



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

**Environmental and Sustainability Committee**

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

**Virtual Meeting**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**There will be a meeting of the committee or subcommittee of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners at the date, time and location listed above.**

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

Authorization as a virtual public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, email address, phone number, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized virtual public speakers shall be sent a link to virtually attend the meeting and will be called upon to deliver testimony at a time specified in the meeting agenda. Authorized public speakers who are not present during the specified time for public testimony will forfeit their allotted time to speak at the meeting. Public testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. After each speaker has completed their statement, they will be removed from the meeting. Once removed, you will still be able to follow the proceedings for that day at:

<https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/watch-live-board-proceedings> Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive, or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony. Written comments will not be read aloud at the meeting, but will be posted on the meeting page and made a part of the meeting record.

**21-0337**

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 2/17/2021

[21-0266](#)

**Sponsored by:** TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), BRIDGET DEGNEN, JOHN P. DALEY, LUIS ARROYO JR., KEVIN B. MORRISON, DENNIS DEER, SCOTT R. BRITTON, DONNA MILLER, BRANDON JOHNSON, PETER N. SILVESTRI, LARRY SUFFREDIN, BILL LOWRY, DEBORAH SIMS, FRANK J. AGUILAR and SEAN M. MORRISON, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**ADOPTION OF THE CLEAN ENERGY FRAMEWORK**

**WHEREAS**, over one hundred years ago, visionary leaders had the foresight to create the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the “Forest Preserves”) with the mission “to acquire, restore and manage lands for the purpose of protecting and preserving public open space”; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois has experienced a one-degree Fahrenheit increase in average annual temperature since the beginning of the 21st Century; and

**WHEREAS**, recent climate projections published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other scientific organizations, predict that if global emissions of greenhouse gases continue to rise, historically unprecedented warming is anticipated in the Midwest region in the next few decades; and

**WHEREAS**, along with a projected rise in annual temperatures, studies also project that the Midwest region likely will experience increased events of extreme precipitation during winter and spring, and intense summer droughts, stronger storms, more street and basement flooding and combined sewer overflows into Lake Michigan, worse air, and strains on local government budgets as heat and flooding damage infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserves’ mission drives it to consider the impacts of a changing climate on its own lands, on the communities of which the Forest Preserves is a part, and the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, two hundred and four U.S. cities and counties across thirty-seven states, including the City of Chicago, have already adopted ambitious 100% clean energy goals, and seventy-two U.S. cities and counties across seven states have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used, community-wide, from clean, non-polluting, and renewable sources; and

**WHEREAS**, "clean energy" and "renewable energy" include energy derived from wind, solar, existing hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas, and wave technology sources. These sources of energy have significant public health and co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities in Cook County and around the country; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2019 the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Cook County adopted a resolution to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and to implement a plan to achieve such targets (Board Item No. 19-0128); and

**WHEREAS**, a Clean Energy Framework has been created for the Forest Preserves by the University of

Illinois Prairie Research Institute at the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, along with the support and collaboration of key stakeholders, content experts, climate experts, and Forest Preserves staff; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Toni Preckwinkle, President and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Forest Preserves' Clean Energy Framework and the goal that One Hundred Percent (100%) of electricity consumed by the Forest Preserves shall be generated through renewable-energy resources and associated technologies by 2050.

**Legislative History :** 5/11/21 - FPD Board of Commissioners - refer to the Environmental and Sustaina



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Secretary

Chairman: Degnen

Vice-Chairman: Deer

Members: Britton, Lowry, Miller, K. Morrison, Silvestri