

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 9, 2025

I. Call to Order

President DeBolt called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm in the Kendall County Historic Courthouse – 3rd floor courtroom.

II. Roll Call

X	Bachmann	X	Koukol
	DeBolt	X	Peterson
X	Flowers	X	Rodriguez
X	Gengler	X	Shanley
	Kellogg		Wormley

Roll call: Commissioners Bachmann, Flowers, Gengler, Koukol, Peterson, Rodriguez, and Shanley were all present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bachmann. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments were offered by those in attendance.

V. Department Report

Executive Director White provided reports from administration and grounds. Education Manager and Outreach Coordinator Stefanie Wiencke provided updates from the education department.

VI. Motion to Forward Claims to Commission

Commissioner Flowers made a motion to forward claims to Commission for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Aye, all. Opposed, none.

VII. Review of Preliminary Financial Statements through November 30, 2025

Executive Director White presented an overview of the preliminary financial statements through November 30, 2025.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No items for consideration

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a) DISCUSSION: Forest Foundation Website Updates and Progress

Forest Foundation President Jeff Wehrli and Forest Foundation Board Member Terry Tamblyn provided updates regarding the Forest Foundation Website. Commissioner Rodriguez inquired about long term costs, with Mr. Tamblyn responding that startup costs are just under \$10,000.00, with upkeep costs at approximately \$500.00.

b) DISCUSSION: KCFPD Summer Intern

Executive Director White provided information about the District considering having a summer intern in 2026 and that the District is working with the Human Resource Department on creating a Job Description as well as other details for the intern position.

c) DISCUSSION: 2026 Farm Licenses

Executive Director White stated that the FY25 Farm License CBOT Closing Bids are completed and have been sent to Licensees with yield payment information.

d) MOTION: Approval of a Special Use Permit for Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District – Cold Water/Ice Training at Harris Forest Preserve on January 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 from 8 AM to 3 PM

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to approve a Special Use Permit for Bristol Kendall Fire Protection District – Cold Water/Ice Training at Harris Forest Preserve on January 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Aye all. Opposed, none.

X. Other Items of Business

No Items for consideration

XI. Public Comments

A donation from the Connell Family to purchase benches for the Fox River Bluffs Trail Connection to Hoover Forest Preserve was brought up during Public Comment. Options for benches were provided to the Commissioners. Commissioner Gengler recommended that a recycled plastic material should be considered for longevity. Commissioner Flowers recommended choosing a bench with a back, such as one like Model 34 shown in the Options.

XII. Executive Session

None.

XIII. Summary of Action Items

Executive Director White provided a summary of action items to be presented to Commission for approval.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Shanley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bachmann.
Aye, all. Opposed, none. Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette White

Acting Executive Director, Kendall County Forest Preserve District