

**THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE
MARCH 15, 2011 -- 6:08 P.M.**

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve met in the Board Members' Room: President Thomas Rockwell Reporting.

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

W. Armstrong, S. Ballard, P. Banaszek, J. Bohnsack, J. Brandmeyer, N. Camlin, V. Dueysen, G. Freeman, K. Harmon, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, L. Loftin, K. Maranda, J.M. McColl, S. Meersman, P. Moreno, H. Perez, S. Sallows, F. Schultz, R. Simmer, J.R. Westpfahl, T. Rockwell

TOTAL PRESENT 23

C. Wonderlich, V. Mayberry

TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. Commissioner Ballard moved to approve the February 15, 2011, Forest Preserve Commission Minutes. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the Forest Preserve General Fund Claims at \$102,248.88, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims at \$58,333.63, the Liability Insurance Fund claim at \$198.00, the Golf Course Improvement Fund claims at \$1,432.50, Niabi Zoo Capital Improvement Fund claims at \$21,216.26 and late claims at \$21,027.32. Commissioner Harmon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Loftin moved to approve the Transfers of Appropriation. Commissioner Dueysen seconded. Commissioner Bohnsack moved for the Previous Roll Call vote. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Ballard moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution transferring \$25,000 in unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds. Commissioner Banaszek seconded. Commissioner Banaszek moved for the Previous Roll Call vote. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from an increase in Hotel/Motel revenue within the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$25,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$25,000.00	131-32 391.62	Hotel/Motel
\$23,000.00	131-32-18 767	Infrastructure
\$ 2,000.00	131-32-18 766	Building & Remodeling > \$5,000

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 15th day of March 2011.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the following salary increases for non-bargaining unit employees. Commissioner Harmon seconded.

Director of Golf and Loud Thunder Ranger – 3%
Forest Preserve Director, Illiniwek Ranger – 2%
Administrative Asst. & Clubhouse Manager – 2%
Zoo Maintenance Supervisor – 1%

Commissioner Johnston was recognized. Mr. Johnston asked, "2% of what?" Mr. Rockwell stated, "Previous salaries.". Mr. Johnston asked, "What were they?" Mr. Rockwell stated the following:

Collins (Clubhouse Manager) \$35,289 – 2%
J. Craver (Forest Preserve Director) \$61,845 – 2%
S. Gianulis (Administrative Asst.) \$51,861 – 2%
Murrin (Loud Thunder Ranger) \$60,095 – 3%
Wells (Golf Director) \$75,298 – 3%
White (Illiniwek Ranger) \$51,468 – 2%
Spray (Zoo Maint. Supervisor) \$43,000 – 1%

Mr. Rockwell added, "...these salaries are not budgeted but we have plenty of money." Commissioner Meersman asked, "Are these increases in line with those in other counties." Mr. Rockwell, "No, these increases are half of the average of others with similar positions." Commissioner Freeman asked, "Did we lower the Levy?" Mr. Rockwell stated, "No, it stayed the same, increased about 10%). Commissioner Maranda stated, "There is a new system in place...uses a formula that comes up with the percentages we felt were appropriate." Commissioner Simmer stated, "We just need to reassess the breakups better in the future." Mr. Rockwell stated, "We will look at the process." Commissioner Ballard stated, "How long as it been since they've had an increase?" Commissioner Rockwell, "Its been about a year and they have no step increases." Commissioner Armstrong stated, "If we are going to have this

random talk, you'll need to speak louder..." Mr. Rockwell made a call for order stating, " Will the Members please wait to be recognized."
A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 15

S. Meersman, S. Sallows, D. Johnston, J. Bohnsack

TOTAL ABSTAINED 4

M. McColl, R. Simmer, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL NO 3

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Meersman moved to remove from display and approve the revisions regarding the dress code and health insurance policies. Commissioner Harmon seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Langdon moved to lay on display the credit card policies. Commissioner Dueysen seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Bohnsack moved to approve the Routine Reports for the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Dueysen seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rockwell declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

The next Forest Preserve Commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2011, following the Regular County Board meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY

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OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION