



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

Minutes of the Finance Committee

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:30 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Vice Chairperson Deer, to allow for remote participation in meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman Lowry 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.

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/12/2023

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairperson Deer, to approve 24-0105. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -1/23/2024

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$0.00

Legal Fees for 1/23/2024 to Be Approved: \$61,672.51

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairperson Deer, to approve 24-0057. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 1/23/2024

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$0.00

Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved: \$162,392.10

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2024 to present: \$0.00

Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved: \$12,500.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Vice Chairperson Deer, to approve 24-0059. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Refer to Finance Committee

Report Title: American Rescue Plan Act Sub-Award Annual Report

Report Period: 7/26/2022 - 9/30/2023

Summary: This report serves as an annual update on the Forest Preserves of Cook County's (the "Forest Preserves") American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") sub-award funds pursuant to Board Resolution No. 22-0289. This report covers the period of July 26, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and includes Forest Preserves' expenditures and activities for ARPA projects. ARPA funds seek to address the negative health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on communities nationwide. The Forest Preserves remained open throughout the pandemic and saw firsthand how important nature is to the residents of Cook County, with visitor numbers jumping from an estimated 62 million visits per year to 100 million during this time. ARPA funds support the Forest Preserves mission in providing access to nature to all residents of Cook County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Stamps, to recommend for receiving and filing 23-0593. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2023 - 11/30/2023

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for November 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quezada, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to recommend for receiving and filing 24-0072. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Deer, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Quezada, Stamps and Trevor (16)

Absent: Morrison (1)

Respectfully submitted,

Bill 

Chairman



Secretary

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