I. Call to Order

President Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Invocation

IV. Roll Call

Lynn Cullick, Bob Davidson, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Shaw, and Jeff Wehrli all present constituting a quorum.

V. Citizens to be Heard

None.

VI. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Purcell arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Commissioner Gilmour made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of January 14, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.

VII. Review of Claims in an Amount not to Exceed $5,290.06

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the claims in an amount not to exceed $5,290.06. Motion seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

Commissioner Cullick reported that there were very few questions on the claims list review at the Finance Committee.

Roll call: Lynn Cullick, Bob Davidson, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw, and Jeff Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none. Motion unanimously approved.
VIII. Other Items of Business

Commissioner Flowers arrived at 9:05 a.m.

**IDNR Request**

President Wehrli reported that the District has received a request from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to conduct sharpshooting within select forest preserve areas to support the monitor, manage and track the incidence of Chronic Wasting Disease in White-tailed Deer in Kendall County.

Commission discussed the IDNR’s 2014 activities.

Commissioner Davidson expressed concerns over the CWD management program, and impacts to deer hunting in Kendall County. Commissioner Davidson also expressed concerns that the proposed increase in lethal harvest of deer in Kendall County will not halt the spread of the disease.

Commissioner Shaw expressed concern over the IDNR conducting sharp shooting activities within preserves where individuals currently reside.

Mike Pierson, Acting Superintendent of Grounds and Resources, reported that the IDNR has requested access to Millbrook, Hollenback, Baker and Pickerell-Piggott forest preserves.

Director Guritz informed Commission that no deer were harvested from preserves in 2014, but two deer were taken from private lands adjacent to preserve areas.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to delay consideration of approval of the motion presented to allow President Wehrli and Director Guritz time with the IDNR program staff and define the scope of proposed sharpshooting activities within preserves in 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Koukol. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

**The Conservation Foundation Request**

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve payment of $2,000 to The Conservation Foundation for completion of the Big Rock Creek Voluntary Land Conservation Planning Project. Motion seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

Director Guritz reported that the Finance Committee provided direction to look into the history of watershed planning efforts in the Big Rock Creek area. Director Guritz reported that a watershed study and plan had been completed in 2002. The voluntary land conservation planning project builds off of this plan in order to identify priority properties for acquisition based on critical, and outreach to landowners within priority areas to build
awareness about watershed resources and opportunities for dedicating property for conservation purposes. Director Guritz reported that the Forest Preserve District of Kane County and The Conservation Foundation both have contributed funds to support the project.

Roll call: Lynn Cullick, Elizabeth Flowers, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw, and Jeff Wehrli, aye. Opposed, Bob Davidson. Motion carried.

**Fox River Bluffs Acquisition Project Updates**

Director Guritz reported that the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant agreement has been received from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The grant agreement will extend $750,000 to the District that will be reimbursed from Land and Water Conservation Funds received by the state from federal funding sources. Director Guritz is working with Laura Stuart, the District’s grant consultant, and Attorney Lisa Coffey to review the closing document requirements and grant agreement covenants.

**IX. Recess**

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to recess the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting recessed at 9:22 a.m.

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to resume the Special Call meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting resumed at 11:37 a.m.

Commission and staff members present included Lynn Cullick, Bob Davidson, Judy Gilmour, Scott Gryder, Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, John Purcell, John Shaw, Jeff Wehrli, Director David Guritz and State’s Attorney Eric Weis.

**X. Executive Session**

Commissioner Gilmour made a motion to enter Executive Session under Section 2(c)5 of the open meetings act for the purpose of discussion of purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shaw. Commissioner Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Shaw and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, Commissioner Purcell. Executive session called to order at 11:38 a.m.

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to reconvene to regular session. Seconded by Commissioner Cullick. Aye, all. Regular meeting reconvened at 12:13 p.m.
XI.  Adjournment

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District