



CONSENT CALENDAR AGENDA

**Meeting of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners
County Board Room, County Building
Tuesday, November 18, 10:00 A.M.**

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14-0507

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING THE POPLAR CREEK PRAIRIE STEWARDS FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, on August 23, 2014, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“the Preserves”) celebrated twenty-five (25) years of collaborative restoration with the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards; and

WHEREAS, the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards have diligently worked on every weekend throughout the year for the last twenty-five years to restore more than 250 acres of habitat including tall grass prairies, woodlands and wetlands at Carl R. Hansen Woods which includes a nine (9) acre dedicated nature preserve; and

WHEREAS, these restoration efforts have dramatically improved habitat for native plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards embody the spirit of volunteerism and have awoken an interest in nature in the countless students, youth groups, and families that have joined them in these restoration efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Toni Preckwinkle, President; and the Board of Commissioners of the Preserves and Arnold L. Randall, General Superintendent thank and congratulate the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards for their steadfast commitment to protect and preserve the remarkable nature of the Preserves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Poplar Creek Prairie Stewards as a token of appreciation for their service to the Preserves and the residents of Cook County.

14-0531

Sponsored by: TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY CONSERVATION AND POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need for a renewed vision for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District), on February 18, 2014, the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners adopted the Next Century Conservation Plan (the “Plan”); and,

WHEREAS, the Plan, which was developed by a team of civic leaders, organizations and District staff to map the District’s strategic conservation vision for the next 100 years, calls for transforming the forest preserves to places that foster diversity of plants, animals and habitats and welcome diverse people, and;

WHEREAS, the Plan also calls for the creation of a Conservation and Policy Council to provide continuous conservation leadership and expertise to the President, Board of Commissioners, and General Superintendent of the District; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance to establish the Conservation and Policy Council was approved by the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, on September 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a Nominating Committee was selected by the President to recommend Conservation and Policy Council members based on the criteria establish in Section 1-18-3 of the District’s Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals representing organizations with a focus in habitat conservation, public policy, and government finance were selected to serve on the Nominating Committee; and

Co-Chairs

Jerry Adelman, President and CEO, Openlands

Benjamin Cox, President and CEO, Friends of the Forest Preserves

Members

Brian Fabes, CEO, Civic Consulting Alliance

Lori Healey, CEO, Tur Partners

Michael Howard, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Natural of Natural Resources

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee submitted a list of qualified candidates to the President, reflecting the geographic and demographic diversity of the County, and with expertise in fields that support the mission of protecting the plants and animals that call Cook County home; and that contribute to the programs, services and stewardship of the Forest Preserves; and

WHEREAS, the President requests that the Board of Commissioners approve the following eleven individuals to serve on the inaugural Conservation and Policy Council:

Chair:

Wendy Paulson, President, Bobolink Foundation

Ex-Officio Member:

Members:

Robert Castaneda, Executive Director, Beyond the Ball

Michael DeSantiago, Founder, President & CEO, Primera Engineers, LTD.

Peter Ellis, Partner, ReedSmith LLP

Terry Guen, President and Principal, Terry Guen Design Associates

Sylvia M. Jenkins, Ph. D, President, Moraine Valley Community College

Falona Joy, President, SNP Strategies

Linda Mastandrea, Attorney at Law

Laurel Ross, Former Director of Urban Conservation, Field Museum

Mark N. Templeton, Director, Abrams Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Chicago;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby appoint the above individuals to serve as members of the Conservation and Policy Council to provide support and advice to the President, Board of Commissioners and the General Superintendent in order to advance the goals and priorities outlined in the Next Century Conservation Plan.