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, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli all were present.

V. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

VI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

VII. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $7,421.58.

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the claims list in the amount of $7,421.58. Seconded by Commissioner Koukol.

Roll call: Commissioners Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

VIII. Approval of Minutes

a. Forest Preserve Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 14, 2015
b. Forest Preserve Finance Committee Meeting – October 14, 2015
c. Forest Preserve Commission Meeting – October 20, 2015
Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 14, 2015; the Forest Preserve Finance Committee meeting held on October 14, 2015; and the Forest Preserve Commission meeting held on October 20, 2015 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Purcell. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

IX.  Motion to Approve the Sale and Conveyance of Ownership of the Ellis House and Equestrian Center Lesson Horse “Princess” to Liz Clockars in the Amount of $1.00

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to approve the sale and conveyance of ownership of the Ellis House and Equestrian Center lesson horse “Princess” to Liz Clockars in the amount of $1.00. Seconded by Commissioner Purcell.

Roll call: Commissioners Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.

X.  Motion to Approve the Purchase and Conveyance of Ownership of “Oak,” a Quarter Horse-Gelding from Scott Eager of Mendota, Illinois for an Amount Not-to-Exceed $2,000.00 Following a One-Week Trial Period

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to approve the purchase and conveyance of ownership of “Oak,” a Quarter Horse-Gelding from Scott Eager of Mendota, Illinois for an amount not-to-exceed $2,000.00 following a one-week trial period. Seconded by Commissioner Shaw.

President Wehril stated that this horse will be added to the lesson horse program following a one-week trial period. At the end of the trial period, payment will be presented to Mr. Eager.

Commissioner Koukol stated that he had spoken with Mr. Eager, and was not able to negotiate price down, but was able to negotiate the one-week trial period.

Director Guritz reported that should the trial period show that “Oak” is not a good fit for the program that Mr. Eager will pick up the horse from Ellis. District staff have visited Mr. Eager’s stable and reported that “Oak” will be a good fit for the program.

Roll Call: Commissioners Flowers, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, Commissioners Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska and Purcell.
Motion denied by a vote of 6 to 3.

President Wehrli stated that this decision will impact our public program reservations at Ellis.

**XI. Motion to Approve a Proposal from Dekane Equipment Corporation for the Purchase of a Kubota RTVX 1100C Utility Vehicle in the Amount of $17,800, Including Approval of an Optional Price Reduction of $2,000.00 from the Quoted Purchase Price for Trade-In of a Kubota RTV900**

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the proposal from Dekane Equipment Corporation for the purchase of a Kubota RTVX 1100C utility vehicle in the amount of $17,800, including approval of an optional price reduction of $2,000 from the quoted purchase price for trade-in of a Kubota RTV900. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the quotes received for a replacement of the District’s RTV900 Kubota.

Commissioner Purcell inquired into the funding source for the purchase, and whether funds were available in the budget. Director Guritz stated that the purchase will be coded to the capital fund, and that contingency funds are available for the purchase.

Commissioner Purcell asked how the utility vehicle will be used. Director Guritz stated that the utility vehicle will be used to support maintenance projects at Hoover Forest Preserve. Currently, the Kubota used at Ellis House and Equestrian Center has been transferred to Hoover Forest Preserve, but a utility vehicle is needed to support maintenance projects at both locations.

Commission discussed the types of projects and day-to-day maintenance activities supported by the utility vehicle at Hoover Forest Preserve.

Commissioner Davidson stated that better care of equipment is needed based on his discussion with Dekane Equipment service staff. Director Guritz stated that the model proposed for purchase is more durable which should extend the useful life of the vehicle.

Roll call: Commissioners Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Wehrli, aye. Opposed, none.
XII. Motion to Approve a Relocation Towing Agreement with Grant Towing of Yorkville, Illinois for Removal of Vehicles Following the Evening Closure of Forest Preserves

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve a relocation towing agreement with Grant Towing of Yorkville, Illinois for removal of vehicles following the evening closure of forest preserves. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

The Board of Commissioners discussed the terms of the relocation towing agreement proposal received from Grant Towing, Inc. of Yorkville.

Commissioner Koukol asked how often a vehicle is towed from District preserve areas. Director Guritz stated that the number of vehicles actually towed from preserve areas after hours is very few over the course of the year. District staff do not automatically call for a tow if a vehicle is present. Closing of preserves requires staff to address maintenance needs in the preserve, and will often move on to another preserve prior to closing the gate to allow additional time for preserve visitors to leave.

Director Guritz stated that in the past was a bigger issue.

Commissioner Koukol expressed interests in reviewing towing rates before voting on the relocation agreement, stating that relocation towing could cause problems for the District.

Director Guritz stated that closing the preserves at night, and removing cars when necessary likely prevents more issues and problems than those caused from towing the occasional vehicle.

Commissioner Koukol asked that Grant Towing be contacted to determine whether they are licensed through the Illinois Commerce Commission, stating that there are regulations for licensed relocation towing companies that need to be strictly followed.

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to table consideration of the relocation towing agreement to the upcoming Commission meeting to allow time to research towing rates. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

XIII. FY 15-16 Budget Updates and Discussions

Director Guritz stated that he is working to contact the Newark Sanitary District to determine costs for monthly monitoring and water quality testing for the sanitary wastewater treatment ponds at Hoover Forest Preserve.
XIV. **Executive Session**

None.

XV. **Other Items of Business**

- November 11, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting Date Change

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting date change from November 11, 2015 at 5:30 pm to November 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

XVI. **Citizens to Be Heard**

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XVII. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gilmour. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District