



**FOX VALLEY PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Serving the Fox Valley Park District
Kane, DuPage, Kendall and Will Counties, Illinois
OPEN SESSION MEETING MEETINGS
April 12, 2021 5:00 PM
Cole Administration Center
101 W. Illinois Avenue, Aurora

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Anderson led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 ROLL CALL

President Anderson directed the Board Secretary to take attendance by roll call. The following members of the Fox Valley Park District Board of Commissioners were present in person: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson. Excused Absent: Matt Hicks, Jr. and Holly Scholz. A quorum was present. Also present in person: Executive Director Jim Pilmer and one guest, Joe Grisson. Attending via Teams: Attorney Gerald Hodge, Directors Ijams, Kramer, Leahy, Michael, Palmquist, Paprocki, Santoria, and Summer.

4.0 ADDENDA TO THE AGENDA

None presented.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.1 Approve the Open Session meeting minutes of March 9, 2021.**
- 5.2 Approve payables for the period ending March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,065,651.32.**
- 5.3 Approve payroll for the period ending March 31, 2021 in the amount of \$957,835.**
- 5.4 Approve the statement of estimated revenues and expenses for period ending February 28, 2021.**
- 5.5 Approval of accounts receivable write-offs for April 2021 in the amount of \$3,142.67.**
- 5.6 Approve Department Directors and reports.**
- 5.7 Approve the capital projects permitting fees & charges, cost summaries, and project bid schedule reports.**
- 5.8 Approve the Resolution 21-023 acknowledging the participation in and completion of the ComEd Green Region Program for the Fox Valley Park District Pollinator Recovery Project**
- 5.9 Approve a purchase to Harrell's LLC in the amount of \$43,402.62 for the purchase of plant protectants.**
- 5.10 Approve Change Order #6 in the amount of \$28,095 to RC Wegman Construction Company for the Old Copley Hospital Park Site Project.**
- 5.11 Approve a design and engineering services proposal in the amount of \$37,610 for the Fox River and Gilman Trail Spur Signage Study.**
- 5.12 Approve the Gilman Trail Forestry Maintenance to Winkler's Tree Service Inc. in the amount of \$25,920.**
- 5.13 Approve the purchase of golf course maintenance equipment in the not-to-exceed amount of \$187,380 to Reinders Inc. & J.W. Turf Inc.**

- 5.14 Ratify and approve expenses to Engineering Enterprises Inc. amount of \$41,567 for the Orchard Valley Golf Course Site Improvements.**
- 5.15 Approve the Orchard Valley Golf Course Parking Lot Improvement Project to Advantage Paving Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$78,910.**
- 5.16 Approve the 3-year stepped Non-Stuart Tournament Fee Structure as presented.**
A motion and a second was made to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson; voting Nay: none and the consent agenda was approved.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
None presented.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - For matters not on the agenda.
None presented.

8.0 ATTORNEY BUSINESS
None presented.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS

9.1 Executive Director's Report

Director Pilmer's report contained the following:

- Introduction of Commissioners Elect Joe Grisson, At Large and Marea Clement, District 3. Ballots will be certified on or around April 20, 2021.
- Director Pilmer held an exit interview with District auditors and expects a clean management letter again this year. Director Paprocki and the Finance staff did an excellent job again this year.
- Statements of Economic Interest need to be filed by May 1, 2021.
- Governor Pritzker signed a bill changing the legislation regarding the collection of signatures for FVPD candidates. Candidates will need to collect signatures equal to 2% of ballots cast in the preceding election for commissioner in the district they are running, or 50, whichever is less.
- Stuart Sports Complex was featured in a national publication of showcase venues for soccer. The excerpted article was shared in the board packet.
- Information regarding recent vandalization at Blackhawk Park on two consecutive nights was shared in the board packet.
- Work is being conducted by the FVPD and City of Aurora along the trail at Golfview Park to alleviate some of the water flow issues.
- Director Ijams reported that as the District continues to reimagine recreation, Copley Boxing Center will become the District's newest location for Fox Fitness. The Grand Reopening will be May 3 through May 7. On May 4, the Commissioners are invited to attend the reopening celebration.
- Director Ijams also announced that the annual Barnyard Dash at Blackberry Farm will be held on April 24. This is one of the first large events to return to Blackberry Farm since the onset of the pandemic.
- Director Pilmer announced that the FVPD submitted an application for the NRPA Gold Medal Award and thanked Director Leahy and the Marketing department for their work to tell the FVPD story.
- Director Pilmer honored outgoing Commissioner Holly Scholz for her four years of service to the constituents of the District. This will be her last meeting as she did not seek reelection.

10.0 CONTINUED BUSINESS
None presented.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 **Ratify the proposal submitted by Wight and Company for the Red Oak Nature Center and Lippold Park re-visioning and trail bridge study in the amount not to exceed \$34,700.**

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of the ratification of Wight and Company proposal for Red Oak Nature Center and Lippold Park. A motion and a second was made.

Discussion: Commissioner Broholm asked if the District could petition for the change of address of Red Oak Nature Center from Batavia to North Aurora.

Chief Summer informed that the addresses are generated by the Fire Protection District and when this was initially done, Red Oak fell under the jurisdiction of Batavia. This predated the property being annexed to the Village of North Aurora which is why they have fire numbers that reference to Batavia. There have been preliminary discussions with the fire district in hopes of getting the address switched to North Aurora.

Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson; voting Nay: none and the ratification of the proposal was approved.

New Business Items 11.2 and 11.3 were bundled together for approval purposes.

11.2 **Approve the Resolution 21-024 for the Appropriation of Local Funds for Illinois Prairie Path Improvements.**

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of Resolution 21-024.

11.3 **Approve the selection of Deuchler Engineering Corporation for Phase 3 construction engineering services for the Prairie Path widening and resurfacing project and direct staff to negotiate a contract in the amount not to exceed \$152,018.**

Jeff Palmquist recommended approval of Deuchler Engineering for Prairie Path widening and resurfacing and direction for staff to negotiate the contract.

A motion and a second was made to approve Items 11.2 and 11.3 simultaneously. Roll call voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Mary Anne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson; voting Nay: none and items were approved.

11.4 **Approve the extension of the Executive Director's contract by one year to October 31, 2024.**

Director Pilmer asked the Board of Commissioner for consideration to extend his contract by one year. It was decided to remove this as an action item and discuss this in closed session.

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Commissioners moved into closed session to consider one or more of the following subjects under the Open Meetings Act: Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or its legal counsel; collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or representatives or deliberations regarding salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the purchase or lease of real estate or whether to acquire real estate, or the setting of a price for sale or lease of property of the District; pending, probable or imminent litigation (for which a specific finding shall be stated and recorded in the minutes); review of the minutes of lawfully closed sessions.

A motion and a second was made to move from open to closed session. Voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Maryanne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners adjourned open session at 5:36PM.

13.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 6:33PM.

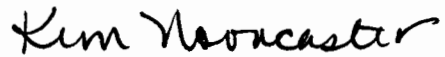
13.1 President's Comments.

President Anderson congratulated the new Commissioners Elect and those reelected.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second was made to adjourn the meeting. Voting Aye: Al Broholm, Jerry Butler, Maryanne Cummings, and President Chuck Anderson. Voting Nay: none, and the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by:



*Kim Nooncaster
Board Secretary*