I. Call to Order

President Pro Tem Cullick called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. 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 Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, and Shaw all were present.

V. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Flowers joined the meeting at 9:06 am.

VI. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

VII. Approval of Minutes

a. Forest Preserve Commission Meeting – October 6, 2015
b. Forest Preserve Programming and Events Committee Meeting – October 7, 2015

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the Commission meeting held on October 6, 2015; and the Forest Preserve Programming and Events Committee meeting held on October 7, 2015, all as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.
VIII. Motion to Approve the Posting of the Preliminary FY 15-16 Operating Budget and FY 15-16 2007 Bond Series Capital Fund Budget for Public Review

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve the posting of the preliminary FY 15-16 operating budget and FY 15-16 2007 Bond Series capital fund budget for public review. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

Commissioner Purcell inquired into whether Director Guritz had reflected on potential changes to the budget based on discussions with Commissioners.

Director Guritz reported that based on discussions with Commissioners and the Treasurer’s Office, that he was comfortable with removing the contingency for transfer of interest earnings from the capital fund, with the offsetting expense contingency within in the operating budget. In discussions with the Treasurer’s Office, amendment of the budget could be considered within the fiscal year, and the capital fund can include a contingency to address unforeseen issues within total appropriations for the year.

Director Guritz stated that he had spoken with President Wehrli, and he is comfortable with removing the transfer and expense contingency from the preliminary budget.

Director Guritz recommended that a motion be made to amend the preliminary operating fund budget, and capital fund budget to remove the proposed transfer with subsequent approval of the preliminary budgets for both funds.

Commissioner Davidson stated that this is a preliminary budget that can be amended as needed within the upcoming meetings.

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to amend the motion on the table approving the preliminary budgets as presented by removing the $50,000 interest earnings transfer and expense contingency scheduled within the preliminary operating budget, with the $50,000 expense contingency to remain in the capital fund. Seconded by Commissioner Davidson.

Commissioner Purcell stated that this shows that the Board of Commissioners is working to balance the District’s budget, without relying on capital fund interest earnings to support operations. Commissioner Gryder expressed support of this assessment, and commended the Board of Commissioners for their work in getting to this point.

Director Guritz invited Treasurer Jill Ferko to comment on the ability of the Board of Commissioners to access funds to address unforeseen issues in the coming year. Treasurer
Ferko stated that she is comfortable with the proposed amendment, and that the Board has the ability to access additional funds if required.

Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, and Purcell, aye. Opposed, Commissioners Shaw and Flowers. Motion to amend the initial motion was carried by a vote of 7 to 2.

With the approval of the amended preliminary budget, roll call was called to approve the preliminary budget for the posting of the preliminary FY 15-16 operating budget and FY 15-16 2007 Bond Series capital fund budget for public review.

Roll call: Commissioners Gilmour, Gryder, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, Davidson, and Flowers, aye. Opposed, Commissioners Koukol and Flowers. Motion carried by a vote of 7 to 2.

IX. Approval of Claims in an Amount Not-to-Exceed $5,788.50.

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the claims list in the amount of $5,788.50. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers.

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

X. Motion to Approve Fees and Charges for NEW Scouting and Birthday Party Programming

Director Guritz stated that this item had been discussed at the Programming and Events Committee, with direction received to include programming for girl scouts under the recommended price structure for presentation to Commission for approval. This has been completed, and is recommended for Commission approval as presented.

Commissioner Purcell made a motion to approve the fees and charges for the new scout and birthday party programs as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. Roll call: Commissioners Cullick, Davidson, Flowers, Gilmour, Gryder, Koukol, Prochaska, Purcell, Shaw, and Cullick, aye. Opposed, none.

XI. Motion to Approve Contract Terms for the 2016 Farm License and Hay Production Agreements

Commissioner Gryder made a motion to approve the contract terms for the 2016 farm license and hay production agreements as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers.
Commissioner Koukol inquired into whether the hay contract provisions had been examined. Director Guritz responded that the buyback price for small bales will be increased from $2.50 to $4.00 per small bale.

All, aye. Opposed, none.

XII. Executive Session

Commissioner Purcell made a motion to enter into Executive Session under 2(c)1 and 2(c)11 of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is 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.

Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska.

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

Executive Session called to order at 9:16 am.

Commissioner Davidson made a motion to adjourn the executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. All, aye. Opposed, none.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:23 am.

XIII. Other Items of Business

None.

XIV. Citizens to Be Heard

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

XV. Adjournment

Commissioner Purcell made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gryder. Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District