



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

Minutes of the FPD Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

10:00 AM

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

ATTENDANCE

Present: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer (remote), Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

A motion was made by Commissioner BILL LOWRY, seconded by Commissioner SCOTT R. BRITTON, that this was allow for remote participation in meeting.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer (remote), Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no Consent items for this agenda

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Jody Whitiker

Rod Harrington, Little Calumet River Underground Railroad Foundation

Kimberly Mhoom, K. Mhoom Mindful Movent, LLC

Laura Barghusen, Openlands

PRESIDENT

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title I - Administrative, Chapter 8 - District Finances, Section 2 - Contracts and Purchases, Subsection F - Recycled Product Procurement Policy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as Follows:

F. Sustainable Product Procurement Policy:

1. Purpose.
2. Policies.
3. Definitions.
4. Designated Products and Sustainable Products.
5. Requirements for Purchasing Contracts.
6. Rules and Regulations for Procurement of Sustainable Products.
7. Responsibilities of the Purchasing Department.
8. Exemptions.
9. Severability.
10. Third Party Rights.

Click for full text: [<https://bit.ly/24-0409>](https://bit.ly/24-0409)

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 24-0409 to the Environment and Sustainability Committee . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer (remote), Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

REPEAL OUTDATED RECYCLING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 (Administrative), Chapter 15 (Reduction of Waste) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety:

~~1-15-1: REDUCTION OF WASTE THROUGH REFUSE AND RECYCLING.~~

~~The Forest Preserve District shall develop and implement a plan to reduce and reuse material, and to recycle material from all Forest Preserve facilities.~~

~~Such plan will be calculated for the purpose of achieving a district wide goal of 25 percent waste diversion and an accompanying 25 percent waste disposal cost reduction.~~

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to refer 24-0459 to the Environment and Sustainability Committee . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer (remote), Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT**Appointee(s):** Kim Ruffin, Ph.D.**Position:** Council Member**Department/Board/Commission:** Conservation and Policy Council**Effective Date:** 1/1/2025**Expiration Date:** 12/31/2027

The Council Nominating Committee recommends the appointment of Kim Ruffin to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Maria Pesqueira.

Dr. Kim Ruffin is an Associate Professor and Program Director of English at Roosevelt University. Her scholarly monograph, *Black on Earth: African-American Ecoliterary Traditions*, put African-American writers on the map of U.S. nature writing. She is also a certified nature and forest therapy guide and a creative writer. Her audio-guided forest therapy walks (hosted by Emergence Magazine, the Denver Museum of Art, and the Forest Preserves of Cook County) have been enjoyed by thousands of local, national, and global listeners. Her current book project has been supported by a Kalliopeia Foundation grant, an Aldo and Estella Leopold Writing Program Residency, and a nonfiction workshop at the Bread Loaf Environmental Writers' Conference. In this forthcoming book, she recovers overlooked environmental testimony of the formerly enslaved from a federal archive. This project will offer a ceremony of environmental homecoming that both returns African-American voices to the American nature story and illuminates a pathway forward in our time of ecological upheaval. Dr. Kim Ruffin's range of work supports her efforts to celebrate the opportunities and tackle the challenges of living on Earth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to refer 24-0476 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED REAPPOINTMENT

Appointee(s): Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, Ph.D.

Position: Council Members

Department/Board/Commission: Conservation and Policy Council

Effective Date: 1/1/2025

Expiration Date: 12/31/2027

Summary: The terms for Conservation and Policy Council members Alan Bell, Jacqueline Samuel, and Michael DeSantiago expire on December 31, 2024. Alan and Jacqueline are able and willing to serve an additional term. Michael DeSantiago, who has served on the Council for ten years, is stepping down. In December we will be submitting a resolution to honor and thank Michael for his service.

The Council Nominating Committee recommends that Alan Bell and Jacqueline Samuel be appointed to a new term beginning January 1, 2025.

Alan Bell is a partner at the law firm of Charity & Associates, P.C., focusing on municipal finance and real estate finance. He is also the founder and president of The Elements Group, which focuses on nature-oriented development projects. He serves on the boards of Openlands, the Land Trust Alliance, the Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance and the Black Ensemble Theater, and is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. He enjoys bike riding along Chicago's lakefront and hiking trails throughout the Forest Preserves.

Jacqueline Samuel is the Program Director of the Master of Public Administration at National Louis University. Previously, Dr. Samuel served as the Project Manager for the Housing Authority of Cook County, South Suburban Safe and Thriving Communities Program. She also facilitated and developed quality-of-life programs for 10 years in the South Chicago Area. She has served on the Health and Healing Committee/ Mayor's Commission for a Safer Chicago, the Mayor's Kitchen Cabinet Commercial Development Advisory, Advocate Trinity Hospital Community Health Council, the Community Advisory Review Council for the Institute for Translational Medicine (CARC) and the Illinois ACE's Response Collaborative. Her most recent awards include the National Louis University REACH Award, the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital Courage Award and the Chicago Police Department CAPS Award for the 4th District. Jacqueline was born and raised in Chicago. She has a love for the arts and has

performed in numerous plays and films based in Chicago.

A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to refer 24-0477 to the Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Other Part(ies): Illinois Department of Transportation (“IDOT”)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding emergency repairs to the Big Bend Lake Spillway in Des Plaines

Goods or Services: The Forest Preserves and IDOT would like to cooperate in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of emergency repair of the Big Bend Lake Spillway.

Agreement Number(s): IGA #24-0467

Agreement Period: Five (5) years or completion of construction, whichever comes first

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$165,000.00 to be fully reimbursed by IDOT

Accounts: Professional Services 51010.520830; and Land Improvements 51010.560060

District(s): 17

Summary: Late last year, Forest Preserve staff discovered signs of instability and undermining at an existing water control structure at the south edge of Big Bend Lake. The existing spillway from this man-made lake accepts drainage from a 96” IDOT storm sewer at the north edge of the lake and empties into the Des Plaines River via a concrete spillway structure built by IDOT in the 1970s. The spillway structure was originally built as part of a license agreement between IDOT and the Forest Preserves in 1977 (License #1078). Portions of the area around the spillway were filled with rip rap material by the Forest Preserves in 2015, but that has since eroded away along with erosion of soil under the spillway slab. Sandbags are currently in place to reduce the flow of water and prevent further erosion. The spillway is now in immediate need of stabilization and repair to avoid collapse and flooding of downstream areas.

An Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) is needed at this stage to authorize the immediate repair of the spillway structure, including engineering design, construction and funding by the parties. The Forest

Preserves would be responsible for procurement of engineering design and construction of spillway repairs. IDOT would be responsible for reimbursement of all engineering and construction costs. Maintenance responsibilities would remain unchanged under the existing license agreement. Discussions on long-term maintenance and additional improvements to avoid continued erosion are on-going. Final Agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0467. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Other Part(ies): Cook County Government, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization to enter into the Thirteenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Cook (the “County”) and the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) for the reimbursement or payment for certain services rendered by various County departments and by the Forest Preserves.

Goods or Services: The County and the Forest Preserves wish to amend and restate the Twelfth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement (approved by their respective Boards of Commissioners on 11/16/2023 and 11/14/2023 for FY 2024) whereby they provide various services for each other.

Agreement Number: N/A

Agreement Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$2,320,629.00 in expenditures and \$1,971,500.00 in revenue

Accounts: Various districtwide corporate expenditure and revenue accounts

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The County and the Forest Preserves entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement on 8/21/2012 authorizing the parties to perform various services for the other, in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. The parties agreed to provide various services and to provide reimbursement or payment for said services. The Intergovernmental Agreement was further amended around or about 4/25/2013, 6/18/2014, 9/8/2015, 11/15/2016, 6/6/2017, 4/25/2018, 9/26/2018, 2/21/2019, 10/22/2020, 1/28/2021, 10/5/2021, 10/18/2022, and 11/14/2023 to allow for additional cooperation. The Thirteenth Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement consolidates the prior agreements into one Intergovernmental Agreement, so the parties can refer to one agreement, and this document also contains additional services and reimbursements for FY 2025. This is a one-year agreement covering services and reimbursements from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0468. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Law Enforcement

Vendor: Motorola Solutions, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Purchase of 100 APX6000 Portable Radios for police communications based upon the Cook County Sheriff’s Office contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (“Motorola”), Contract No. 1912-18028 for various Motorola Radios, Parts & Equipment, expiring June 30, 2025.

Contract Value: \$517,680.00

Contract Period: 11/19/2024 - 6/30/2025

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$517,680.00

Accounts: Equipment 51010.530186 and 51001.530271

Contract Number(s): #74000014780

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Department of Law Enforcement is proposing the purchase of 100 APX6000 Portable Radios based upon the Cook County Sheriff’s Office contract with Motorola, Contract No. 1912-18028 for various Motorola radios, parts, and equipment expiring June 30, 2025. The Forest Preserves requests to use this contract and enter into a piggyback agreement with Motorola so that the Forest Preserves receives the same products and prices as set forth in the existing agreement.

The use of innovative communication technology enables police officers and other law enforcement officials to make quick and informed decisions based upon readily available evidence. The police radio is the main source of communication with dispatchers and other officers.

The current radios in use by the Department of Law Enforcement have come to their expected end of life, and without ways to repair and/or replace the current radios, the purchase of these new APX6000 radios is critical.

The Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security awarded the Forest Preserves a grant for \$352,022.40 to purchase sixty-eight (68) new APX6000 radios. Acceptance of this grant was approved by the Board on June 11, 2024 (Board Item No. 24-0259). The Department of Law Enforcement will purchase an additional thirty-two (32) new APX6000 radios at a cost of \$165,657.60 from its existing equipment budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0430. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Chicago Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Greencorps Chicago Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,350,000.00 (\$1,300,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$1,350,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$200,000.00 (to be fully funded by additional ARPA grant funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011524 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to

zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

Greencorps Chicago is the City of Chicago's green-industry employment program with on-the-job training for individuals with barriers to employment. The program promotes environmental stewardship in the Forest Preserves by maintaining and restoring the land through hands-on involvement with program participants. The outcome is healthier, safer, and more engaged communities and individuals who are prepared for employment through practical field experience and technical training in a variety of environmentally related jobs. In 2025, this program is expected to engage approximately twenty-eight (28) adult participants in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, assistance with prescribed burns, and seed collecting.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$1,550,000.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. The Forest Preserves has a separate non-ARPA funded agreement for the same program (Board Item No. 23-0603). Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0470. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Student Conservation Association, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Chicago Conservation Corps young adult gap year program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$465,000.00 (\$415,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$465,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$176,939.00 (to be fully funded by additional ARPA grant funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011523 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to

zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

The Student Conservation Association's mission is to build the next generation of conservation leaders and inspire lifelong stewardship of the environment and communities by engaging young people in hands-on service to the land. In 2025, this program will engage approximately seven (7) young adult participants annually in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal, assistance with prescribed burns, and seed collecting along with exploration of conservation careers and post-secondary education opportunities in environmental fields. This program serves as a critical steppingstone program for young adults ages 18 to 23 years who have successfully graduated from conservation corps high school programs and who are not currently pursuing full-time secondary education. There is a recognized lack of conservation programs for this demographic and this program serves to help address this challenge of supporting young adults who are interested in conservation as a possible career path.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$641,939.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0471. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Friends of the Forest Preserves, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to extend and increase contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Forest Preserves Experience Program

Original Contract Period: 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2024

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$1,170,000.00 (\$1,120,000.00 grant funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"), plus up to \$50,000.00 contingency)

Original Approval: 12/13/2022, \$1,170,000.00

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: Not to exceed \$185,894.00 (fully funded by additional ARPA grant funding)

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2025 \$50,000.00 (unexpended contingency, per original approval)

Accounts: ARPA Conservation Corps 51032.521444; Professional Services 51034.520840; and all future Professional Services accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000011530 issued under RFP #22-31-116

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: On June 11, 2024, the Forest Preserves Board of Commissioners approved the receipt of \$562,833.00 in additional American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funding (Board Item No. 24-0245) to expand Conservation Corps job training and employment programs through 2025. As such, the three (3) contracts for Conservation Corps service providers awarded to fulfill the ARPA requirements (Board Item Nos. 22-0524, 22-0525, and 22-0526) must now subsequently be amended to extend each contract, and increase the authority awarded to each vendor due to the allocation of these new funds. These programs were solicited via a public Request for Proposal (RFP) process in 2022.

The Forest Preserves Experience program is a summer youth employment program that provides conservation and job skills training to high-school youth, ages 15 to 19, from south and west suburban Cook County whose families are clients of the Housing Authority of Cook County. In 2025, the program is expected to engage approximately ninety-eight (98) youth participants in hands-on conservation activities including, but not limited to, invasive species removal and shoreline clean-up along the Forest Preserves' many lakes and waterways. Participants will gain environmental awareness and basic job skills training supplemented by hands-on nature-based enrichment activities. The program will promote enjoyment and appreciation for nature and teaches participants how healthy forest preserves contribute to their community and quality of life.

Total program costs including this additional contribution are not to exceed \$1,355,894.00, of which the Forest Preserves previously requested and was granted authority to add up to \$50,000.00 of direct match to allow for additional flexibility, if needed. An additional year (2026) was added to the contract in case additional funding becomes available. The Forest Preserves has a separate non-ARPA funded agreement for the same program (Board Item No. 23-0603). Conservation Corps programs advance the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan by mobilizing people to heal and nurture the lands through a paid conservation corps model.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0472. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Glencoe Golf Course, Glencoe, Illinois (“GGC”) and the Village of Glencoe, Glencoe, Illinois (the “Village”)

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to amend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Agreement relating to the use of Forest Preserves property for golf course purposes, including construction of a new clubhouse building complex, by GGC and/or the Village.

Original Contract Period: Continuous term from 1922 with no termination date; amended per Board Item No. 17-0138 (June 6, 2017) to add termination twenty (20) years from effective date of amendment (June 15, 2037) with an option to extend for up to twelve (12) years if the Village was able to obtain financing for improvements (i.e., June 14, 2049). The Village was able to obtain financing pursuant to a referendum approved by Glencoe voters on April 4, 2023.

Proposed Contract Period Extension: June 15, 2037 to June 14, 2049

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: N/A

Original Approval: N/A

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: N/A

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (Revenue Generating). Revenue expected:

1. *Annual Payment.* GGC shall continue to pay the Forest Preserves an annual payment in an amount that is equal to the greater of (1) \$62,500.00 or (2) 3.6% of the annual gross revenue generated by GGC from golf course operations during the immediately preceding year.
2. *Tree Mitigation.* Tree mitigation fees for removal of thirty-two (32) trees within the modified clubhouse complex boundary in an amount equal to a minimum of \$349,108.21. In practice, more trees may need to be removed than originally estimated. Any increase in the tree

mitigation fee will be in accordance with the Tree Mitigation Plan (Board Item No. 20-0279) and if such increase is more than 20% of the original estimate, then approval will be sought from the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners.

3. *Additional Restoration.* \$25,000 for additional ecological restoration of approximately 5 acres of unmanaged woodland adjacent to Green Bay Road within five (5) years of the effective date of the amendment.

No permit or license fee, including special use permit fees for alcohol, are to be paid by GGC or the Village to the Forest Preserves with respect to golf course operations.

Accounts: 51001.411217 Golf Fees

Contract Number(s): N/A

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final amendment is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 13

Summary: In 1922, the Forest Preserves and GGC entered into an agreement relating to the use and operation of certain property comprising approximately 66 acres of Forest Preserves property as part of a public golf course to which both the Forest Preserves and the Village of Glencoe each contributed land. In 2017, the Forest Preserves renegotiated the original agreement to (1) revise the financial consideration that GGC should pay to the Forest Preserves, and (2) establish a termination date for the use by GGC of Forest Preserves property. The 2017 amendment also contemplated the potential future construction of a new clubhouse building and related improvements within a specified clubhouse complex boundary included as Exhibit B to the 2017 amendment.

The proposed second amendment would modify the previously agreed upon clubhouse complex boundary and include a stormwater retention system. The proposed new boundary lines may be slightly modified upon completion of a survey. The new clubhouse will focus on sustainability features, including, without limitation:

1. The clubhouse will be constructed to meet or exceed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification standards as established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC);
2. All glass installed on the building's exterior, including windows, facades, and any other transparent or reflective surfaces, shall meet bird-friendly design standards to reduce the risk of bird collisions and resultant fatalities;
3. The clubhouse shall use sustainably sourced and recycled materials wherever and whenever practical; and

4. The surrounding landscaping shall incorporate the use of native plants for 75% or more of new plantings.

In addition, GGC and the Village have agreed: (1) to installation of Forest Preserves-branded signage near the main entrance driveway to the new clubhouse complex; (2) to cooperate with Forest Preserves staff to expand programs to advance the Forest Preserves Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policies; and (3) to provide a kiosk in the new clubhouse for Forest Preserves program information and materials. As is typical for these sorts of arrangements, the Forest Preserves owns all structures located on Forest Preserves property. However, in the event of a casualty event, it will be in the Village's discretion on whether to rebuild the clubhouse. In addition, the Village will have the right to tear down the new clubhouse at its discretion, provided that the Forest Preserves shall first be given the option to take over management and maintenance of the clubhouse. Under the agreement, the Forest Preserves shall have no responsibility or liability for any non-compliance with applicable state or local laws concerning the Forest Preserves property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 24-0414 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Vendor: Kar Rack Corp. D/B/A Eden Lanes Bowling Alley, Westchester, Illinois

Request: Requesting authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) to enter into an agreement

Reason: Eden Lanes Bowling Alley (“Eden Lanes”) currently sits on a parcel surrounded by the Forest Preserves’ Westchester Woods. A portion of Eden Lanes’ parking lot and driveway pavement rests on a part of the Forest Preserves’ parcel to the east of the business. In the Fall of 2012, the Forest Preserves’ Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to accept a donation of land from the owner of Eden Lanes in exchange for the granting of a license to operate and maintain that driveway and parking lot on Forest Preserves property (See Board Communication No. 12REAL0005). That license expired.

The Forest Preserves requests the authority to issue a new agreement for Eden Lanes to continue to utilize the portion of the parking lot and driveway over Forest Preserves land. The proposed agreement would allow for this nonexclusive parking, access, and maintenance by Eden Lanes after the payment of the one-time parking permit fee below. The agreement would not be assignable, and Eden Lanes would indemnify the Forest Preserves and maintain proper insurance throughout the agreement’s term.

The Forest Preserves would also reserve the right to terminate the agreement for any public safety and nuisance issues occurring on the parking lot and driveway. The Forest Preserves has a right of first refusal for the property on which Eden Lanes currently sits, as the Forest Preserves had the same right under the license authorized in 2012.

Contract Period: 12/18/2023 (retroactive) - 12/17/2033

Estimated Fiscal Impact: N/A (revenue generating). One-time permit fee of \$15,415.70 to be paid no later than 12/15/2024

Account(s): Miscellaneous Income 51001.411467

Concurrence(s): The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

District(s): 16

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to refer 24-0465 to the Real Estate Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Procurement and Disbursement Report

Report Period: 9/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Summary: Submitting the Procurement and Disbursement Report for the period of September 2024. The report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2 (BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and filed 24-0070. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Departments of Legal and Finance

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Workers' Compensation Report - September 2024

Report Period: 9/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County Departments of Legal and Finance are submitting Workers' Compensation Claim Payments for the month of September 2024. Payments total \$88,805.25 for September 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and filed 24-0464. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Planning and Development

Request: Refer to Capital Development & Ecological Restoration Committee

Report Title: 2025 Update to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Report Period: Five (5) Years, 2025-2029

Summary: This report is an annual update of capital improvement projects and funding needs for the next five (5) years (2025-2029). Capital improvement needs were identified by Forest Preserves' staff, partner organizations, and members of the public. Requests for new or improved facilities, amenities, and infrastructure can be submitted at the Capital Improvement Plan webpage on the Forest Preserves website.

The draft report and appendix can be downloaded from the Forest Preserves' Capital Improvement Plan webpage via the Forest Preserves website. Comments may be submitted to planning@cookcountyil.gov until December 17th. The final version will be posted in January 2025. A final report will be issued in January.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to refer 24-0466 to the Capital Development and Ecological Restoration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Department: Department of Conservation and Experiential Programming

Summary: Forest Preserves of Cook County Calendar of Events and Activities 11/19/2024 - 12/16/2024

Please check the Forest Preserves of Cook County's website for updates and changes.

Tuesday, 11/19; 10am

Qigong and Sound, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join a certified instructor through a series of slow flowing movements, deep measured breaths, and soothing sounds while in a chair or standing. *Ages 18 and up. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Tuesday, 11/19 through Monday, 12/16; 4:30pm - 11pm

Lightscape, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe

Join us and embrace the spirit and beauty of the season with glowing of lights, art, and music! We are celebrating the sixth year of this annual holiday celebration. We are taking this year's celebration to new heights and lights with our re-imagined trail that will have dazzling installations debuting in the U.S. for the first time. You can leave your to-do list at home and make lasting memories at Lightscape. *This event has tiered cost and timeslots. For more information, please visit the website.*

Wednesday, 11/20; 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Weaving Workshop, Thatcher Woods, River Forest

You can create a small wall hanging art pieces using natural materials. *Ages 10 and up. Supplies and instructions will be provided. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Thursday, 11/21; 10:30am - 12pm

Mnidoons Giizis Oohg means Little Spirit Moon, Schiller Woods-East, Chicago

November is recognized as the "Twelfth Moon of Creation" also known as a time of healing by the Ojibwe people. Join us as we listen to stories about healing from the American Indian Center's Cultural Ambassador. *This event will be held at Grove 10, and it is presented with the American Indian Center of Chicago. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Friday, 11/22; 7pm

Owl Prowl, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington

Whoo's calling out in the dark of night? Join us and learn about and listen to owls. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 11:30am**Fire for the Forest, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs**

Join us on a 1-mile walk and learn about the benefits of prescribed burns. You will explore the equipment and learn about how prescribed burns help nature. *For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Saturday, 11/23; 10am - 2pm**Sand Ridge: Calumet Heritage Day, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us as we explore the heritage of the Calumet region with guided walks, regional activities and displays. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Saturday, 11/23; 1pm - 3pm**Teen Exploration Day: Rock Climbing, Camp Sullivan, Oak Forest**

Join us for an adventurous day and test your nerves by climbing our rock wall. *Registration required. Ages 13 and up. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 11/22; 7pm**Knock, Knock! Who's there? Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Knock, knock! Who's is there? It is our native woodpeckers, that's who! Learn about their adaptations, make your own feeder, and go on a binocular hunt. *Registration required. Please call (847) 381-6598.*

Sunday, 11/24; 1pm**Owls: Who are your neighbors? Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont**

Join us for an indoor presentation and discussion and learn about this group of nocturnal birds. *Registration required. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 11/24; 1:30pm**Changing Seasons, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us and learn about how nature adapts to the changing seasons and prepares for winter. *For more information, please call (847) 824-8360.*

Friday, 11/29; 1:30pm**Annual Turkey Trot Walk, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Walk off that extra helping of turkey and stuffing on this annual post-holiday walk. *For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

Saturday, 11/30; 1:30pm

Feed the Birds, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Learn about the best bird foods, feeders, and landscape elements to benefit our resident winter birds. You will even make a simple bird feeder to take home! *For more information, please call (708)366-6530.*

Sunday, 12/1; 5:30pm

Serenity Walk Under the New Moon, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a 2-mile walk in the world's largest Urban Night Sky Place. *Registration required. Ages 14 and up. This event will be dependent upon trail conditions. For more information, please call (708) 839-6897.*

Thursday, 12/5; 10am - 11am

Tiny Tot Adventures, Dan Ryan Woods Visitor Center, Chicago

Join us for an adventure in nature through movement, stories and artmaking. Ages 2-5 with an adult. *For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Friday, 12/6; 10am

ADA Trail Walk, Miller Meadow-South, Maywood

Join us for a guided walk on the 1.7-mile paved trail. *This event will begin at Grove 5 and will include rest points throughout the walk. This event is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to all individuals. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751.*

Saturday, 12/7; 1pm

Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us and learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience. *Registration required. Skis, boots, and poles will be provided. The options will include classic, skating and telemark equipment. This event is dependent on the weather. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Saturday, 12/7; 8am - 10am

Birds and Bagels, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook

Join us at our indoor bird feeders while enjoying complementary hot drinks and bagels. We will conclude the day with a bird walk. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 12/7; 11am - 12pm

Wellness in the Woods: Yoga, Dan Ryan Woods Pavilion, Chicago

Join us for a free class focused on building stability, flexibility and relaxation through the practices of

breathwork, mindful movement and meditation. It will help you bring balance and ease to your mind and body through a series of seated, kneeling, lying and standing poses. *The yoga class will be held indoors and will be led by Liz, from Serendipity Yoga and Wellness in Homewood. Please come dressed comfortably in active wear with your yoga mat. For more information, please call (224) 763-4317.*

Saturday, 12/7; 1pm**Owl Program, Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington**

Join us for an indoor presentation about these skilled nocturnal hunters.

Saturday, 12/7; 4pm - 8pm**Winter Bonfire, Camp Dan Beard, Northbrook**

Celebrate the start of the winter season with a giant bonfire under the night sky. You can enjoy s'mores, winter crafts and star gazing. *There will be a shuttle bus provided at Potawatomi Woods. There will be food available for purchase onsite. Some of the activities will be dependent on the weather. For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 12/8; 11am - 3pm**Holiday Past, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland**

Join us at our pioneer cabins as we celebrate winter holiday traditions. You can play with handmade toys, make a craft, and see what's cooking on the open fire. *For more information, please call (708) 868-0606.*

Thursday, 12/12; 7pm**Nature Book Club: "What an Owl Knows" by J. Ackerman, Trailside Museum, River Forest**

Enjoy a discussion about this bestselling book that researched and detailed the deepest mysteries of owls. *Registration required. Ages 18 and up. This event is presented with the Forest Park Public Library. For more information, please visit the website.*

Friday, 12/13; 7pm**Evening Owl Prowl, River Trail Nature Center, Northbrook**

Join us for a guided walk on our trails to search for local owls. *Registration required. Ages 8 and up. Please call (847) 824-8360.*

Saturday, 12/14; 10am - 12pm**Prehistoric Play Day, Caldwell Woods Wellness Center, Chicago**

Learn about the amazing world of Ice Age Illinois through a series of family-oriented games and activities. *Ages 5 and up. For more information, please call (773) 758-8899.*

Saturday, 12/14; 10am - 12pm

S'mores Party, Swallow Cliff Woods-North, Palos Park

Families can make a tasty treat with us around a campfire. The activities will include a s'more-themed craft, a story trail, guided walks, sledding, snowshoeing and more. *This is a drop-in event and some of the activities are dependent on the weather. For more information, please call (312) 533-5751 or visit the website.*

Saturday, 12/14; 3:30pm - 7pm

Winter Bonfire, Camp Shabbona Woods, South Holland

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of winter with a large bonfire, making artwork, nature walks and more. *For more information, please visit the website.*

Sunday, 12/15; 5:30am

Dawn Owl Prowl, Trailside Museum, River Forest

Join us and listen to owls as part of the annual Christmas Bird Count. *Registration required. Ages 10 and up. This event will be led by John Elliot from the Chicago Bird Alliance. Please call (708)366-6530.*

Sunday, 12/15; 6am - 7am

Full Moon Owl Walk, Sand Ridge Nature Center, South Holland

Join us for an early morning stroll in search of owls followed by hot drinks to warm up. *Registration required. Please call (708) 868-0606.*

Sunday, 12/15; 1pm

Cross-Country Ski Seminar, Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont

Join us and learn the basics of cross-country ski equipment and how to prepare for your first cross-country skiing experience. *Registration required. Skis, boots, and poles will be provided. The options will include classic, skating and telemark equipment. This event is dependent on the weather. Please call (630) 257-2045.*

Sunday, 12/15; 5pm

Winter Ecology, Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, Willow Springs

Join us for a discussion around the fire under a full moon. We will discuss the importance of the winter season and the survival of plants and animals. *Registration required. Please call (708) 839-6897.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and filed 24-0458. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

RULES COMMITTEE

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the regular meeting held on 10/22/2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0483. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Lynne M. Turner, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of Proceedings of the special meeting held on 10/9/2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0487. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

REPORT

Department: Department of Finance and Administration

Request: Receive and File

Report Title: Corporate Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures

Report Period: 1/1/2024 - 9/30/2024

Summary: Detailed Fund Analysis of Revenue and Expenditures for September 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to receive and filed 24-0084. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**ORDINANCE for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2024**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County:

Section 1. That this Ordinance is and the same is hereby termed the “Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2024.”

Section 2. That the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois has considered the subject of the Annual Tax Levy for the year 2024 and the several sums necessary to be levied to meet the needs and requirements of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for said year and has recommended that this ordinance for the levy of taxes be adopted.

Section 3. That the Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, heretofore having approved and adopted the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County for the year commencing January 1, 2024 at its meeting held November 14, 2023, which ordinance was published by authority of said Board as provided by law and which portion of said Appropriation Ordinance pertaining to Fund and Departmental Appropriations (together with marginal columns captioned “ Payable from the Tax Levy” and “Payable from sources other than the Tax Levy” where applicable) is set forth hereinafter.

Section 4. That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, Six Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$149,674,773), being the sum of Appropriations heretofore legally made which are to be paid from the collection of the Annual Tax Levy of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2024 A.D. for the corporate purposes, for the construction of improvements and development of the forests and lands, for payment for principal and interest on bonded debt, for payment for contributions to Employees’ Annuity and Benefit Fund, and for the payment of amounts to the Chicago Zoological Society and the Chicago Horticultural Society, all as adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County at its meeting held November 14, 2023 and published by the authority of said Board according to law, is hereby levied on all the taxable property within said Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois for the Levy Year 2024 being composed of the specific amounts for the various purposes herein before named.

Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024**

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND SOURCES THEREOF

ALL FUNDS

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Fund	Amount of Appropriation	Payable From The Tax Levy	Payable From Sources Other Than The Tax Levy
Corporate	87,256,728	74,559,815	12,696,913
Self-Insurance	8,530,000	0	8,530,000
Const. & Development	19,400,000	20,000,000	-600,000
Bond & Interest	16,144,173	12,581,423	3,562,750
Employee Annuity & Benefit	12,414,562	12,011,548	403,014
Real Estate Acquisition	10,300,000	0	10,300,000
Capital Improvement	4,025,000	0	4,025,000
Resident Watchmen	230,000	0	230,000
Chicago Zoological	18,854,909	18,833,475	21,434
Chicago Horticultural	<u>11,616,322</u>	<u>11,688,512</u>	<u>-72,190</u>
Total	\$188,771,694	\$149,674,773	\$39,096,921

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0421. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation -11/19/2024

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: \$1,028,000.00

Proposed Settlements to Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2024 to Present: \$494,799.88

Legal Fees for 11/19/2024 to Be Approved: \$51,861.90

A motion was made by Commissioner Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 24-0462. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**FEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 1 (Administrative), Chapter 9 (Land Acquisitions and Dedications) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 9 LAND ACQUISITIONS AND DEDICATIONS FEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS

1-9-1: [REPEALED] LAND ACQUISITIONS.

- A. Appraisals Required:* All land recommended for purchase by the Land Acquisition Team shall be appraised by a competent real estate appraiser.
1. No surplus real estate owned by the District shall be sold or exchanged unless two written independent fee appraisal reports have first been obtained and presented to the District Board of Commissioners and the proposed sale or exchange has been presented to the Real Estate Committee. At least one of such appraisals shall be an M.A.I. appraisal. The grantee may be required to pay the cost of such appraisals as a condition of conveyance of the real estate proposed to be sold or exchanged.
 2. Unless the purchase price is \$50,000.00 or less, no real estate shall be purchased by the District unless two written independent fee appraisal reports have first been obtained and presented to the District Board of Commissioners and the proposed purchase has been presented to the Real Estate Committee. At least one of such appraisals shall be an M.A.I. appraisal.
- B. Negotiations:* All negotiations with the respective owners of lands sought to be acquired by purchase or condemnation shall be carried on by the Chief Attorney, assisted by the Real Estate Agent, who shall give a full report to the Board with recommendations.
- C. Titles to Land:* The title to all land ordered purchased by the Board shall be examined and passed upon by the Legal Department of the District before the purchase price is paid.
- D. Reports; Purchasing Land:* The Legal Department having examined the title to land ordered to be purchased by the Board shall report in writing to the President of the Board the name of the party or parties in which title in fee simple has been found, the name or names of other parties in interest, if any, the exact acreage of the land, as certified by the Planning and Development Department, the purchase price decided upon by the Board and the compliance with all the conditions imposed by the Board, by date and number of page. When the Legal Department in its report recommends the payment of the purchase price, then the President, Treasurer and Comptroller shall pay as the purchase price, to the grantor or grantors upon the delivery of property instruments, such sum or sum of money by checks or bonds of the District in such manner as may be recommended by the Legal Department and approved by the President.

(1989 Code; Ord. of 1-4-95)

1-9-2: ~~[REPEALED] DEDICATION OF LANDS FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.~~

~~On all designated County State Aid Roads, and State Bond Issue Roads running through or adjacent and contiguous to the various Forest Preserves in the District, the use of a strip of land fifty feet (50') on either side of the center line of said designated highways, being a part of the Forest Preserve lands, may be designated for highway purposes, subject to the approval of the General Superintendent.~~
(1989 Code)

1-9-3: FEES AND OCCUPANCY OF DISTRICT LANDS.

- A. Occupancy by Other than Forest Preserve District Employees:* Hereafter, all leases, privileges and occupancy must be requested by the applicant from the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners, and no leases or permits of occupancy shall be given without first having the approval of the Board.
- B. Resident District Employees:* Employee occupancy shall be governed as follows:
1. All Employees occupying residences are required and must agree to perform the following duties.
 - a. Must be thoroughly familiar with District boundaries within their assigned area and make periodic inspections to make certain that District property is protected and report any prohibited or illegal activity and encroachments.
 - b. Be on constant watch for fires. During times of extreme fire dangers, must be available to report for fire duty. All watchman residents must be fire certified as a burn crew member and be in possession of the issued personal fire protection gear, flapper and/or backpack pump.
 - c. Check all bodies of water; clean up all minor debris; check all facilities for vandalism; and during the appropriate seasons check area frequently for illegal hunters.
 - d. Complete and submit Resident Watchman Report on a bi-monthly basis.
 - e. Must be constantly aware that as a public employee residing on public lands assistance must be offered to those visitors who need and request help and/or information. Must ensure that the District provided sign indicating that the residence is a Watchman Residence is prominently posted at all times.
 2. All occupants of District residences will pay utilities costs (heat, electric, water and sewage).
 3. An employee granted permission to occupy a Residence that is attached to a District facility shall pay an occupancy fee of Four Hundred and sixty-eight dollars (\$468.00) per month.
 4. An employee granted permission to occupy a Residence that is adjacent to a District facility shall pay an occupancy fee of Five Hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$585.00) per month.

5. An employee granted permission to occupy a Free Standing residence shall pay an occupancy fee of Seven Hundred and two dollars (\$702.00) per month.
6. Every two years, subject to approval for renewal of the Occupancy Agreement, every resident will sign a new agreement with any changes that have been voted upon by the Housing Committee and approved by the General Superintendent. Any fee increase will commence at this time based on the Consumer Price Index added to the current fee and incorporated into the new Occupancy Agreement.
7. All fees collected will be placed into a Special Revenue fund, which will be used to maintain the major repairs of the residences and/or build standard maintenance facilities with an attached apartment. A house that has been deemed obsolete or is a burden to the District will be authorized for demolition.
8. The Housing Committee shall conduct no less than one annual inspection of all residences. If a house has been deemed by the Housing Committee to be obsolete or a burden to the District, a recommendation for demolition will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. The Housing Committee may authorize random inspections of each residence in the Housing Program as deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the program and compliance with the terms of the Occupancy Agreement.
9. All residents will be responsible for "Minor Maintenance" and the Forest Preserve District will be responsible for "Major Maintenance", as each term is defined in the Occupancy Agreement.
10. This section, relating to Fees and Occupancy of District Lands, shall be re-evaluated by the Housing Committee and reported to the General Superintendent on an annual basis.
11. Those employees who retire or resign from employment with the District shall be required to vacate the premises within a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty (60) days after their last day of employment. Retirees and employees who resign shall be responsible for paying all required fees.
12. Widows/Widowers of employees shall be required to vacate the premises within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed six (6) months after the spouse's demise, provided widows/widowers are appropriately indicated in the Occupancy Agreement. Widows/Widowers shall be responsible for paying all required fees, but shall not be responsible for providing services of the Occupancy Agreement.
13. The General Superintendent shall establish policies and procedures for the occupancy of District residences as set forth in the Resident Watchman Program Manual. The General Superintendent has the discretion to add or subtract any task necessary to assist in the mission statement of the Forest Preserve District.

14. A Housing Committee shall be appointed and designated by the General Superintendent.
15. The performance of all duties and responsibilities of the resident watchman as set forth in the Occupancy Agreement shall be monitored by the Housing Committee. Failure to perform or to adhere to the terms of the Occupancy Agreement by the resident watchman and authorized occupants of the District residence may result in termination of the Occupancy Agreement.
16. The Forest Preserve District Superintendent shall place on the agenda of the March meeting of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners an Annual report to the Forest Preserve Board of Commissioners listing the names of employees occupying forest preserve homes for part or all of the fiscal year, as well as their job titles and salaries. In addition, the report shall contain copies of all watchman reports filed by employees occupying forest preserve homes.

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0311. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ACQUISITION, CONVEYANCE, LICENSE AND USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 2 (Forest Preserve Lands and Property), Chapter 5 (Authorized Conveyance of Property) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and the following ordinance provisions are substituted in its place:

- 2-5-1 Purpose and Policy Objectives
- 2-5-2 Definitions
- 2-5-3 Land Acquisitions
- 2-5-4 Conveyances
- 2-5-5 Licenses
- 2-5-6 Easements and Rights-of-Way
- 2-5-7 Vacations
- 2-5-8 Annexation
- 2-5-9 Eminent Domain
- 2-5-10 Resolution of Encroachments
- 2-5-11 Required Review Factors; Procedure
- 2-5-12 Supplemental Mitigation Measures and Public Amenities and/or Benefits
- 2-5-13 No Net Loss of Land Over Time; Annual Reporting

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Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0313. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**LICENSE PROCESS**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Title 5 (Public Utilities), Chapter 2 (Franchises), Article A (Utility Companies and Other "For Profit" Entities) and Article B (Municipalities and Other Governmental Agencies) of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code of Ordinances are hereby amended as follows:

5-2A-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by District staff, the fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of seven and one-half (7.5) percent of the cost per acre, and a License Review Fee, shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee, License Review Fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board. With respect to Appendix A, the license fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

5-2A-7: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

[REPEALED] ~~This Article will expire on December 31, 2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.~~

5-2B-4: LICENSE FEE.

In addition to those special fees as may be recommended by District staff, the fee for licenses issued under this Article will be determined by multiplying the acres used by the cost per acre. Acres used will be calculated by multiplying the linear footage shown on the license application (or revised application) by the width required for future maintenance of the facilities. The minimum width will be fifteen (15) feet for all licenses regardless of the facilities installed or location of said facilities. Requests for widths above fifteen (15) feet must include an explanation justifying the need for additional width. The minimum license fee will be five (5) percent of the cost per acre for the current year. Additionally, a Youth Education, Land Acquisition and Restoration (YELAR) Program Fee of seven and one-half (7.5) percent of the cost per acre, and a License Review Fee, shall be assessed against all licenses issued. Cost per acre, minimum license fee, License Review Fee and YELAR program fee figures can be found in Appendix A at the end of this Article. All fees due will be paid as a lump-sum up-front one-time payment, unless otherwise approved by the Board. With respect to Appendix A, the license fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2B-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.

5-2B-6: EXPIRATION OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~**[REPEALED]** This Article will expire on December 31, 2024. Any license previously issued by the FPD that expires after the expiration of this Article and before a replacement Article has been adopted shall be automatically renewed for one (1) period(s) until a replacement Article is adopted. The fee for any extended year period shall be calculated as established in paragraph 5-2A-4 using a cost per acre of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) higher than the previous year.~~

Effective date: This ordinance amendment shall be in effect on January 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0314. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A FOREST PRESERVE NEAR SWEET WOODS**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FOREST PRESERVE in part of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Cook County, Illinois near Sweet Woods in District 5.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois (the “District”), pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided, has from time to time acquired by purchase, condemnation, gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, lands necessary and desirable for District purposes containing one or more natural forests or parts thereof, or lands connecting such forests or parts thereof, or lands capable of being reforested for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna, and scenic beauties within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Illinois, and to restore, restock, protect, and preserve the natural forests and said lands together with their flora and fauna, as nearly as may be, in their natural state and condition, for the purpose of the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public; and

WHEREAS, the said Board of Commissioners of the District also has acquired in like manner lands for the consolidation of such preserves into unit areas of a size and form convenient and desirable for public use and economical maintenance and improvement, and lands for the purpose of connecting such preserves with forested ways or links in order to increase their accessibility, use, and enjoyment, and lands for improvement by forestation, roads, and pathways, and lands for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District has in a like manner acquired lands along water courses or elsewhere which, in their judgment, were required to control drainage and water conditions and necessary for the preservation of forested areas acquired or to be acquired as preserves and lands for the purpose of extension of roads and forested ways around and by such preserves and for parking space for automobiles and other facilities not requiring forested areas but incidental to the use and protection thereof; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the District as follows:

Section 1. That a unified Forest Preserve be and the same is hereby created within the District which shall contain and connect lands now owned and lands to be acquired in substantial accordance with the plat now on file in the office of the General Superintendent of the District, which by reference is hereby

made a part hereof, and for the purposes of said Forest Preserve and for the carrying out of the statutory purposes more particularly set out in the preamble of this ordinance, it is necessary and desirable for the District to own and it shall acquire property hereinafter described in Section 2 of this ordinance, for the purpose of creating a Forest Preserve and for District uses.

Section 2. That the lands referred to in Section 1 of this ordinance are more particularly described as follows:

Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

PARCEL C:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER LYING SOUTH OF GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND THAT PART OF THE WEST HALF (EXCEPT THE EAST 990.0 FEET THEREOF MEASURED ON SOUTH LINE) OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 35 NORTH, RANGE 14 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHICH LIES SOUTH OF GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 89° 39' 53" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1322.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 01° 02' 19" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2,650.68 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 89° 38' 28" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET; THENCE DEPARTING SAID NORTH LINE, ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 01° 02' 19" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 54° 01' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 1,217.48 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, ALSO BEING THE WEST LINE OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG LAST SAME LINE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 54° 01' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 412.84 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11; THENCE SOUTH 01° 03' 52" EAST ALONG LAST SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, A DISTANCE OF 1,085.40 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 990.0 FEET OF

THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89° 40' 26" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 330.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

TOGETHER WITH A NON-EXCLUSIVE 24-FOOT-WIDE INGRESS AND EGRESS EASEMENT FROM GLENWOOD-DYER ROAD ALONG THE EASTERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY OF PIN 32-11-400-004.

Parts of PINs: 32-11-301-001-0000 & 32-11-400-004-0000

SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 2,969,287 SQUARE FEET, OR 68.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID EASEMENT CONTAINING 31,200 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.72 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

Section 3. This ordinance is hereby made and ordained to be severable as to each parcel of land or portion thereof or right of interest in any of the same hereby authorized to be acquired, and failure to acquire any of the said parcels of land described in Section 2 hereof or right of interest in any of the same shall not impair or invalidate the authority by this ordinance granted to hold, own, or acquire any other of said parcels or any right or interest therein, it being the intention of said Board of Commissioners of the District to carry out the general plan provided in this ordinance so far as legally and financially practicable, and to negotiate for purchase, condemn, or otherwise acquire from time to time the parcel(s) of land described in Section 2 hereof and all right or interest therein.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

District 5

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0416. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Presented by: EILEEN FIGEL, Interim General Superintendent

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Department(s): Legal Department

Other Part(ies): The Conservation Fund, A Nonprofit Corporation (Owner of Record)

Request: It is respectfully requested that this proposed purchase be approved.

Description of Real Estate: Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois

Section: N/A

Parcel(s): Part of PINs: 32-11-301-001-0000 & 32-11-400-004-0000

PARCEL C:

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SAID PARCEL CONTAINING 2,969,287 SQUARE FEET, OR 68.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

SAID EASEMENT CONTAINING 31,200 SQUARE FEET, OR 0.72 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,310,000.00 purchase price plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,320,000.00 in total).

Accounts: Real Estate and Land Acquisition Fund 51006.560010; and ARPA Fund 51032.560010

District(s): 5

Summary: The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") has identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the Forest Preserves' current holdings near Sweet Woods (the "Property"). The Property, commonly known as Parts of 19100 E. Glenwood Dyer Road & 2990 Ridge Road, Unincorporated Cook County, Illinois, consists of approximately 68.17 ± acres plus an approximately 0.72 acre ± Ingress and Egress Easement. The Property has natural and fallowed land and contains a part of Deer Creek.

Through negotiations, the Owner of Record (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the Property to the Forest Preserves for the sum of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$1,310,000.00) plus closing costs up to \$10,000.00 (up to \$1,320,000.00 in total). The purchase price is based upon two (2) M.A.I. appraisals obtained by the Forest Preserves and is subject to the

Forest Preserves' satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation as determined by the Forest Preserves Legal Department, to effectuate payment in the amount of the purchase price plus closing costs as full compensation for the acquisition of the Property.

This land acquisition advances the goals of the Forest Preserves' Southeast Cook County Land Acquisition Plan, Next Century Conservation Plan, and Acquisition and Disposition of Land Position Paper.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaya, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to approve 24-0417. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer, Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gainer (remote), Gordon, Lowry, Miller, Moore, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada, Scott, Stamps and Trevor (17)

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary

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