

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY  
(EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE) MEETING Minutes**

Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:45 pm, Golf Course Clubhouse  
Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 405 N. Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois.

**Members in Attendance (Roll Call):** Jennifer Shelby, Robert Baird, Wendy Hundley, William Goodman, Bobbie Herakovich, Andrew Kerins, Nina Carmichael, and Lorrie Pearson, Carmichael.

**Quorum (7):** Met

**Commissioners present** Wendy Hundley, William Goodman, Bobbie Herakovich, Andrew Kerins, and Greg Knott.

**Remote Attendance:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Welcome:**

Member Bill Goodman called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm, beginning the meeting by welcoming the members and confirming that all members had received and reviewed the agenda for the evening. All attendees verbally confirmed that they indeed had. Goodman then handed over the floor to Nina to explain more about the committee and facilitate the items on the agenda.

**Overview of State Statute:**

Nina briefly introduced herself to the committee as the Leadership in Conservation Fellow at the Champaign County Forest Preserve District and her role as employee/staff liaison who will be driving the work of the committee: setting meeting agendas, bringing information and recommendations to them, following up on their comments, and preparing the final report.

**Committee Introductions:**

Lorrie recommended that all members include a little about their relationship to the Forest Preserve District and name what they wanted out of their time on the committee. After introductions concluded Nina Carmichael noted that because Greg Knott was appointed a commissioner of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District after the committee was formed. Therefore, Knott was not yet formally a voting member, but would be after the board meeting that evening.

**Set Direction for the Efficiency Committee:** Nina stated she would start on a three-part approach by 1. Coordinating an effort to compile and centralize all policies and procedures across the Champaign County Forest Preserves District to be held in a single location for greater accessibility and visibility and 2. Cataloging and studying these policies and procedures to assess what might be missing or needed 3. Soliciting input from staff regarding recommendations for increased efficiency and accountability to further the direction and final recommendations to be included in the final report.

**Approve 2024 meeting schedule:** Kerins moved to approve the schedule, Hundley seconded, and, on a voice vote, the motion carried.

The proposed schedule was accepted as follows:

- Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the Museum of the Grand Prairie Classroom, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 900 N. Lombard, Mahomet, Illinois, at 5:45 P.M.
- Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve,  
405 N. Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois, at 5:45 P.M.
- Thursday, August 15, 2024, at the Golf Course Clubhouse, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 405 N. Lake of the Woods Road, Mahomet, Illinois, at 5:45 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held in person on Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the Museum of the Grand Prairie Classroom, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, 900 N. Lombard, Mahomet, Illinois, at 5:45 P.M.

**Public Comment:** None provided

**Adjournment:** Goodman motioned for adjournment at 3:45, and Kerins seconded. Voice vote was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.