I. Call to Order
President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call
Present by roll call and constituting a quorum was: Amy Cesich, Judy Gilmour, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw, and Jeff Wehrli.

III. Citizens to be Heard
No citizens asked to speak.

Mack presented the annual financial report and answered several questions. Mack also presented a list of recommendations to the committee for improved fiscal responsibility.

Commissioner Scott Gryder arrived at 5:52 pm.

Commissioner Prochaska moved to approve the audit and forward to the full commission. Commissioner Gryder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

V. Joe Rogus, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Rogus, Wildlife Biologist for IDNR, and Tom Gargrave, Regional Forester for IDNR gave a presentation on Chronic Wasting Disease that has been found in Kendall County. Rogus gave an overview of the disease and the IDNR’s efforts to contain the disease. IDNR is seeking approval to utilize District sites for removing and testing deer for CWD. Rogus and Gargrave answered numerous questions by the commissioners. The consensus of the committee was to cooperate with IDNR on the CWD program. The item will be on the next board of commissioner’s agenda.

Commissioner Shaw left the meeting at 6:20 pm.

VI. Operations Reports
A. Ellis House & Equestrian Center – The committee reviewed and discussed program rates forwarded by the Ellis Ad-hoc Committee.
B. Education Programs – The report covered school programs, Natural Beginnings, summer camp prep, and other programs.
C. Grounds & Natural Resources – Snow removal, natural areas restoration, sled hill clean-up, and equipment repairs were highlights this month.
D. Natural Area Volunteer Program – The annual seed processing workday was held in December. The volunteers were able to process almost all of the seed collected in 2013.
E. **Reservation Report** – The committee reviewed the monthly report showing facility usage at the preserves and Historic Courthouse.

F. **Director Report** – The committee discussed USAgain and the consensus was to not place these bins in the preserves. The committee discussed a new pickup truck, staff will bring numbers to an upcoming meeting.

VII. **Review of Quotes for:**

A. **Door at Ellis House & Equestrian Center**
   The committee reviewed quotes for the purchase and installation of a new door at Ellis. Commissioner Prochaska moved to approve and forward the low quote of $3200 from Ashland Door Solutions. Commissioner Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

B. **Concrete at Ellis House & Equestrian Center**
   The committee reviewed quotes for concrete work at Ellis House. Additional information will be brought to a future meeting.

VIII. **Executive Session**
Commissioner Prochaska moved to enter into executive session at 7:15 pm for the purpose of litigation, when an against, affecting of on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and in pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Commissioner Gryder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

Commissioner Prochaska moved to come out of executive session at 7:27 pm. Commissioner Cesich seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

IX. **Other items of business**
There were no other items of business.

X. **Adjournment**
Commissioner Purcell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Commissioner Prochaska seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Pettit
Director