

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
DECEMBER 18, 2018 – 6:30 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, R. Simmer, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, R. Brunk

**TOTAL PRESENT 23**

P. Moreno, E. Sowards

**TOTAL ABSENT 2**

2. President Swanson introduced Jim Taylor from Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard Associates and April Palmer, County Auditor, addressed the Commission regarding 2018 CAFR audit, (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). Mr. Taylor stated that the report was a good audit and a good report. He went into detail explaining the financials, assets, liabilities and Bond Issue details. (Inc. by Ref. due to length of audio report is 25 minutes. Hard copy is 190 pages.)

3. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the November 20, 2018, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the December 3, 2018, Forest Preserve Organizational meeting minutes. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

6. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Just a couple of quick staff notes including one on tonight's agenda. You'll notice items 14 and 15. I bring those to your attention...consultation with the staff, the staff has reviewed those as proposed. I would, at their encouragement, when we get to that item on the agenda, entertain a motion to postpone indefinitely so that staff has a chance to get a little more specific on those and come back with a more refined proposal for your

consideration. So I will leave that to you, the Body, when we come to that on the agenda. 2) As many of you know, Mr. Jackson hosted a very fruitful visit from those with the Accreditation team at the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. You know that is a strategic goal of this Body, to regain accreditation by AZA. I would note that, in representing you when they had their session on governance, there were a couple of things that were noteworthy. They shared that every zoo in the upper Midwest...every zoo with which they are familiar are reporting losses in the double digit percentages. That is tied to weather. Brookfield Zoo, which is a gold-standard kind of a joint, is down 26% and that's tied to weather that was not amenable to zoo visits by families...too hot, too cold or rainy on weekends; which we saw a lot. The other thing is, as we talk about the Zoos performance from year to year, I ask this group to recall as a part of our effort towards AZA Accreditation, we adopted a strategic outlook that anticipates several years of operating losses as we direct Mr. Jackson and his team to invest more money into the amenities at the zoo. And that's something they are doing. Our loss was a lot less than Brookfield's, Lincoln's and that sort of thing. I think it was a single digit loss, if you want to look at it that way. But, that was anticipated in the strategic plan. So, I encourage you to congratulate yourselves on your foresight in anticipating that kind of work. I am very pleased to point out that we are on a streak for the second year running... That Rock Island County Forest Preserve District is featured with a photograph in the IParks 2019 Calendar. Many of you know that we made it in last year with a beautiful spring shot at Illiniwek Park by our very gifted, local photographer, Quinn Kirkpatrick. I know many of you know Quinn and here he is with a picture of our incomparable Loud Thunder and Lake George; which with the thanks of the foresight of this Board, and some of the things we heard in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, we will make sure that this is available to our grandchildren. We are investing in the Spillway and the Infrastructure at Loud Thunder. Again, pat yourselves on the back. Those are the three notes I had for you at this time. You are always welcome to contact me between meetings on these or other matters."

7. Commissioner Morthland moved to approve the Forest Preserve Fund claims in the amount of \$42,809.31, Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$67,127.28, the Golf Course Improvements Fund claims in the amount of \$2,640.16, the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund claim in the amount of \$11,839.10, the Loud Thunder Spillway & Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$421,780.05, and the Marvin Martin Fund claims in the amount of \$1,665.17. Commissioner Simmer seconded. (Record)

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer asked, "The \$421,780.05 for the Spillway, is that figure final? Is that the final on that?"

President Swanson answered, "No. Mr. Craver, do you have an answer on the additional claims to be made on the Spillway project? We've got a ways to go on that project, do we not?"

Mr. Craver stated, "Yes. It's on the claims sheet there and I don't have an exact number on that but there is still a pretty good amount left to go."

Mr. Simmer stated, "I just want to make sure everybody knows that there is still some more coming on that. It's not a total payoff yet...there is still a little bit to go still."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, excellent question."

Mr. Craver added, "I assume there is some work that is not on this last billing,...that we have now, from November and a little bit on December. There is some seating work that will need to be done in the spring due to the work that was done below the spillway, I sent pictures of the rip-rap and reinforcement. There was seating down there and due to the wear and tear of the campground road that is supposed to be done in the spring with the asphalt plan. But other than that, there are some other items that are much less."

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$1,151,073.50. Commissioner Langdon seconded. (Record)

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Cremeens moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the Resolution regarding Designation of Banks and Other Depositories, as presented. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

(The Resolution is in .pdf format and begins on the next page.)

## Resolution

### Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Re: Designation of Banks or other Depositories

**WHEREAS**, Louisa A. Ewert, County Collector and County Treasurer, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, and being appointed Treasurer, of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District by the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois has pursuant to the terms of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, 70 ILCS 805/8b, requested this Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of Rock Island County to designate a Bank or Banks or other Depository in which the Funds and Public Monies in the custody of the County Treasurer and monies received by her in the collection of taxes may be kept, and

**WHEREAS**, the following designated banks have furnished copies of the sworn Statements of Resources and Liabilities, as furnished to the Comptroller of currency or to the Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies of Illinois.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONERS OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**, aforesaid, that the following named Banks are hereby designated as Depositories in which the funds and monies received by Louisa A. Ewert, County Collector and County Treasurer and in the collection of taxes may be deposited to-wit:


*Bank of Orion; Moline, Illinois*  
*US Bank; Rock Island, Illinois*  
*Wells Fargo Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Quad City Bank and Trust; Moline, Illinois*  
*First Midwest Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*TBK Bank; East Moline, Illinois*  
*First Trust and Savings Bank; Hillsdale, Illinois*  
*Reynolds State Bank; Reynolds, Illinois*  
*CBI Bank & Trust; Buffalo Prairie, Illinois*  
*SENB; Moline, Illinois*  
*Blackhawk State Bank & Trust; Milan, Illinois*  
*American Bank of Rock Island; Rock Island, Illinois*  
*First National Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Midwest Bank; Andalusia, Illinois*  
*Kone Employees Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*Moline Municipal Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*QC Postal Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*Service Plus Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*DuTrac Community Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*Commerce Bank, Kansas City, Missouri*  
*PFM Asset Management LLC, Chicago, Illinois*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each bank herein designated as a depository for such funds or monies shall furnish the said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of Rock Island County with a copy of all Statements of Resources and Liabilities which it is required to furnish to the said Comptroller of Currency or Director of Financial Institutions of the State of Illinois while acting as such Depository and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if such funds and monies are deposited in a bank herein designated, as Depository, the amounts of such deposits shall not exceed sixty-five (65%) of the Capital Stock and Surplus of such Bank and such County Treasurer shall not be discharged from responsibility for any such funds or monies deposited in any bank in excess of such limitation.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONERS OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission

**ATTEST:**   
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve Jeff Craver as the District's FOIA Officer, as presented. Commissioner Morthland seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the 2019 meeting dates and holidays. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for fiscal year 2018, as presented. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve the Niabi Zoo Master Plan, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

15. Commissioner Beck moved to approve the Niabi Zoo Strategic Business Plan, as presented. Commissioners O'Brien and Normoyle seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

16. Commissioner Beck moved to approve the Cat House Exhibit Transfer Door Project at \$109,000.00.

Commissioner Maranda stated, "You wanted us to table items 14 & 15 indefinitely."

President Swanson asked, "If we could have a motion to bring it in for discussion?"

Mr. Moreno stated, "You wanted us to table these."

President Swanson added, "Can we keep it in line with the agenda? If possible, I think the smoothest way to do it is to call it into consideration...we have it moved and seconded and then entertain the motion that was mentioned during the President's Comments."

Commissioner Maranda asked, "Can we do both at the same time?"



President Swanson stated, "If there is no objection, we can consider both matters omnibus? Thank you."

- 16a. Mr. Mielke moved in consideration for both questions, the low bid for the Zoo Cat House Exhibit Transfer Door Project at \$109,000.00 and the low bid for the Zoo Primate Enclosure Project at \$43,400.00. Commissioner Simmer seconded.
- 16b. Mr. Maranda moved to approve the President's request to postpone indefinitely. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried. Motion postponed indefinitely.

Commissioner Westpfahl asked, "Why did you want to postpone it?"

President Swanson answered, "I conferred with the staff and there were some concerns that this may not have been put together in as smooth manner as possible. The Members of the Executive Committee saw that there were some matters in question regarding the ability of the bidders to make bids. The scope of the project was in question. We just thought that this could be done better and staff approved and concurred...we are in their debt that all T's are being crossed and I's are being dotted. Thank you."

- 17. Opportunity for comments from Commissioners (None)
- 18. Commissioner Adams moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner O'Brien seconded. (Record)

Commissioner Westpfahl was recognized.

Mr. Westpfahl asked, "Did you catch them badgers yet?"  
(Group Laughter)

President Swanson answered, "I believe that the traps are still out there."

Mr. Snider stated, "I just wanted to comment that the Recorder has moved into their new offices, the Juvenile Probation group have moved into their new office. Just wanted to make note of it for the record and if anyone wants to take a moment to stop by and see those offices, the Courthouse or the Justice Center, that would be great. The work that was done in our building was excellent and everyone is happy. If you have an opportunity to stop by one of those offices, they look great."

President Swanson stated, "In a departmentary setting, they would object, but then again, good news is never out of order, so that was a little premature to the point. But, I did want to come back to the fact that the badgers found their escape is extremely unfortunate, however, they would be animals that would be indigenous to this region. We hope that they are on the grounds, and I do salute Mr. Jackson in trying to get them back into custody. I noted in the AZA Accreditation, you were given high marks as a Commission. They recognized what you are trying to do in pivoting towards empowering professional leadership with the well-being of the animals, our clientele and the community we serve being placed at the forefront and so you are to be congratulated for that. We will have more to report on that in the future."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Board Member Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "I would continue to be out of order, but I would like to say that I visited the Recorder's Office today and Kelly Fisher gave my brother and I a tour and she invites all County Board Members to come down and take a tour. What a nice facility it turned out to be. She wanted me to pass that along."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you for that...also out of order, but also good news, so we will allow that."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

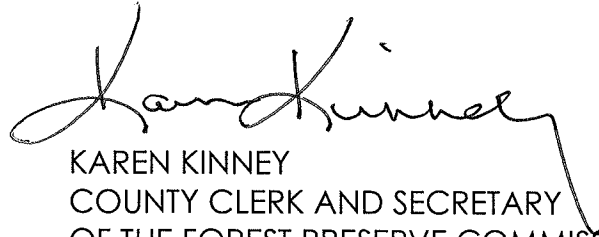
Mr. Deppe stated, "I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas."

President Swanson stated, "Hey...there you go. I hope that all of your holidays are bright and filled with rest because 2019 is going to be a lot of work and we are going to do it together, ladies and gentleman."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, January 15, 2019, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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