

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2014 – 6:23 PM

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

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin,
D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon,
K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer,
M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, S. Ballard

TOTAL PRESENT 24

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TOTAL ABSENT 1

2. Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the November 18, 2014, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Jacobs seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the December 1, 2014, Organizational Commission Minutes. Commissioner Langdon seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Shelton moved to approve the Forest Preserve Fund Claims at \$34,321.32, Niabi Zoo Fund claims @ \$50,839.04, Liability Fund @ \$1,323.66. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin,
D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon,
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M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Terry moved to approve the Forest Preserve Treasurer's Disbursements at \$430,701.15. Commissioner M. Burns seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Deppe moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund and the Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner L. Burns seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution approving Steve Ballard as the authorized IMRF Agent for the Forest Preserve District. Commissioner Brandmeyer seconded.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE
Resolution
RE: Appointment of Authorized Agent

WHEREAS, Rock Island County Forest Preserve District is a participant in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and

WHEREAS, a review of internal procedures has been made; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to appoint a new authorized agent; and

WHEREAS, much of the authorized agent's duties involve personnel actions and information; and

WHEREAS, Rock Island County Forest Preserve feels this position would best be

served by the Forest Preserve president

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock Island County forest Preserve Commission, that Forest Preserve President Steve Ballard is hereby appointed as the authorized agent for Rock Island County Forest Preserve, Illinois.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County Clerk, Karen Kinney, be authorized and directed to complete and submit IMRF Form 2.20 regarding this appointment.

Done in open meeting this 16th day of December, 2014.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Callaway-Thompson moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding Designation of Banks and other Depositories for the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

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
Triumph Community Bank; East Moline, Illinois *(fka The National Bank)
First Trust and Savings Bank; Hillsdale, Illinois
Port Byron State Bank; Port Byron, Illinois
Reynolds State Bank; Reynolds, Illinois
Buffalo Prairie State Bank; Buffalo Prairie, Illinois
Southeast National Bank; Moline, Illinois
Blackhawk State Bank; Milan, Illinois
American Bank of Rock Island; Rock Island, Illinois
First National Bank; Moline, Illinois
Andalusia Community 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 *(fka School District #40 Employee Credit Union)

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 16th day of December, 2014.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Langdon moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding Prohibition of firewood from all locations outside of Rock Island County. Commissioner Shelton seconded.

RESOLUTION

PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF FIREWOOD FROM ALL LOCATIONS OUTSIDE OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

WHEREAS the movement of firewood throughout Illinois and to/from other states poses the greatest threat to further the quick spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and other damaging plant pests;

WHEREAS recently identified infestations throughout 61 of the 102 counties of Illinois will lead to more quarantined counties in Illinois;

WHEREAS the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission endeavors to protect the natural resources of Rock Island County by impeding the movement of Invasive Species via the transportation of firewood and;

WHEREAS effective November 10, 2011, all firewood offered for sale, sold or distributed in Illinois must include the harvest location of the wood by county and state.

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

1. To stem the spread of firewood borne pests, officials are asking Illinois residents and visitors to not move firewood and instead buy and burn locally.
2. That in accordance with State and Federal guidelines, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission prohibits the importation of firewood onto any properties under the jurisdiction of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District from outside Rock Island County unless, it meets the State of Illinois and the USDA firewood certification and labeling requirements.
3. All unauthorized firewood may be removed and destroyed by District staff and anyone convicted of moving prohibited items from the quarantine areas without prior

certification by an Illinois Department of Agriculture nursery inspector may be fined up to \$500 by the State of Illinois.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16th day of December, 2014.

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "So that applies to any resident and any business...?"

President Ballard interrupted, "What it boils down to is...there is a big concern, obviously, with people bringing firewood from...you don't know where it comes from and infested with whatever, so because of the ash bore situation and other diseases in trees and such, so the State started to take a stance and a lot of the counties are starting to fall in line where if you have a campsite, and people bring in firewood, they can bring firewood in...but it has to have the certified stamp on it that's been USDA inspected for heat treated firewood and approved. They can also buy firewood that we have at our facilities. We have cut down our own trees and that firewood is for sale. That's the purpose of doing that so we don't allow the continuation of being infested with other types of diseases in our trees. That will be effective starting this year."

Commissioner Oelke was recognized.

Commissioner Oelke asked, "Steve, how is that going to be enforced?"

President Ballard answered, "Well that's the thing...because we have Illiniwek, Loud Thunder where our campsites are, we are going to put signs up, obviously, it's going to be on our website and there will be a trial time. You know, it's going to be one of those deals where people are going to show up and be inspected...it's going to be new to a lot of people that come and I am sure there will be some controversy about it, but we've gotta do what we've gotta do to protect our forests. So, I think the deal is...we are going to do it in a professional manner and again, people are welcome to bring in firewood from wherever as long as it's got that USDA Certified Inspection Stamp on it."

Commissioner Oelke asked, "Have we found ash bore in any of our trees?"

President Ballard replied, "Oh yeah, we've got it out there...yeah, yeah...Rock Island County already has it."

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Jacobs moved to lay on display for thirty days the Forest Preserve District's 2013-2014 Audit. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve an Intergovernmental Contract between the County of Rock Island and the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District regarding Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Commissioner Steffen seconded.

**An Intergovernmental Contract
Between the County of Rock Island
And the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District**

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter Five, 220/5, Illinois Compiled Statutes, authorizes any one or more public agencies to contract with any one or more public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which any of the public agencies entering into the contract is authorized by law to perform; and

WHEREAS, the County of Rock Island and the Rock Island County forest Preserve District are public agencies, as that term is defined by Chapter Five, 220/5, Illinois Compiled Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of Chapter Fifty-five, 5/5-1030, Illinois Compiled Statutes authorize the corporate authorities of any county to impose a tax upon all persons engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or letting rooms in a hotel in such county; and,

WHEREAS, the amounts collected by the county pursuant to such a tax are to be expended to promote tourism, conventions, expositions, theatrical, sports and cultural activities within that county or otherwise attract non-resident, overnight visiting to the county; and,

WHEREAS, the provisions of chapter Fifty-Five 5/5-1030, Illinois compiled Statutes authorize any county to agree with any unit of local government co-extensive with or wholly within the county to impose and collect, for a period of time not to exceed forty years, all of the portion of the tax authorized by Chapter Fifty-Five 5/5-1030, Illinois Compiled Statutes and transmit such tax to said unit of local government which in turn may expend such tax on those programs hereinabove mentioned; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Seventy, 835/1, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District maintains and operates the Niabi Zoological Garden; and,

WHEREAS, continued operation whereof would serve to promote tourism and attract non-resident overnight visitors to Rock Island County.

BE IT THEREFORE *AGREED* AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, herein after referred to as "The County", AND THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, herein after referred to as "The District", as follows"

1. That the County will continue during the calendar year 2015 to impose the tax on persons engaged in the business of renting, leasing, or letting rooms in a hotel in said County, as authorized in Chapter Fifty-Five, 5/5-1030, Illinois Compiled Statutes.
2. That for a period of one year, the proceeds of such tax shall be remitted by the County Treasurer of Rock Island County, Illinois, to the Treasurer of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, as per the agreement with the City of Moline.
3. That the County retains the right to control the rate at which said tax will be imposed.
4. That upon receipt of the tax imposed, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter Fifty-Five, 5/5-1030 Illinois Compiled Statutes, the Treasurer of the District shall keep the same in the separate fund wherein are kept all proceeds from the tax levies by the District, pursuant to the provisions of chapter Seventy, 835/1, Illinois Compiled Statutes.
5. That the District will use the tax transmitted to it by the County only for those purposes set forth in Chapter Seventy, 835/1, Illinois Compiled Statutes.
6. That in the event the corporate authorities of the District cease operating a Zoological Garden during the term of this contract, the contract shall be considered as having been terminated.
7. That the term of this contract shall be for one year, the District being entitled to receive proceeds of the tax imposed by the County pursuant to

Chapter Fifty-Five, 5/5-1030, Illinois Compiled Statutes, for a period of twelve months, to be used for the purpose hereinabove set forth, commencing with the first month liability for the payment of the tax as imposed under the ordinance, as adopted.

8. This contract shall be considered an intergovernmental contract.

EXECUTED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Langdon moved to remove and approve the changes to the Forest Preserve Procedure Manual regarding the Public Addressing the Commission. Commissioner Shelton seconded

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Simmer moved to remove from display and approve the Strategic Plan for Niabi Zoo. Commissioner M. Burns seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeff Craver as the Forest Preserve District's FOIA Officer. Commissioner Steffen seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

15. Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve the 2015 user fees for the Forest Preserve District's facilities. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

16. Commissioner Camlin moved to approve the Routine Reports from Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

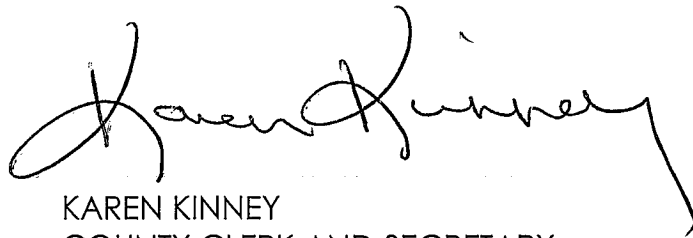
Motion carried.

The next Forest Preserve Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 3rd floor of the County Office Building, Rock Island, IL, following the regular Rock Island County Board meeting.

President Ballard stated, "Have a nice Holiday, folks!"

President Ballard declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping tail.

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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