

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
JULY 16, 2019 – 7:15 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 21**

K. Maranda, R. Reagan, B. Vyncke

**TOTAL ABSENT 3**

2. President Swanson stated that our speaker this evening, Todd Collins, Indian Bluff Clubhouse Manager addressed the Commission regarding the new things going on at Indian Bluff.

Mr. Collins stated, "Thank you, everybody. I'll try to be as quick as I can here...it's been a long day for me out at the golf course. I know you have a long meeting here in front of us, so. As Kai had mentioned, out at Indian Bluff we aren't having the best of years. We have really struggled with the weather as many people have throughout the region and nationally. Play seems to be pretty good when the weather has been cooperative. Unfortunately, we've gone...we've had a week of good weather and gone into really hot weather. So, May was not a good month due to precipitation. Just to give you an idea from the Midwest, golf was down 12-14% in May due to the weather as temperatures were down 8 to 10 degrees and precipitation was up 30 to 90 percent throughout the region. Hardest hit states by the weather were Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and the Dakotas. They were obviously on the Iowa border and they took the brunt of it as well. It's not all bad news though for the regional and national outlook for golf. Looking at the National Golf Foundation numbers, some good signs are seeing an increase in people who have played golf in the age group of 6 and up for the first time in 14 years. Off course participation, driving ranges and other golf gimmicks were up 10 percent in 2018. We also saw 2.6 million new players going on the course for the first time in the first quarter in 2018. That is at historical highs according to the National Golf Foundation. Those are all good things for us to look at as we go forward to hopefully increase numbers as we go forward. At Indian Bluff, we are aggressively working to bring out play is host a number of golf outings. The goal year in and year out is to increase the number of golf outings as much as possible. Last year, I believe it was 18 major shotgun starts at Indian Bluff Golf Course. This year, we have 22 on the new schedule. Most of the new added ones have already played this season. As our fall bookings for the week, for Saturday...Saturday most of the time is when they want to play, are pretty full. The

weather did hamper some of those in May. I only lost one official golf outing. There were two or three others that I gave rainchecks to mid-way through. But that's one thing I really pushed. My staff and I, we try to do a very good job taking care of the golf outings. We try to do a better job than any other golf courses in the area. We do cart signs and organize the golf carts and organize the scoring for them. We set up the golf course for them as far as putting circles out and lines out...the crew helps us with that. They have betting holes closes to the lines game and birdies for charity where they make money through Birdies for Charity program with closest to the lines. We set up sponsor signs and take them down and try to make it as easy as they can on outing day as they put in a lot of work on outing day dealing with the players and gathering money...all of the things they have to deal with for their fundraiser. So, we do that and that's been very successful. We've retained most of the outings we have...most of the new outings we had were retained. The exception is the Court Services and Probation outing...that is a State-wide outing that moves from city to city every year. It has been 30 years since it's been in Rock Island. We hosted the golf outing and that's the only new outing we did not retain because they are going to Springfield next year. Other things we are doing...we've looked at the WIU survey from last season to see what people were wanting at Indian Bluff Golf Course. They thought we needed to make improvements. The two main areas, they wanted a better drink selection. We've added different alcohols to improve the drinks selection. I've talked to the concession girls trying to figure out what they are requesting and get those items in. It seems to be receptive as we get into the fall and more outings occur we will see how that works out. It's a possibility of doing a survey among members and other regular players to see what they would like us to carry and what not to carry at this point. It's on the list to improve the cart paths. Those that play out there know there are some cart paths smooth as silk and others need a considerable amount of work. We are starting a cart path project later in the fall that will address some of the areas and hopefully get us cart paths through the first seven holes of the golf course...and that's a start. It will help us play on rainy days to play at least nine holes of golf with golf carts, even if the back nine wasn't available. Instead of having nobody available to play golf and only be able to walk, they will at least have nine holes available to them. That will allow us to potentially open the course earlier and a couple of hours before the back nine would be available. So, those are the kinds of things we are doing at Indian Bluff Golf Course right now. We are just trying to push out trying different ways of getting people out there. We are hoping that the Golf Foundation numbers will show up at Indian Bluff. I have seen positive signs...I've seen more rental clubs go out than I have seen in a year. I've seen more kids coming out with their parents, so those are all very good signs that we are moving in the right direction. That's what I have. I will answer any questions."

President Swanson asked, "Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Collins? Alright. You will see some of the things he mentioned a little later on the agenda

before you this evening. I want to thank you for your time and thank you for your leadership. Thanks for all you do."

(Group applause)

3. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the June 18, 2019, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "I want to thank everyone for your careful attention to the things that we do and that the Directors put in their reports and the relatively new news. You empowered a Committee Advisory Board at Niabi Zoo. I want to express, publically, a great deal of appreciation for Mr. Bill Nelson and Ms. Liz Dierolf for their contentious leadership of that effort. They have not been idle by any means. In fact, we are very close on the brink of filing the paperwork for an Independent 501(c) 3 foundation that would be able to actively solicit and accept charitable donations that will go entirely for the benefit of the zoo and with donor intent of other forest preserve resources. We have been given considerable pro bono legal work by a well-known Rock Island attorney who's done us very well and not charged us anything. There will be, however, a \$1,000 filing fee to attain the 501(c) 3 status. That's through the federal and state governments. And so, we are still working on the details. But to alleviate any of the pressure put on the Niabi or Forest Preserve Budget, we are soliciting donations. We already have commitments for \$100 towards the \$1,000.00. And so in consultation from my beloved spouse...I would like to offer a challenge to my fellow commissioners. This is part of our strategic planning to bolster the philanthropic leg of the stool. So, if you are so inclined, my spouse and I will match up to \$250.00 in contributions in aggregate by the commission. So, it would be nice that the commission would be 50% responsible for the filing for this new foundation that will then help Niabi continue its growth. What they've done in the past three years as Mr. Jackson has come into our community is nothing short of remarkable. We are on the brink of reaccreditation with the AZA. The staff has been dramatically professionalized. The animal welfare has been prioritized along with a new focus on signs, competency and environmental education. We have, of course, reorganized the government structure and the comprehensive strategic structure of the facilities master plan to guide the zoo for the next decade is about to be released. In order to fuel that plan, though, we need philanthropy. If you have any interest in joining Jenny and Me in this effort to bring

about a foundation, I invite you to contact me and I will share any details that we might have. But I wanted to publicly state that challenge from the Swanson's. Before we move into the meat of the agenda, are there any questions regarding any of those President's comments? And of course we will have comments later as well. Mr. Deppe."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe asked, "Didn't they take away the charitable tax donation?"

President Swanson answered, "No. But the way that the tax code has changed though makes it less advantageous. There is not as much of an inducement for the traditional sort of smaller donations that we would like to have. What we found was, there are some corporations, foundations and businesses basically are precluded from their own rules from 'donating' anything to a government entity. So, you need an independent foundation. And that's what we seek to do with the assistance of some people who have stepped forward already. Of course, it would be done...there wouldn't be any expenditures that would be done without the approval of the commission. That's the public part of the public/private partnership. But yeah, the inducement isn't as much as it was, Mr. Deppe, but it's still an important reason to have an independent foundation. Thank you very much."

6. Commissioner Morthland moved to approve the claims in the Forest Preserve General Fund in the amount of \$46,865.29, Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$292,272.24, Liability Fund Claims in the amount of \$8,120.31, Golf Course Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$153,857.67, Development of Forests and Construction Fund claims in the amount of \$1,138.00, Loud Thunder Spillway & Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$12,173.91 and Marvin Martin Fund claims in the amount of \$6.82, as presented. Commissioners Simmer and Deppe seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES                    21**

**TOTAL NO                    0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$19,729.20. Commissioners Deppe and Sowards seconded. (Record)

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriations in the General Fund and the Liability Fund, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution transferring from unappropriated funds to the FY19 Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
Zoo Appropriations for FY 19

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the Fiscal Year 2019, 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:

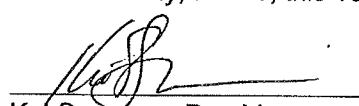
**SECTION 1.** An emergency exists as outlined above.

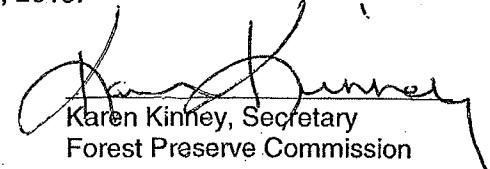
**SECTION 2.** An amount of \$86,511.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$3.00	131-32-07 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$5,579.00	131-32-07 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages
\$3,254.00	131-32-08 413.00	Employee Health Benefits
\$55.00	131-32-08 521	Office Supplies
\$11,600.00	131-32-08 522	Operating Supplies
\$5,620.00	131-32-08 524	Small Tools & Equipment
\$7,744.00	131-32-08 528	Zoo Animals
\$690.00	131-32-08 630	Training & Education
\$13,100.00	131-32-08 631	Professional Services
\$335.00	131-32-08 639	Rentals
\$2,501.00	131-32-08 766	Building & Remodeling Over \$5,000
\$1,978.00	131-32-10 413	Employee Health Benefits
\$225.00	131-32-10 521	Office Supplies
\$1,675.00	131-32-10 522	Operating Supplies
\$9,525.00	131-32-10 522.GS	Operating Supplies-Gift Shop
\$335.00	131-32-10 526	Food
\$11,775.00	131-32-10 631	Professional Services
\$521.00	131-32-18 411	Salaries & Wages
\$4,591.00	131-32-18 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages
\$1,200.00	131-32-18 631	Professional Services
\$320.00	131-32-18 637	Utilities
\$3,250.00	131-32-18 638	Repairs & Maintenance
\$635.00	131-32-18 644	Outside Contractual

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

A roll call vote was taken.

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D. Johnston, E. Langdon, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, R.  
Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, J.R.  
Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES                    21**

**TOTAL NO                    0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the low bid for the Indian Bluff Cart Path project at \$120,000.00, as presented. Commissioners Deppe and Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES                    21**

**TOTAL NO                    0**

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the Financial Certification Statement for Illinois Board Access Area Development Grant program, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

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

**Illinois Boat Access Area Development  
Grant Program**  
(Please Type or Print in Ink)

**Form BAAD/DOC-5  
Certification Statement**

**Financial Certification Statement**

**Project Sponsor:** Rock Island County Forest Preserve District  
**Project Title:** Loud Thunder Forest Preserve River Docks

As the individual duly designated to represent the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District (Sponsor), I do hereby certify that the information presented in this grant application is true and correct. I do further certify that the project, if approved for funding, will be completed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the corresponding programs' grant manual and that the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District (Sponsor) has the financial resources to initially fund 100% of the proposed project costs within the time frame imposed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for project execution prior to receiving grant reimbursement. Failure to complete said project within the specified time frame could be cause for project termination. In addition, failure to complete a project or withdrawal of a project due to lack of performance, insufficient funds or change in recreation priorities by the applicant shall result in the ineligibility of the project applicant for IDNR grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles.

**Acquisition and Development Projects**

It is understood that the project should be completed within the timeframe established in the project agreement and the reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the expiration date.

Failure to do so will result in the Project Sponsor forfeiting all project reimbursements, and relieves IDNR from further payment obligations on the grant.

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve District (Sponsor) hereby further certifies that 1) it will indemnify, protect and hold harmless the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and its representatives from any and all liabilities, costs, damages or claims arising as a direct or indirect result of the actions and/or omissions of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District (Sponsor) or its representatives in the construction, operation or maintenance of the above referenced project; 2) that adequate public notice was given and local approval solicited on the proposed project; and 3) that the facility will be operated and maintained in an attractive and safe manner, and open and available to the public without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, age, disability or place of residence in accordance with provisions of IDNR trail grant program regulations.

This Certification Statement was duly acted upon and adopted by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District (Sponsor) on the 16 day of July (month), 2019 (year)

Attested by: Karen Kinney

Date: July 16 2019

Kai Swanson

Name (printed / typed)

Kai Swanson

Signature  
President

Title

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 20**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

## 12. **Comments from Commissioners**

Commissioner Beck was recognized.

Ms. Beck asked, "Nobody really needs to hear this. I thought it was already possible to make a tax deductible charitable donation to Niabi Zoo?"

President Swanson answered, "Well, it is. You can claim a tax deduction by contributing to a public entity. So, that's already there. We face two challenges there, and one is...as I mentioned, some businesses we do business with have it in their rules that they can't. The other is that there is a perception problem among some donors that they want to see that this is an empowerment for the Community Advisory Board in this independent foundation to be the agency that separates it from a public body."

Ms. Beck asked, "And that's what the foundation does outright? It separates it from the County Board of Commissioners?"

President Swanson stated, "The Bylaws, Mr. Nelson is working on the Bylaws, but they would be tightly written. I'm going to just give a summation and Lee has seen them, so Lee, if I get this wrong, please correct me. But, the intent is that it exists for one purpose and that is...to raise funds for Niabi Zoo. Now, it doesn't specify that some of those could be endowed funds and some of those could be capital or project based funds and so forth or it could be an annual fund like a special event. And, if donor intent could be expressed as such, they could also accept endowed funds for Illiniwek, Dorrance or Loud Thunder. Obviously, the projects they would fund would be the other two legs in the stool. That would be management of the Zoo proposing a project and then the commission as a capital outlay would then approve the project, right? So those are the three legs of the stool and how they would work together."

Ms. Beck asked, "But, they wouldn't necessarily all go to Niabi Zoo?"

President Swanson answered, "Oh no. If they are designated to go to the zoo, they go to the zoo."

Ms. Beck stated, "Okay."

President Swanson continued, "Yeah, it would have to be a donor designation specifically for something else."

Ms. Beck stated, "Okay."

President Swanson added, "Right, so..."

Ms. Beck added, "Otherwise, they wouldn't automatically go to the zoo?"

President Swanson answered, "Right. And, the intent would be overtime, it is recognized that an endowment needs to be created and the current thinking on endowments is you set up a spending policy that whatever the amount of the endowment...say, it's \$1 million, right...over the proceeding five quarters. You take 4.5% and you give that straight to the zoo. There are tax penalties for foundations, established as 501(c) 3's who you do not do that. So, that's an independent regulation. But that's what I am guessing that's what the Bylaws are looking like right, Lee? I hope that helps."

Ms. Beck stated, "It does, thank you."

Commissioner Normoyle was recognized.

Ms. Normoyle asked, "So, to follow up on this question. This is a separate and different from the Niabi Zoological Society?"

President Swanson answered, "Yes. Yes...so there is a maybe..."

Ms. Normoyle stated, "I think that was maybe where more of her question..."

President Swanson interrupted, "I'm happy to address that. We had a meeting with the leaders of the Society in January of 2017. At which time representations were made...that endowed funds would be established with two local foundations. I want to thank the Society publicly because they have used part of their corpus to fund two important projects at the primate house at Niabi Zoo that I hope you all get a chance to go out and see with our wolf, Glen and the Swamp Monkey. To date, we have not seen the establishments of those endowed funds. So, the Community Advisory Board has determined that this is a necessary strategy to promote future donations rather than shepherding the corpus of an endowment, to actually elicit donations, which has not been happening, Ms. Normoyle, from the Society actively now for a period of about three years."

Ms. Beck asked, "How long would it take to get the final foundation?"

President Swanson answered, "I think about 30- 45 days. Is it longer?"

Mr. Craver answered, "It's about 6 to 9 months."

President Swanson stated, "I'm sorry, this attorney has been giving us, very graciously, a lot of generous legal help. But thank you and thanks for the clarification, I needed that."

Ms. Kinney stated, "Mr. Deppe has a question."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "I would just like to ask, Mr. President Swanson and Mr. Brunk, I enjoy all of the public comments, but a lot of other counties allow them at the end to they can see what we do instead of just making their comments and leave. And, I would like to entertain the idea of putting them at the end of the meetings. It's just so they can sit and watch what we do, most of them just hear the nuts and bolts of what we do instead just of making some comments and leaving."

President Swanson stated, "May I say, sir, that I share your frustration, but because they don't stick around to see what little we have to work with fiscally to achieve all of the ends that they would like, that would be outside the purview of this commission. Because they are speaking on matters before the county and I know it's confusing, the compiled statute, but until Mr. Brunk says we are recessed, we are met under the business of the county. The minute you see this ugly mug come in front of you, we are met around the business of the Forest Preserve District. So, we couldn't have them then talk after the conclusion of the Board Meeting, but it could be at the end of that meeting. That would be a matter for the County Board and now; we are the Forest Preserve Commission."

Mr. Deppe stated, "I am saying for the Forest Preserve to do it too."

President Swanson added, "Oh...or maybe, we could be first."

(Group laughter)

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "Actually, I was thinking that maybe this board should be first. I don't think that's the problem. One thing I do want to address is that...prior to my being on this Board, and I know I've said it before and I keep saying it...we had the worst public comments in the state. It took two years to get an attorney general's

opinion that said we were in violation. But, we did get it...we were in violation. Prior to this in 2012, we actually had to put in a written request on a Thursday to speak at the Board on a Tuesday. What I offered, is maybe if you put this Board and either Board can do...is you can consolidate and make a chairman of a specific issue. It becomes that. The other thing I want to reiterate is that in committee, when we were found in violation and did reform our laws or our rules, it was also said that we should put this at the end. And, what was said in that committee was, well what I said was, 'why would you want to put public comments at the end when all of the decisions are already made?' And, one of the committee members said, and I am paraphrasing...I won't say who it was, said, 'Well, it might influence our decision.' And I said, 'Don't you want to hear from the people that you represent?' So, I would say, in my opinion, we need to keep public comments at the beginning, but there is other things that you can do to consolidate it if that becomes an issue. That's fine."

President Swanson stated, "I share the frustration, even though this is more of a County Board thing, but my employer routinely welcomes guests from parts of the world that don't have this right. And so, even when it gets a little bit long, I am very proud that we, as elected officials, will sit here and be told what idiots we are or anything else along those lines..."

Mr. Mielke added, "It's called a Democracy."

President Swanson added, "And, really, we have students and colleagues that come from Russia and China and other places where they don't have that right. So, I know we would all rather be at home having some popcorn right now, but I appreciate your frustration, Mr. Deppe and I appreciate your insight, Mr. Mielke."

13. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Routine Reports of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioners Noyd and L. Moreno seconded. (Record)

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "Mr. Jackson reported that they did more work with the AZA, was that just a continuance?"

Mr. Swanson answered, "Yes. And I would invite Lee if he wants to speak, is welcome to, so what happened was when they came and it was a very positive visit earlier, the one thing they wanted to be sure about because they are thorough, is they wanted to see how it's going when we are in season, right...because we were in our off peak season then. So, part of the reason why they came back was within a matter of weeks, Mr. Jackson will be representing our community and our community zoo at a special hearing in New Orleans. They did have some concerns. I know Mr. Jackson shared those with you. We

think that our case is strong and our optimism is very high. But thank you for bringing that up."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Moreno moved to approve the July Commission Appointments, as presented. Commissioner Normoyle and Cremeens seconded.

### **July Appointments**

#### **Community Advisory Board**

Krisan Steiger, Milan, IL  
Daniel Dalton,

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer stated, "Thank you for the history. I was going to ask about that, so..."

President Swanson asked, "Did you get the little bio sheets in your packets? No? I am sorry about that, but if you would like to see those, I will put them right up here. They are a little more effusive bios."

A voice vote was taken.

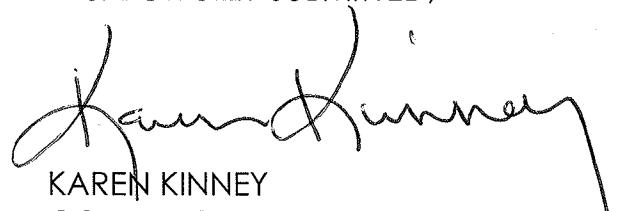
Motion carried.

15. President's Comments: A short summary... The weather has continued to create havoc on our outdoor facilities, but our staff are to be commended because they are working very hard to keep the expenses down, knowing that revenues are down. Our fiscal year ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> and there are 60 days to review back dated revenues and expenses. I am looking forward to Ms. Palmer coming and talking to us about the closeout and all that sort of stuff. I should have recognized that Ms. Ewert and Ms. Palmer are here if you have questions of them. Sorry to put you on the spot right at the end. But, I will say that for the next meeting to note."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 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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