

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
MAY 21, 2019 – 7:25 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING

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

D. Adams, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, K. Swanson  
**TOTAL PRESENT 21**

D. Beck, K. Maranda, R. Morthland, R. Reagan

**TOTAL ABSENT 4**

2. President Swanson introduced Dave Herrell of Visit Quad Cities. He is addressing the Commission regarding brief updates on tourism and economic development.

Mr. Herrell stated, "Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to be with you. I promise I will be brief. I know you've had a healthy agenda this evening. Kai, thank you for the warm introduction....and the opportunity to visit with you for a few minutes. Let me give you a quick little snap shot of who I am, more importantly, to give you some direction on where we are going to go as an organization. So, my name is Dave Herrell. I am the President and CEO of Visit Quad Cities, formerly known as the Visitor's Bureau. We changed our name organizationally. I just started my sixth month...so; I am relatively new to the market. I am a St. Louisan...so, I've got Midwestern...Is that right for St. Louis?"

President Swanson stated, "Yes, it is...he's a Cardinals fan."

(Group laughter)

Mr. Herrell continued, "Okay, that makes me happy...I might be viewed poorly being on this side of the river. (Motioning to all Cubs fans) We are all friends...it's a wonderful rivalry. Most recently, I moved from Jacksonville, Florida. Prior to that I spent some time in Phoenix, Arizona and spent the majority of my career in Nashville, Tennessee, for 18 years. It's good to be here in this region. I will tell you, I think we are at the right moment in time to seize a broader opportunity as it relates to sharing our story with the world. Telling it and selling it. Visit Quad Cities is your destination management marketing organization for the region. We are a staff of 10 and a Board of 16. Our focus is economic development through tourism. That is really what drives us every day. And over the last several months, we've been really working foundationally to set the course of where we are going to head. It's what I feel will set the course for the next 10 to 15 years moving forward. We've got a lot in the hopper right now. We are focused on a variety of things. From an operating perspective, we've created a new operating guide

called our 'River Pilot', where our focus is on six key functional areas from a destination perspective. We have recalibrated our mission and our vision. We are doing things within our organizational structure as it relates to building a new platform moving forward as it relates to adding value to this community as a resource. And, probably the most important thing, the thing that I most feel that will bring us the most traction in this region...we have hired a company that will work with us over the next 7 to 8 months on really identifying an assessment. It's an opportunity to look in the mirror. It's an opportunity to look into a window. This organization will work with the broader community of our stakeholders to set our destinations long range vision and strategic plan. It's a company called Resonance. Kai had the good fortune of meeting them recently in late April. We are knee deep in the planning and execution with this organization. This group...they are global thinkers. They are headquartered in Vancouver and New York. They do destination visioning and strategic plans all over the United States as well as the globe and they are going to work with the Quad Cities region. Annually, we do about \$1.6 million in visitation. I can tell you that we can get that North of \$2 million. That is a strategy moving forward to focus on. We are going to try to drive occupancy, growth and drive our base as it relates to hotel/motel tax, sales tax and look at those opportunities to drive economic prosperity even more than we ever have. But, I think more fundamentally and the most critical thing we can do is look at all of our assets. What are the things that we have here at our destination and how do we capitalize on those to be effective in our industry. And, it is a highly competitive industry. I will tell you one of the big focus areas for us what I kind of consider national and natural landscapes, outdoor lifestyle activation...things in that space that this Body oversees on a daily basis. I will tell you I want this to be a healthy partnership. I want this to be a dialogue that our organizations can have to talk about where we can add value. Tourism is changing rapidly. Destinations are changing rapidly and it's not necessarily always driven by heads and beds. That is a vernacular that you hear in our industry a lot. People are looking for local ways of life. They are looking to connect with regions that have authentic opportunities to showcase. One of the things that I think that we can focus on here is our natural resources. Whether it's the parks system...whether it's our iconic brand...the Mississippi River...whether it's Niabi Zoo...whether it's all of the things that we've got in our tool belt that we hopefully can build into a sellable package and then advance that at the national space. And that's going to be something that we are really going to focus on moving forward. I am excited about our future. I feel like we've got the right partners at the table. You know, I think for the first time we have a very healthy dialogue with our Chamber of Commerce. And there is a lot of collaboration; we are working very closely with Q2030 Regional Action Plan and those initiatives. But the one thing that you can count on me, in terms of being your partner is I want to listen...I want your input. I want your ideas and, hopefully, we can move this destination in a direction that everyone in this room will be very proud of. So, the last thing I will leave you with is this. [Visitquadcities.com](http://Visitquadcities.com) is our website. We are going through a transformation there. For the next six months,

we are going to completely change the look, tone and feel. One of the areas that I think we need to do a better job is within this space...we need to think about how we look. How we sound, what is the tone? We are going to do a lot more videos, video currency as it relates to promotional strategies. You can expect us to be a little more active with that marketing and initiative moving forward. I guess we do have a responsibility to showcase all the wonderful things here. Again, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to be with you. Again, I want to view this as a partnership and I want you to know that you've got someone that you can rely on from a destination perspective as we move it forward. And, I look forward to working with each and every one of you."

President Swanson stated, "Before we let you go, are there any questions...but please wait to be recognized. Are there any questions for Mr. Herrell?"

Commissioner Normoyle was recognized.

Ms. Normoyle asked, "I was looking at the Art Institutes yesterday and there was a full page ad. Was that your organization from Visiting Quad Cities or no?"

Mr. Herrell answered, "I do not know."

Ms. Normoyle said, "It was very lovely."

Mr. Herrell replied, "Well, thank you. I do not know if it was us, but I will tell you that we are doing a lot of things as it relates to arts and culture..."

Ms. Normoyle interrupted, "It was an arts focus ad."

Mr. Herrell continued, "...and we are doing some things in the Chicago area because that seems to be not only a feeder market for us and all things tourism...but, specifically, in the art community. We are seeing a lot of analytics that people are coming to buy art. So, you can expect a lot more from us in that particular area. I am not sure on that specific yet."

President Swanson stated, "Before we go to Mr. Brunk...oh, please, go ahead."

Ms. Normoyle added, "One other question... And, I am trying to pull up Trip Advisor right now and it's not working. So, last time I used Trip Advisor, Quad Cities didn't come up. I was wondering why that is?"

Mr. Herrell stated, "I am so glad you brought that up. And, I know that Kai is going to give me the hook here momentarily...but I think one of the biggest challenges we face as a region in this national identity space. A lot of people don't know who we are. So we've got to figure out how we are going to effectuate some change directionally so we can promote our brand. Technology and innovation

is the key thing with our River Pilot that we will be focusing on. If anyone has a check pod at home like Alexa. If you ask Alexa her to tell you about the Quad Cities...she will tell you that the Quad Cities is in Minnesota. If you are in Trip Advisor or any one of those digital platforms right now, you will get a lot of very conflictive messaging. It's not the best and it's something that we've got to battle every day. You will see from me and our organization, as a commitment, we've got to make sure that we are playing in that space. That is something that we've got to do if we are going to be effective because more and more people are literally in that space every day making decision. If we are not, we are going to be sunk."

Ms. Normoyle added, "I am glad to hear you are aware of it."

President Swanson added, "I want to point out to Angie's question, because there are two hotels next to the airport that contribute their hotel/motel tax to us, we contribute a very small percentage of that by national standards. And, it's dwarfed by how much the casinos in town put in. It's a head tax, and they put in a portion of that. That's a much larger sum for them because they have more heads and beds than we do. But, our contribution helps put those ads in those other markets and it helps put us on TripAdvisor. It helps us get talented leadership like Dave, who is looking at this strategically, rather than putting fingers in dikes where ever they need to be."

Commissioner Brunk was recognized.

Mr. Brunk stated, "Mr. Herrell, this region doesn't have any one particular thing that makes it a destination for a visitor. We have a number of various things like on the Iowa side, the Putnam, the FIGGE and in Illinois, the TaxSlayer Center. We have Rock Island County Forest Preserve. For clarification, could we say that the various forest preserves in our District, including Niabi Zoo and Loud Thunder, to be a valuable asset in that comprehensive picture?"

Mr. Herrell answered, "Absolutely. I think...no different than the FIGGE...no different than the Putnam Family Museum that those are assets that fall within the Preserve absolutely need to be leveraged more effectively by our organization. Jeff and I had a great visit. I really feel like there is a strategic partnership that can be cultivated here and grown. If you look at Millennials...okay, and I am not always about Millennials...Boomers (Baby Boomers) are just as important as Millennials as it relates to tourism based on the analytics, the numbers, the math and the discretionary income. But, if you are trying to attract talent in your community, you have to focus on Millennials as a demographic. They are looking for outdoor lifestyle opportunities. They are looking for things on an activation perspective that is very unique. There is an opportunity here that comes in affordability and accessibility. And, what I think...what I feel is a very diverse natural resource that we have against other markets. So, again...you've got my

commitment to leverage that more effectively because I do think it's been underutilized and under optimized by our team. So, it is a focus area for us, moving forward. And Kai touched on it...I do want to say 'thank you' for the investment and the support and partnership you provide our organization. It is the lifeblood. Without that investment, we can't do the things that we need to do strategically and be effective. So, thank you. We are eternally grateful."

Commissioner O'Brien was recognized.

Ms. O'Brien stated, "Oh, thank you for coming and your service. I've seen you speak before and you do a great job. It's only a good market that floats. But I have an idea and maybe you've thought of this. The Quad Cities is a place where the Mississippi River runs West to East, I guess..."

President Swanson added, "East to West."

Ms. O'Brien continued, "East to West, thank you. I feel like it's something that we don't brag about enough. It's the only part of the Mississippi that doesn't run North to South and causes a lot of confusion on Interstate travel. I think there could be some fun ways of marketing the Mississippi that haven't been done before and I think you are the creative guy to think of them."

Mr. Herrell stated, "Thank you, that's very thoughtful."

Ms. O'Brien stated, "You are welcome."

Mr. Herrell added, "There is a word we use a lot and that's called 'Disruptive'. As much as the Celebration Belle is such a critical part of our marketing promotion. I think that we can think about our natural resources and in definitively, the Mississippi River, very differently than we have ever before. It's why we pivoted our vision to be more synced and tied to the river because it is a global asset for us. If you are in Cairo, you've heard of the Mississippi River."

Ms. O'Brien added, "Yes, and we have friends that came from Ireland and they knew exactly what the Mississippi River was and were thrilled to go on a boat on the Mississippi River."

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

President Swanson stated, "Disruptive is the Quad Cities Ale Tour...if you've got your passport and your beers. Please, Mr. Mielke."

Mr. Mielke stated, "I'm probably being elementary here, but in the late 1980's I was a member in the Quad City Tourism. In the 1990's, I was a Member of the Davenport One. I am very regional in my thinking and I imagine you are probably

doing this, but the things that we have that other metropolitan areas don't have is we have five distinctive downtowns...all with a different flavor. You can think of them as Burroughs or whatever you want to think about...but that is something in metropolitans our size...many think of Minneapolis/St. Paul comes to mind. That's an example of two different cultural downtowns. We have five of them. It's kind of like a potpourri or a smorgasbord of them."

President Swanson stated, "I think I can anticipate Dave's response and are reasons we are aligning with Q2030...because it's that kind of creative energy that we are looking at and is exactly what you touched on. I don't know if you have anything to add to it?"

Mr. Herrell added, "The only thing I would add is you used the word Burroughs. And I do think that there are attributes within each one of our respective communities on both sides of the river. And when I think about the Quad Cities, I don't necessarily think about just the five cities, I am also thinking about LeClaire and Eldridge, Milan and Silvis and everybody within the region. They all have their own attributes and we can try to elevate those. And, not only can we elevate those individual cities or Burroughs, but even the neighborhoods. People are looking for specificity in neighborhoods that can be very special, very different that might draw people here. You are going to see that from us. Milwaukee does a great job of that...Portland does a great job of that and you are going to see that from the Quad Cities.

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe asked, "I may have missed it, but do you guys do like a trifle that says Visit the Quad Cities? Where I am going with this is when we had the safety dig out there in Hampton, all of the brochures from the Public Works Departments said Visit Dubuque and Visit Clinton and their other hot spots but nothing for the Quad Cities."

Mr. Herrell stated, "Shame on us for not..."

President Swanson interrupted, "Well, those efforts are multi-pronged with finite resources. And, when we get those kinds of elements, we put them in other markets because we want to get the hotel revenue here. But, part of Dave's leadership is knowing that this is our biggest market...being a tourist in our own backyard. Especially from the perspective of organizations, not just the Forest Preserve District, but the casinos. A lot of their business is from people who live in our zip codes. Right? So, I think Dave's team is very cognisant of that but the way these guys can stretch a dollar is amazing. Whether it's the web presence, the targeted broadcast media and tri-folds and that kind of thing."

Mr. Herrell stated, "Thank you. It's a good point. That's something that we need to fix and Kai hit the nail on the head. We need the people that live within our own community to know the portfolio package that we have to offer. Because, we can do all the promotion and marketing in media and advertising that you can shake a stick at, but the most powerful mode of promotion and marketing is word of mouth. And, there is trust with that, right...if it's coming from friends or relatives. The more that you all know about what our assets are...you can touch them and have that emotional connection, it's going to help us do the job that we've been hired to do."

President Swanson stated, "So, if there aren't any further questions... If something comes to mind later, please recall that I represent you on the Visit Quad Cities Board and serve as Treasurer for that Board. So, if you have questions going forward, just hit me up and I'll just pass them right along to Dave and he'll get you a more authoritative answer. If there are no other questions, I'd like to invite you to join me in thanking Dave Herrell for hanging out late."

(Group applause)

Mr. Herrell stated, "Thank you all for your investments and thank you, Kai."

3. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the April 16, 2019, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Simmer and Vyncke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "We don't need any President's comments tonight, we are doing great. Just ask Jeff Craver. Um...there is one comment I do need to make as a community. Our Citizens Advisory Board needs to replenish their stocks. Some people have transitioned off and gotten jobs like Cecelia...they have new priorities, they are moving on. I would like to challenge everyone in this room, not just Commission Members, Sheriff, you too and everyone in the room...would you please forward a name. You can do so directly to Jeff Craver. It's going to go to Bill Nelson who has been doing outstanding work. You know, he's the former Rock Island City Parks Director who's been the lead on this CAB. We've collected a couple of names for him, but it would really be helpful if you would think of a name that we could put before Bill as we make sure we have a full complement of engaged citizens on the Citizens Advisory Board."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized

Mr. Simmer stated, "Yeah, I just wanted to comment. We talked about this during the committee meetings; I like the word of mouth thing. We've been trusted in the past for the Snow Leopard reproductive system. And, we just were awarded a...what was it?"

President Swanson answered, "An Amur Leopard."

Mr. Simmer continued, "Yeah. But the previous Snow Leopards...was it just awarded or allowed to...what's the word?"

President Swanson answered, "Entrusted."

Mr. Simmer continued, "Okay...entrusted with an Amur Leopard, which there is only 50 left. That's 5-0 left in the wild. We've been entrusted with one of those and in the future they are looking to get us a female for a breeding program. That's pretty damn cool. I mean, that is awesome. Thanks to the leadership of Mr. Jackson and Mr. Craver, they have faith in us to do something like that. That is huge guys. If you don't have a membership, get your membership. This is one of those things that is um..."

President Swanson interrupted, "...get your coffee mug."

Mr. Simmer continued, "But I was just floored by that. I mean we have a Snow Leopard and they are living and moving about, but these...there are just 50 and we are entrusted with the breeding of those cats in the near future. I think it's pretty cool and we don't even own our accreditation yet. I think Mr. Jackson pulled some strings; he has pretty good leverage in our community. So, that's something out there to keep pushing because he's doing a great job."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you. It's never a bad time to keep praising our great leaders. If there are no other questions or comments, please accept that homework assignment and submit a name. They don't have to be from your own District and don't have to be from Rock Island County. Just need somebody who is going to advance the zoo."

6. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the claims in the Forest Preserve General Fund in the amount of \$33,170.10, Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$155,704.30, Golf Course Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$208.46, Loud Thunder Spillway & Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$5,807.12, Marvin Martin Fund claims in the amount of \$5,550.94 and Development of Forests and Construction Fund claims in the amount of \$8,999.71. Commissioner Sowards and Adams seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, L. Boswell-Loftin, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 18**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$6,926.72. Commissioners Langdon and L. Moreno seconded. (Record)

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, L. Boswell-Loftin, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien; R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 17**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner O'Brien moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriations in the General Fund and the Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, L. Boswell-Loftin, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 18**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the Authorization Resolution for Blackhawk Bank & Trust, as presented. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

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

## Corporate Authorization Resolution

BLACKHAWK BANK & TRUST

301 4TH ST. WEST  
MILAN, IL 61264-1100

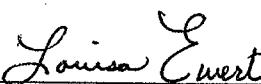
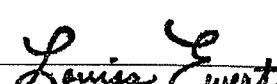
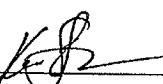
By: ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT  
19406 LOUD THUNDER ROAD  
ILLINOIS CITY, ILLINOIS 61259

*Referred to in this document as "Financial Institution"*

*Referred to in this document as "Corporation"*

I, KAREN KINNEY, certify that I am Secretary (clerk) of the above named corporation organized under the laws of ILLINOIS, Federal Employer I.D. Number 46-3206576, engaged in business under the trade name of ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, and that the resolutions on this document are a correct copy of the resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly and properly called and held on 5/21/2019 (date). These resolutions appear in the minutes of this meeting and have not been rescinded or modified.

**Agents.** Any Agent listed below, subject to any written limitations, is authorized to exercise the powers granted as indicated below:

Name and Title or Position	Signature	Facsimile Signature (if used)
A. LOUISA EWERT- TREASURER	X 	X 
B. JEFF CRAVER- DIRECTOR	X	X
C. KAI SWANSON-pres of forest pre. comm.	X 	X
D.	X	X
E.	X	X
F.	X	X

**Powers Granted.** (Attach one or more Agents to each power by placing the letter corresponding to their name in the area before each power. Following each power indicate the number of Agent signatures required to exercise the power.)

Indicate A, B, C,  
D, E, and/or F

**Description of Power**

**Indicate number  
of signatures  
required**

ABC	(1) Exercise all of the powers listed in this resolution.	
	(2) Open any deposit or share account(s) in the name of the Corporation.	2
	(3) Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with this Financial Institution.	2
	(4) Borrow money on behalf and in the name of the Corporation, sign, execute and deliver promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness.	2
	(5) Endorse, assign, transfer, mortgage or pledge bills receivable, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, stocks, bonds, real estate or other property now owned or hereafter owned or acquired by the Corporation as security for sums borrowed, and to discount the same, unconditionally guarantee payment of all bills received, negotiated or discounted and to waive demand, presentment, protest, notice of protest and notice of non-payment.	2
	(6) Enter into a written lease for the purpose of renting, maintaining, accessing and terminating a Safe Deposit Box in this Financial Institution.	2
	(7) Other: ASSIGN ELECTRONIC BANKING ACCESS FOR THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANY BY MEANS OF ADDITIONAL E-CHIEF APPLICATION OR ECORP	1

**Limitations on Powers.** The following are the Corporation's express limitations on the powers granted under this resolution.

### Resolutions

The Corporation named on this resolution resolves that,

- (1) The Financial Institution is designated as a depository for the funds of the Corporation and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
- (2) This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Financial Institution. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation and certified to the Financial Institution as governing the operation of this corporation's account(s), are in full force and effect, until the Financial Institution receives and acknowledges an express written notice of its revocation, modification or replacement. Any revocation, modification or replacement of a resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Financial Institution, establishing the authority for the changes.
- (3) The signature of an Agent on this resolution is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the Corporation. Any Agent, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an Agent of the Corporation, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with the Financial Institution, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.

- (4) All transactions, if any, with respect to any deposits, withdrawals, rediscounts and borrowings by or on behalf of the Corporation with the Financial Institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.
- (5) The Corporation agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by any Agent of the Corporation. The Corporation authorizes the Financial Institution, at any time, to charge the Corporation for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Financial Institution, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.
- (6) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Agents of the Corporation to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term "automated access device" includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
- (7) The Corporation acknowledges and agrees that the Financial Institution may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from the Agent named on this resolution. The term "alternative signature and verification codes" includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Financial Institution, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the Corporation with the Financial Institution from time to time) the Financial Institution is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of the Agent(s) regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The Corporation authorizes each Agent to have custody of the Corporation's private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Financial Institution shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternative signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.

**Pennsylvania.** The designation of an Agent does not create a power of attorney; therefore, Agents are not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code) unless the agency was created by a separate power of attorney. Any provision that assigns Financial Institution rights to act on behalf of any person or entity is not subject to the provisions of 20 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5601 et seq. (Chapter 56; Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries Code).

**Effect on Previous Resolutions.** This resolution supersedes resolution dated completed, all resolutions remain in effect.

5/21/2019

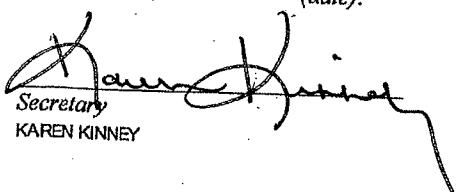
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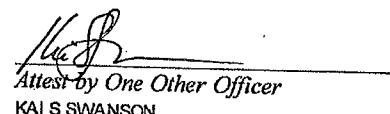
**Certification of Authority**

I further certify that the Board of Directors of the Corporation has, and at the time of adoption of this resolution had, full power and lawful authority to adopt the resolutions stated above and to confer the powers granted above to the persons named who have full power and lawful authority to exercise the same. (Apply seal below where appropriate.)

If checked, the Corporation is a non-profit corporation.

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my name to this document and affixed the seal of the Corporation on  
05/15/2019 (date).

  
Secretary  
KAREN KINNEY

  
Attest by One Other Officer  
KAI S SWANSON

**For Financial Institution Use Only**

Acknowledged and received on

This resolution is superseded by resolution dated

(date) by \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Comments:

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 18**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Sowards moved to approve the Niabi Zoo Perimeter Fence Project bid from Lovewell Fencing for \$82,000.00, as presented. Commissioners Simmer and Mayberry seconded.

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke asked, "I apologize, but is that for the entire perimeter of the zoo or what parts?"

President Swanson answered, "That's a very good question. As Dr. Simmer mentioned...the AZA Accreditation, there are some deficiencies and it's not only the fence that goes above, it's the fence that goes below. And so, it's not the entire perimeter, but these are some things that were pointed out as deficiencies in our preliminary visit in order to have a hope of staying on track for AZA later this year. We really need to address those deficiencies as quickly as possible. Thank you for asking the question."

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

11. **Comments from Commissioners**

President Swanson stated, "Thank you for Dr. Simmer for bringing up the Amur Leopard project. Are there any further comments from the Members?"

Commissioner O'Brien was recognized.

Ms. O'Brien stated, "Make sure that you get out to the zoo. I took my grandson and he fed the giraffe and it was the best five bucks I have spent in years. So, the zoo is amazing. And, with the fence project, it sounds like if we do this quickly; which we are going to now, we will be able to get our AZA accreditation...the steps on that, so. Anyway, I am going to miss working with you Commissioner folks...I'll miss you all."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "I would like to thank Mr. Swanson for being the M.C. for Make-a-Wish. We had five kids out there...they are Make-a-Wish kids and we had a good time."

President Swanson stated, "Mr. Deppe stole my thunder... I wanted to tell you that Mr. Deppe is a leader as we all know on many community issues as well as a Board Member for Make-a-Wish, Illinois. He helped bring the Make-a-Wish event to Niabi. So, I am very grateful to Mr. Deppe for that. Any further comments?"

12. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Simmer seconded. (Record)

President Swanson asked, "Mr. Craver, do you have anything you want to lift up in the reports?"

Mr. Craver asked, "If anybody can make it stop raining...that would be great."

(Group laughter)

President Swanson stated, "Hey, if we are doing this good with this lousy of weather, just wait...just wait. No further questions? It's been moved and seconded"

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Just a quick Summary... The Forest Preserve Executive Committee met at the Indian Bluff Golf Course. We noted that revenues have been down due to the extraordinarily wet and cold spring we've had. The staff has been doing an outstanding job keeping expenses down to help compensate for the lower revenues. The boat rental shore project is nearly done and tell your angling friends that the lake is almost back to the appropriate level. There are, of course, many other bragging points that I could put before you, but given the

hour, I'd simply note that the next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will follow the next County Board meeting in June."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, June 18, 2019, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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