

## FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2011

**PRESENT:** Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, K. Maranda, S. Sallows, F. Schultz and R. Simmer.

**ABSENT:** Committee members, V. Dueysen and K. Harmon.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, Director; Scott White, Illiniwek; Mark Ryan, Zoo Director and Donna Wilkerson, Purchasing.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 10, 2011, in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office, County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the May minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$53,412.35, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$66,879.00 and the Liability Insurance Fund claim in the amount of \$274.50.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the claims. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve and Niabi Zoo Funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Transfers. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on a Resolution transferring \$75,991 from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund, a Resolution transferring \$8,000 from unappropriated funds in the IMRF Fund, a Resolution loaning \$5,000 from the Forest Preserve Fund to the FISSA Fund and a Resolution transferring \$14,000 from unappropriated funds in the FISSA Fund

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda approved the Resolutions. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution establishing the prevailing wages.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda approved the Prevailing Wage Resolution. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Donna Wilkerson for her report. Ms. Wilkerson submitted contract discount prices for a John Deere Fairway mower for Indian Bluff in the amount of \$45,700 and a John Deere 3320 tractor for Illiniwek in the amount of \$15,087.69.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the purchase of the fairway mower. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the purchase of the tractor. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Maranda inspected Indian Bluff and reported to the Committee. His report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported they are cleaning up after the big storm. He reported there is a leak in the water line under the road at Dorrance. Mr. White has tried unsuccessfully to find the leak and will have to see how much it would cost to bore into it. They reshingled the park office roof and the playground equipment has been installed at Dorrance. Mr. Bohnsack inspected Illiniwek.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for his report. He reported a broken water line in petting zoo required excavation of site. Various repairs are underway for AZA inspection. He reported they had a very well attended Mother's Day.

Chairman Rockwell called on Jeff Craver for his report and the Loud Thunder report. At Loud Thunder they are working very hard on keeping up with mowing as they are shorthanded. They will plan another archery hunt this year and also a hunt with disabled veteran participants.

The bid letting for the new restroom at Loud Thunder will be July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to authorize Chairman Rockwell to accept the low bid that meets specs to present to the Commission. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Craver reported the grant for the river campground at Loud Thunder is ready to be submitted and is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Rockwell and Mr. Craver interviewed five applicants for the Ranger position at Loud Thunder and the position was offered to Ben Mills and he accepted. He will come on board June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Maranda inspected Loud Thunder and reported everything well cared for. A copy of his report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of all reports.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all reports. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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