I. Call to Order

President Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Invocation

Commissioner Prochaska offered an invocation for the meeting.

IV. Roll Call

Commissioners Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli all were present.

V. Approval of Agenda

President Wehrli reported that agenda item for considering the purchase of a new lesson horse would not be considered. Staff evaluation determined that the horse would not be a good fit for the program. Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

Commissioner Cullick entered the meeting at 6:02 pm.

VI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

VII. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $7,683.27

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve claims in an amount not-to-exceed $7,683.27. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

Commissioner Koukol inquired into what had been determined on the high electricity usage charges at Hoover Forest Preserve. Director Guritz reported that over 90% of the $1,200 cost incurred were from two meters. District staff is looking into what facilities are powered by the two meters.
Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

b. Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole Meeting – January 13, 2016

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Forest Preserve Finance Committee meetings held on January 13, 2016 and January 28, 2016; and the Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 13, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Motion to Approve the Counselor in Training Program Tuition Fee

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the Counselor in Training program tuition fee. Seconded by Commissioner Cullick.

Director Guritz reported on the results of the consultation with the State’s Attorney’s Office regarding the proposed program operations. Counselors in Training will be considered volunteers for the District.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Motion to Approve the Spring 2016 Public Program Fees and Charges

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the spring 2016 program fees and charges as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Motion to Approve the Purchase of the Lesson Horse “Bandit” from Lacy Turner of Forrest, Illinois in the Amount of $1,000 Plus Travel Expenses

This agenda item was removed from consideration.

Commissioner Purcell entered the meeting at 6:08 pm.
XII. Executive Session

None.

XIII. Other Items of Business

President Wehrli reported on a potential short-term dry boarding agreement with Aliboo Farms. Aliboo Farms is a stable located near Ellis House and Equestrian Center. The owner approached the District to request a three-week boarding agreement to provide sufficient stable space at Aliboo Farms for three pregnant mares to foal. The Commission did not express concerns with extending the temporary boarding permit and agreement.

President Wehrli reported that the IDNR had been contacted after receiving reports of baiting and sharpshooting on District property. The IDNR apologized for the activity, and has relocated their CWD monitoring and management activities.

XIV. Citizens to Be Heard

Todd Milliron of Yorkville expressed support for the extension of a boarding permit to Aliboo Farms, stating the arrangement is a win-win for both the District and stable owner.

XV. Adjournment

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District