I. **Call to Order**

President Wehrli called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Kendall County Board Room.

II. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Cullick, Flowers, Gilmour, Prochaska, Shaw, and Wehrli all were present.

III. **Citizens to be Heard**

No public comments were offered.

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cullick. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

V. **Approval of Minutes for the March 17, 2015 Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Prochaska made a motion to approve the Commission meeting minutes of March 17, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Gilmour. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Motion: Approval of a Letter of Intent to Purchase 166.01 + Acres of Property Known as “Fox River Bluffs” for an Amount Not-to-Exceed $14,486 Per Acre, Totaling Approximately $2,238,811 Plus Closing Costs**

Commissioner Gilmour made a motion to approve the letter of intent to purchase 166.01 + acres of property known as “Fox River Bluffs” for an amount not-to-exceed $14,486 per acre, totaling approximately $2,238,811 plus closing costs. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. President Wehrli stated that this purchase offer does not preclude the District from considering purchase of additional land from the property owner. In review of the acquisition costs, with grant support, the District’s share will be approximately $5,400 per acre.
Director Guritz stated with approval of the purchase ordinance, closing date will be set for late April. A boundaries survey and Phase I environmental survey has been ordered.

Commissioner Gilmour requested a summary of grant funding sources for the purchase. President Wehrli stated that $750,000 will be reimbursed through the OSLAD/LWCF program, and $600,000 will be received at closing from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. Land-Cash funds approximating $421,886 will also be expended to support the purchase.

President Wehrli added that within the OSLAD/LWCF grant, the District is moving forward with the purchase based on the program’s waiver of retroactivity, which allows the purchase to be completed in advance of concluding the formal grant agreement process.

Commissioner Gilmour inquired into what the capital fund balance will be following the purchase. Director Guritz stated that the beginning year balance within the capital fund is $2,645,000. Following the purchase and subsequent grant reimbursement, the capital fund balance will be approximately $2,178,350, less closing and survey costs.

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

VII. Motion: Approval of Certification of the Forest Preserve Commission Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2015.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve the certification of the March 17, 2015 Forest Preserve Commission meeting agenda and minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. All, aye. Opposed, none. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Motion: Approval of a Change Order to Arborworks, Inc. for Contract #15-002-001 for Felling of Additional Ash Trees at Harris Forest Preserve Based on Extended Per Unit Costs of $12 Per Caliper-Inch DBH for a Total Amount Not-to-Exceed $9,624.00.

Commissioner Cullick made a motion to approve a $9,624.00 change order to Arborworks, Inc. for contract #15-002-001 for felling of additional Ash trees at Harris Forest Preserve. Seconded by Commissioner Flowers. Director Guritz stated that recent inspections of Ash trees at Harris Forest Preserve have identified additional Ash trees adjacent to main trails and shelters that need to be removed.

Commissioner Flowers inquired into how many trees have been removed. Director Guritz stated that in addition to the 226 initially identified, additional trees marked for removal at
Hoover have been removed using up the project contingency. The change order is to remove an additional 67 trees at Harris Forest Preserve.

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

IX. Executive Session

None.

X. Other Items of Business

None.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Prochaska. All, aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Guritz
Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District