



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

**Minutes of the Finance Committee**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, 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, Morita, K. Morrison, S. Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

**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.**

**No Public Speakers.**

[23-0268](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 01/24/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morita, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve 23-0268. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0315](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 03/14/2023

**A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon, seconded by Commissioner Morita, to approve 23-0315. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0304](#)

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (LITIGATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Litigation - 4/25/2023

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

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$0.00
Proposed Settlements to Be Approved:	\$55,000.00
Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2023 to Present:	\$265,701.90
Legal Fees for 4/25/2023 to Be Approved:	\$146,892.60

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve 23-0304. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)
- Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0305](#)

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (WORKERS' COMPENSATION)**

Finance Subcommittee Meeting on Workers' Compensation - 4/25/2023

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

Workers' Compensation Claims approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present:	\$124,428.42
Workers' Compensation Claims to Be Approved:	\$105,705.04
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery approved Fiscal Year 2023 to present:	\$0.00
Workers' Compensation Lien Recovery to be Approved:	\$4,500.00

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to approve 23-0305. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)
- Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0018](#)

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

**PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Department:** Department of Planning and Development

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a construction contract with Pacific Construction Services, LLC, primary place of business Chicago, Illinois, for the replacement of existing heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the Forest

Preserves’ General Headquarters building located in River Forest.

**Reason:** Contract #74000012184 issued under Project #21-80-44 Installation of a very high efficiency heating, ventilating and air conditioning (VHE HVAC) system at the Forest Preserves General Headquarters. The work addresses energy efficiency improvements. The work includes, but is not limited to, removal and replacement of the existing inefficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems, and other related work as specified in the plans and specifications. Separate purchases of equipment were approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 14, 2023 (Board Item Nos. 23-0212 and 23-0213) to expedite delivery. More than half the cost of the equipment purchase will be funded by a grant from ComEd’s Emerging Technologies pilot program (see related Board Item No. 23-0019).

The Forest Preserves’ General Headquarters is its second largest building and one of its highest energy users. This work along with a future construction project to address the buildings leaky windows, will directly benefit the Forest Preserves’ ability to meet its sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

**Bid Opening Date:** 3/28/2023

**Bid Results:**

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
1. Verde Energy Efficiency Experts	\$2,293,920.00*
2. <b>Pacific Construction Services, LLC</b>	<b>\$2,355,882.00</b>
3. Path Construction Company, Inc.	\$2,478,000.00
4. MG Mechanical Contracting, Inc.	\$2,739,000.00
5. Robe, Inc.	\$2,847,190.00
6. Burling Builders, Inc.	\$3,060,000.00
7. AGAE Contractors, Inc.	\$3,095,000.00
8. Fabex Technologies	\$3,209,327.00

\* Verde Energy Efficiency Experts’ bid was rejected as it was incomplete.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$2,355,882.00 (\$300,000.00 of which will be reimbursed by grant, subject to approval of related Board Item No. 23-0019)

**Contract Period:** Three hundred ninety-five (395) days from notice to proceed.

**Account Name/Number:** Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105, 51028.560105, 51030.560105, 51031.560105, 51032.560105, 51033.560106 and future Construction &

Development accounts

**District:** 9

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

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Quezada, seconded by Commissioner Gordon, to approve 23-0018. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0234](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Permits, Rentals and Concessions

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Forest Preserves of Cook County Annual Concessions Report FY 2022

**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

**Summary:** On 3/15/2022, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners approved the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) Concessions Ordinance (Board Item No. 22-0126) (the “Ordinance”). Under the Ordinance, the Forest Preserves is authorized to grant certain concession related permits and contracts. To assist with this process, the Forest Preserves implemented a Concessions Policy (Policy Number: 05.00.00) establishing the criteria by which the Forest Preserves will issue permits and contracts for concessions opportunities to increase and improve visitor engagement by providing the public with access to complementary recreational activities, amenities and services while also generating revenue to support the mission of the Forest Preserves.

The Ordinance requires an annual report to the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on concession related permits and contracts awarded by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for part or all of the prior fiscal year and any concession opportunities currently available or

anticipated to be made available by the Forest Preserves of Cook County for the current year. The Concession Report describes the specific concessionaire permits and contracts that were awarded in 2022 along with opportunities anticipated for 2023.

In 2022, the Forest Preserves received \$1,466,969.00 in concession revenue from various permits and contract types.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, to receive and file 23-0234. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0246](#)

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

**REPORT**

**Department:** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Request:** Refer to Finance Committee

**Report Title:** Annual Energy Expense Report

**Report Period:** 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022

**Summary:** On 1/26/2021, the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves of Cook County to enter into agreements recommended by Ameresco, Inc. (Board Item No. 21-0125). Previously, on 10/20/2020, the Board of Commissioners had approved a contract with Ameresco, Inc to provide, in part, procurement of electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy (Board Item No. 20-0363). As required by Board Item No. 21-0125, this report provides a monthly breakdown of related energy payments made during fiscal year 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Trevor, seconded by Commissioner Anaya, to receive and file 23-0246. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

[23-0286](#)

**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 - 2/28/2023

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Morrison, to receive and file 23-0286. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Daley, to adjourn. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Lowry, Deer, Aguilar, Anaya, Britton, Daley, Degnen, Gordon, Gainer, Miller, Morita, Morrison, Morrison, Quezada and Trevor (15)

**Absent:** Johnson and Moore (2)

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill* 

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Chairman

*Lynne M. Turner*

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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://fpdcc.legistar.com>.