances.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0435**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** General Office, Forest Preserve Foundation

**Request:** Receive and File

**Report Title:** Conservation Cup Status Report

**Report Period:** 2014

**Summary:** Shelley Davis, Forest Preserve Foundation Executive Director will provide a detailed status report.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0451**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserve of Cook County MBE/WBE Expenditures Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 - 6/30/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0453**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Chicago Zoological Society MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 through 6/30/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0454**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**REPORT**

**Department:** Finance and Administration

**Request:** Submitting Report for the Contract Compliance Committee

**Report Title:** Chicago Botanic Garden MBE/WBE Expenditure Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2014 through 6/30/2014

**Summary:** Submitting report for referral to the Contract Compliance Committee.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, that this Report be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0422**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

**PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS**

**Friday through Sunday, 9/ 12 -9/ 14, 10 am to 4:30 pm**

**Roadside Flower Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, Burnstein Hall Garden, Glencoe** Select from more than 300 arrangements and wreaths, crafted by volunteers and featuring dried flowers, pods, and grasses.

**Saturday, 9/13, 8 am to 2 pm**

**Fishin' Buddies Fall Fishing Derby, Wampum Lake, I,90/94 & Thornton Lansing Rd, Thornton-Lansing**

This annual family fishing derby is perfect for all skill levels. Register at [fbderby.com](http://fbderby.com)

**Saturday, 9/13, 1 pm**

**Monarch Migration, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, 12545 W. 111th St, Lemont**

Why do monarch butterflies travel over 2,000 miles to the mountains of Central Mexico in the fall? Learn what cues they use to begin their journey south.

**Saturday, 9/13, 2 pm to 4 pm**

**North Branch Trail Addition Celebration, Chicago Botanic Garden, Across from the McDonald Woods Pavilion, Glencoe**

Celebrate the opening of this multi-use trail which provides the “missing link” between the North Branch and the Green Bay trails.

**Saturday, 9/13, 10 am to 8 pm, Grand Entries at Noon and 6 pm**

**Sunday, 9/14, 10 am to 5 pm, Grand Entry at Noon**

**61st Annual American Indian Pow Wow, Busse Woods South, Higgins Rd east of I,290, Elk Grove Village**

This event features Native American dance, drumming, food, art wares, films and fun. Don’t miss traditional dance competitors from all over the country! In partnership with the American Indian Center of Chicago. Admission \$10 - \$15.

**Sunday, 9/14, 1 pm**

**Killer Plants & Murderous Mushrooms, Trailside Museum, 738 Thatcher Avenue, River Forest** Explore how some plants and fungi defend themselves, then follow a naturalist in search of examples. Adults and kids 12 & up. Register by 9/12.

**Saturday, 9/20, 10 am to 1 pm**

**Saganashkee Slough Paddle, Saganashkee Slough Boat Launch, 11672 W 107th St, Lemont**

Join our morning paddle as we take a look at the diverse habitats of this area. Instruction provided. Call 708.771.1010 to reserve a spot.

**Saturday, 9/20, 10 am to 3 pm**

**Archaeology Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland**

Join us for activities that promote a better understanding and appreciation of historic Native American culture. Enjoy archaeology displays, guided hikes, activities and crafts.

**Saturday, 9/20 through Sunday, September 21, 2 pm to 10 am**

**Family Campout, Pulaski Woods, Wolf Road Complex, Willow Springs**

In partnership with the Chicago Park District families can campout under the stars at Pulaski Woods and participate in fun outdoor activities like canoeing, archery, hiking and more. Tents and a campfire meal will be provided. Cook County families of up to 6 can register at

[Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov) <<mailto:Experience.Nature@cookcountyil.gov>>. There is a \$50 fee per family group.

**Saturday & Sunday, 9/20 & 9/21, 10 am to 4:30 pm**

**Illinois Gourd Society Show & Sale, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe**

See gourds of all shapes and sizes at this show and sale. The show includes themed and educational displays. Society members and growers will be on hand to answer questions and vendors will sell crafted gourds of all kinds in addition to dry gourds, seeds, tools, and supplies.



**Sunday, 9/21, 10 am to 4 pm**

**Art in Nature, Crabtree Nature Center, 3 Stover Road, Barrington**

Watch artists as they paint along our trails. Listen to live music, view additional artwork for sale and vote for your favorite artist. Adults and kids, learn to create your own artwork-materials and instruction provided.

**Wednesday, 9/24, 5 pm to 7 pm**

**Afterschool Outdoor Adventures: Tracking Nature -**

**Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, 87th and Western, Chicago**

Join us to investigate different habitats and look for native animal tracks. We'll play games, hike and create our "own" tracks using a printmaking process. Calling all outdoor adventurers ages 7-12! Meet up for outdoor skill building, hiking, exploring and nature-based art making. Call 708.771.1010 to reserve a spot.

**Friday, 9/26, 7 pm**

**The Astronomer's Night Sky, Sand Ridge Nature Center, 15891 Paxton Avenue, South Holland**

View planets and other celestial wonders through a telescope, clear skies permitting. In the event of poor skies, an astronomy lecture and slide show will be presented. Register by 9/24.

**Saturday, 9/27, 6 pm to 9 pm**

**Family Night Out: Stars, Stories and S'Mores, Thatcher Woods, 8030 W Chicago Avenue, River Forest**

Bring the family and enjoy an evening in the forest. We'll have a fire, storytelling, snacks and other nature activities.

**Friday, 10/3, 5 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Friday Night Archery, Eggers Grove, 11201 S Avenue B, Chicago**

Open to all levels of experience, beginner to expert. Learn from an instructor, share tips and practice your skills. Ages 10 & up. Pack a picnic dinner and stay awhile.

**Saturday, 10/4, 1 pm to 5 pm**

**Fall Paddle at Powderhorn Lake, Powderhorn Lake, 13843, 14387 S Brainard, Burnham**

Enjoy the fall season on the water! We'll have a 10 passenger voyager canoe, guided hikes, and pumpkin painting.

**Sunday, 10/5, 9 am to 5 pm**

**Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, Little Red School House, 9800 South 104th Avenue, Willow Springs**

We're celebrating our 49th year! Artists of all kinds, from painters to carvers to photographers, will sell their creations that have been inspired by local nature.

**Sunday, 10/5, 1:30 pm**

**All A Buzz About Honey, River Trail Nature Center, 3120 Milwaukee Avenue, Northbrook**

Meet River Trail's beekeeper and learn about honeybees and their hives.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Goslin, that this Miscellaneous Item of Business be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**NEW ITEMS**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this was motion to suspend the rules.. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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**14-0418**

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO THE LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT COSTS FOR THE THORN CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) has been awarded to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) by the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to construct a 4.75 miles of the Thorn Creek Bicycle Trail (hereafter the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to enter into a local agency agreement (the “Local Agency Agreement”), with the Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”) to pay 20% of the Phase III Construction Engineering costs associated with the Project, estimated at \$90,956; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2013, pursuant to the Local Agency Agreement the Board of Commissioners authorized the District to pay the “IDOT” 20% of total construction cost for the entire project estimated at \$1,138,600.

**WHEREAS**, due to a pending agreement with the Canadian National Railroad the District started construction of the trail segment from Sweet Woods in Glenwood to Hickory Street in Chicago Heights which is the location of the future Old Plank Road Trail. This segment is referred to as Stage 1.

**WHEREAS**, now the District plans to proceed with Stage 2 construction from Hickory Street to 26th Street in Chicago Heights which connects to the existing Sauk Trail and “IDOT” requires another Local Agency Agreement. The additional Local Agency Agreement covers Stage 2 costs; however the District’s funding participation does not increase.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County hereby authorize the District to enter into the Local Agency Agreement specific to stage 2 construction.

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**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Ryes, that this Board meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 14 - Commissioners Collins, Daley, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, Suffredin and Tobolski

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioners Butler, Fritchey and Murphy