

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**

**APRIL 17, 2018 – 6:32 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, R. Morthland, 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 23**

D. Johnston

**TOTAL ABSENT 1**

2. President Swanson introduced our guest speaker Ben Mills, Superintendent at Loud Thunder. Mr. Mills gave a 35 minute presentation regarding restoring and acquiring lands with the intent to conserve and preserve lands for the purpose of preservation, education and recreation for its residents.
3. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the March 27, 2018, Commission Minutes. Commissioners O'Brien and L. Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims @ \$50,967.44, Niabi Zoo Fund claims @ \$131,822.36, Liability Fund claims @ \$2,766.00, Loud Thunder Fund claims @ \$16,865.00 and the Marvin Martin Fund claims @ \$764.59. Commissioner Steffen seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$14,371.42. Commissioner Langdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 21**

**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. Commissioners O'Brien and Shelton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve low bid for the Giraffe Yard Shade Structure from All Inclusive Rec for \$51,553.00. Commissioner Sheldon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 20**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the bid for the Playground for Loud Thunder from Team Reil Inc at \$64,187.00. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 20**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Noyd moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Maranda seconded. (Record)

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

11. Summary of Executive Committee Meeting: A tour was taken at Niabi Zoo where Mr. Jackson discussed recently completed and planned projects. Currently, it is anticipated that Niabi will be applying for re-accreditation in the first week of May.

We support HB-4591, which would lift some restrictions on Niabi Zoo. This would reduce costs for Niabi Zoo by approximately \$80,000 per year. We are not sure yet if the motion will advance to the House floor. I would like to thank Representative McCombie and Representative Halpin, as they have worked very well together in moving this legislation forward.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, May 15, 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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