

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 27, 2018 – 6:06 PM**  
**PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

R. Brunk, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL PRESENT      22**

D. Johnston, R. Morthland

**TOTAL ABSENT        2**

2. President Swanson introduced our guest speaker Joel Vanderbush, Curator of Conservation and Education at Niabi Zoo. Mr. Vanderbush reported on educational programs offered at Niabi Zoo (presentation was approximately 10 minutes). Mr. Vanderbush stated that Niabi Zoo opens April 14 and that Niabi Zoo will be hosting an Earth Day Celebration on April 21 & 22.
3. Commissioner Steffen moved to approve the February 20, 2018, Commission Minutes. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)**

5. Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims @ \$165,131.59, Niabi Zoo Fund claims @ \$200,162.83, and the Loud Thunder Fund claims @ \$5,000.00. Commissioner Langdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$43,248.88. Commissioner Mayberry and Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Maranda moved to waive the reading and approve the Forest Preserve Organizational Chart, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the changes to the Forest Preserve Commission General Policy and Procedures as outlined in the redline copy provided in your meeting notes. Commissioners Vyncke and Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 21**

M. Steffen

**TOTAL NO 1**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioners Burns and L. Moreno seconded. (Record)

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

11. Summary of Executive Committee Meeting: Staff is working very hard to get the parks ready to open. Mr. Nelson, Chairman of the Community Advisor Board (CAB), addressed the Executive Committee to see if there was any interest in the CAB developing a new 501c3 organization to support Niabi Zoo. The Committee endorsed the idea, and the CAB will further explore that possibility.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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