

**THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE
JULY 16, 2013 -- 5:51 P.M.**

Forest Preserve President Steve Ballard, presiding:

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

D. Adams, S. Ballard, P. Banaszek, R. Brunk, M. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson,
N. Camlin, V. Dueysen, C. Filbert, G. Freeman, D. Jacobs,
D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, S. Meersman, D. Mielke,
P. Moreno, R. Oelke, G. Shelton, S. Terry, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL PRESENT 22

J. Brandmeyer, R. Simmer, B. Vyncke

TOTAL ABSENT 3

2. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the June 18, 2013, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the June 17, 2013 Public Hearing Minutes for Mr. Roocroft's report on the two elephants at Niabi Zoo. Commissioner Terry seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims at \$25,874.74, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims at \$54,765.50, and the Forest Preserve Liability Insurance Fund claims at \$1,266.01, the Forest Preserve Retirement Fund at \$1,679.70, the Forest Preserve FISSA Fund at \$480.04, the Niabi Zoo Capital Improvement Fund at \$5,800.00, the Marvin Martin Trust Fund at \$4,957.50 and the Treasurer's Disbursements at \$23,731.36. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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V. Dueysen, C. Filbert, G. Freeman, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon,
K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, S. Meersman, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke,
V. Shelton, S. Terry, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

- Motion carried.
5. Commissioner Dueysen moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner Camlin seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Jacobs moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution transferring \$34,934.88 from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve General Fund and a Resolution transferring \$57,442.82 from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioner Terry seconded.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Fund #130 for the necessary expenses to be incurred in the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Forest Preserve Fund #130, 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 \$34,934.88 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$ 2,520.71	130-32-10 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$ 2,610.44	130-32-10 413	Employee Health Benefits
\$ 280.00	130-32-10.633	Travel
\$ 445.58	130-32-10 635	Printing & Duplicating
\$ 5,104.73	130-32-90 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$ 1,620.56	130-32-90 411.10	Seasonal Salaries
\$ 1,905.71	130-32-90 413	Employee Health Benefits

\$ 1,148.24	130-32-90 522	Operating Supplies
\$ 515.28	130-32-90 523	Repair & Maintenance Supplies
\$ 5,477.18	130-32-91 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$ 2,319.64	130-32-91 411.10	Seasonal Salaries
\$ 771.08	130-32-91 413.00	Employee Health Benefits
\$ 2,228.75	130-32-91 522	Operating Supplies
\$ 3,975.98	130-32-92 413	Employee Health Benefits
\$ 3,972.00	130-32-92 522.PS	Pro Shop Merchandise
\$ 39.00	130-32-92 523	Repair & Maintenance Supplies

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16th day of July 2013.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds 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 \$57,442.82 transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$ 817.00	131-32-07 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$ 2,121.93	131-32-07 411.10	Seasonal Salaries
\$ 23.00	131-32-07 521	Office Supplies
\$ 230.64	131-32-07 522	Operating Supplies
\$ 31.00	131-32-07 526	Food
\$ 422.00	131-32-07 631	Professional Services
\$ 1,779.10	131-32-08 412.00	Overtime
\$13,534.79	131-32-08 522	Operating Supplies
\$ 1,380.00	131-32-08 527	Books & Periodicals
\$ 1,742.03	131-32-08 630	Training & Education
\$ 3,683.37	131-32-08 631	Professional Services
\$ 511.00	131-32-08 633	Travel
\$ 207.00	131-32-08 638	Repairs & Maintenance
\$10,890.80	131-32-10 411.10	Seasonal Salary
\$ 1,853.00	131-32-10 630	Training & Education
\$ 828.23	131-32-10 632	Communications
\$ 1,091.00	131-32-10 633	Travel
\$ 1,367.00	131-32-10 638	Repairs & Maintenance

\$ 2,457.00	131-32-10 644	Outside Contractual
\$ 724.93	131-32-18 414	Uniform & Clothing
\$ 219.00	131-32-18 521	Office Supplies
\$ 4,140.00	131-32-18 523	Repair & Maintenance Supplies
\$ 358.00	131-32-18 631	Professional Services
\$ 4,900.00	131-32-18 637	Public Utility Service
\$ 2,131.00	131-32-18 638	Repairs & Maintenance

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16th day of July, 2013.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, P. Banaszek, R. Brunk, M. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, V. Dueysen, C. Filbert, G. Freeman, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, S. Meersman, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, S. Terry, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Callaway-Thompson moved to restrict smoking within 15' of playgrounds, pavilions and ball diamonds. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Maranda moved to transfer elephants, Babe & Sophie, on loan to another facility. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

Commissioner Mielke asked, "Do we retain ownership?"

Mr. Ballard answered, "Yes, yes we are and we will always have a say in regards to what happens in the future to those two elephants."

Mr. Mielke asked, "Is there any cost associated with this?"

Mr. Ballard answered, "No, the costs will be assumed by wherever they go. That is yet to be determined at a later time."

Mr. Mielke asked, "Is there a liability issue?"

Mr. Ballard answered, "No. There will be strict language in the agreement that we will not be responsible for the financial resources of those two elephants."

Commissioner Oelke was recognized.

Mr. Oelke asked, "Will we vote again where they go?"

Mr. Ballard answered, "We are going to bring in Mr. Roocroft again and ask him, based on his expertise, for a recommendation of where he thinks those elephants should go based on the criteria of their health and whatever else he feels is needed. At that time, we will announce where they will go. Until then, we are not going to speculate where they will go because those are conversations we will be having with Alan Roocroft at a future time."

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

Mr. Ballard commented, "I just want to thank everyone for their help and support regarding this situation. When I took over the Forest Preserve in December, I never thought I would ever see the elephants leave Niabi Zoo but as you learn what's best for the animals, you understand what's truly best...you go back and reiterate what's best for them and it's not for me to be selfish...it's not what's best for those animals and that should be the most important mission this Forest Preserve makes is the welfare of those animals at all times. It's been a difficult decision to make and just wanted to say thank you."

9. Commissioner Shelton moved to approve job reclassifications of Trades Worker I and General Service Worker III to Illiniwek Assistant Rangers, as presented. Commissioner Langdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the purchase of a John Deere 333E Compact Track Loader for \$80,100.00. This is a budgeted expense. Commissioner Mayberry seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 20

C. Filbert

TOTAL NO 1

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Burns moved to approve the Routine Reports of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

The next Forest Preserve Commission meeting will be Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 3rd floor of the County Office Building, Rock Island, IL, following the regular Rock Island County Board meeting.

President Ballard declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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