



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

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

11:00 AM

Virtual meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Britton (1) Excused

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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

No public speakers

[22-0348](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 06/14/2022

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to approve 22-0348. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Britton (1)

Motion to move to executive session

A motion was made by Commissioner SEAN M. MORRISON, seconded by Vice Chair BILL LOWRY, that this was convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Britton (1)

Reconvene regular session

A motion was made by Commissioner BRANDON JOHNSON, seconded by Commissioner SEAN M. MORRISON, that this was reconvene regular session.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson, Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Britton (1)

[22-0343](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASE SETTLEMENTS

1. *Juan Jimenez v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County* - 2018 L 13072

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chair Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 22-0343. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2) Excused

[22-0344](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/29/2022 through 05/31/2022 by Law Offices of Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, PC for various matters.

2. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/26/2022 through 06/30/2022 by Brothers & Thompson, PC for various labor related matters.
3. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2022 through 06/30/2022 by DeVore Radunsky, LLC for various litigated matters.
4. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2021 through 11/30/2021 and 05/01/2022 through 06/30/2022 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2022 through 06/30/2022 by Henderson Parks for Horizon Farms post-acquisition issues.
6. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2022 through 06/30/2022 by Hinshaw & Culbertson for various matters.
7. Invoices submitted for legal services 04/01/2022 through 05/31/2022 by Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. for various matters.
8. Invoices submitted for legal services 3/31/2022 through 5/31/2022 by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for various matters.
9. Invoices submitted for legal services 01/01/2022 through 01/31/2022 and 04/01/2022 through 5/31/2022 by Neal & Leroy, LLC for real estate related matters.
10. Invoices submitted for legal services 05/01/2022 through 05/31/2022 by Robbins Schwartz for a taxation related matter.
11. Invoice submitted for legal services 06/01/2022 through 06/30/2022 by Tristan & Cervantes for a litigated matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Vice Chair Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 22-0344. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2)

[22-0345](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE FEE STRUCTURE

1. Notice of Alternative Fee Structure for Ordinance Review - Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to recommend

for approval 22-0345. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2)

[22-0346](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. Report of Claims Settled Under \$30,000.00 per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to receive and filed 22-0346. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2)

[22-0347](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. Quarterly Status Reports from Outside Counsel per Ordinance 21-0270

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Chair Lowry, to receive and filed 22-0347. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner BRIDGET DEGNEN, this meeting adjourn.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Degnen, Johnson and Morrison (5)

Absent: Britton and Suffredin (2)

Respectfully submitted,

Peter N. Schistu

Chairman

Lynne M. Turner

Secretary

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