



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

Minutes of the Litigation Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Present: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson - Excused (1)

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Chairman asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code, Sec. 2-107(dd)

No public speakers

[21-0138](#)

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 12/15/2020

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Suffredin, to approve 21-0138. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-0131](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

INVOICES RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

1. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 by Brothers & Thompson, PC for various labor related matters.
2. Invoices submitted for legal services 12/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 by DeVore Radunsky Miller Berger, LLC for various litigated matters.
3. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 by Gildea, Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. for various litigated matters.
4. Invoice submitted for legal services 12/01/2020 through 12/31/2020 by Henderson Parks for Horizon Farms post-acquisition issues.
5. Invoices submitted for legal services 11/01/2020 through 11/30/2020 by Neal & Leroy for various real estate related matters.
6. Invoice submitted for legal services 11/01/2020 through 11/30/2020 by Tristan & Cervantes for various litigated matters.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 21-0131. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

The Committee met in Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Degnen, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

[21-0129](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASE SETTLEMENTS

1. *Melissa Stetkus v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al.* - 18 L 08090

2. *Hitch, et al. v Pappas, et al.* - 10 COTO 6387

A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to concur with the recommendation of the Forest Preserve District attorneys on the legal matter(s) listed above 21-0129. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen and S. Morrison (5)

Absent: Johnson and Suffredin (2)

[21-0132](#)

Presented by: ARNOLD RANDALL, General Superintendent

CASES - INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

1. Roger Grabinski, Special Administrator of the Estate of Jonathan Grabinski, deceased; and Sandra Denardo-Melant, Special Administrator of the Estate of Salvatore Melant, deceased v. Forest Preserve District of Cook County, et al - 17 L 2287

2. Forest Preserve District of Cook County v. Chicago Title Land Trust Company, an Illinois Corporation, as Successor Trustee of America Trust Company as Trustee Under Trust Agreement Dated December 18, 1992 and Known as Trust No. 36-4033; Allen Hoger; et al - 16 L 50357

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to receive and filed 21-0132. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Lowry, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to adjourn

meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, S. Morrison and Suffredin (6)

Absent: Johnson (1)

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman



Secretary

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