

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
AUGUST 18, 2020 – 5:59 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

TOTAL PRESENT 23

D. Cremeens, R. Reagan

TOTAL ABSENT 2

President Swanson stated, "Thank you. And for the good order of the body, I think we will adopt the same rules as previous, unless there is an objection and that is for allowing the previous question. I see no objection."

2. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the July 21, 2020, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioners Deppe and O'Brien seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

(Note ** President Swanson is on the record as voting yes, but he is only allowed to vote if there is a tie.)

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None) Three calls were made to the public for comments.**

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "I hope some of you have seen on the new that it was confirmed that we do have a small group of Rusty Patch Bumble Bees at Illiniwek. If we can repeat that for one more year, we will be eligible for some grants from the Illinois Fish and Wildlife Service for the premigration of the prairie project that Mr. Peterson has started as far back as 2015 or even earlier than that. So that's

just all around really good news. Another bit of good news is that the Community Advisory Board of Niabi has got its Foundation up and running. And I would like to publicly thank Mr. Mark Schweibert of Rock Island for his invaluable assistance in making that happen. Uh, Mr. William Nelson also very much to be thanked. He will be serving as the first President of that foundation. And as you may have seen from an earlier communication from Mr. Craver, if you know of folks in the Quad Cities, whether in your District or beyond or even in the Iowa Quad Cities who would be interested in promoting philanthropy on behalf of the zoo, please get those names to Mr. Craver, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Nelson or me, any one of us. We would be happy to talk to that person about advancing the zoo and its mission. Uh, these are all very exciting things and if you have questions of me or the Directors, that will come up a little later in the meeting."

5. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the FY 2020 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$133,196.35, as presented. Commissioners Vyncke and Maranda seconded.

Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the FY 2021 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$212,162.26, as presented. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Maranda moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2020 Transfers of Appropriations in the General Fund, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner Burns seconded.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2021 Appropriations Amendments for various funds Resolution, as presented.
Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

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

RESOLUTION
RE: Forest Preserve Various Funds

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Retirement Fund #132 for fiscal year 2021 due to pay-off of ERI, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this payment is to utilize pension levy funds to pay-off the ERI liability, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from property tax funds to be received in the Forest Preserve FISSA Fund #136, 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 \$125,000.00 be transferred from Forest Preserve FISSA Fund #136 unencumbered funds to the Forest Preserve Retirement Fund #132 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$125,000.00	132-32 391.65	Transfer from FP FISSA Fund

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$125,000.00	136-32 991.69	Transfer to FP IMRF

SECTION3: An amount of \$180,000.00 to be transferred from Forest Preserve Retirement Fund #132 from unencumbered funds to pay-off the ERI outstanding balance in the Following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$180,000.00	132-32 413.20	IMRF

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 18th day of August, 2020.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Brunk moved to waive the reading and approve the Ordinance Amendments and the FY 2021 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the FISSA and IMRF Funds, as presented. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

(Note ** The Ordinance Amendments are in .pdf format and begin on the next page.)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2020 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2021. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be an amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District IMRF Retirement Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2020 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2021. The specified amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

FY 2020/2021 Appropriation Amendment			
Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
IMRF Retirement	\$566,069	\$950	\$302,250
Transfer from FISSA Fund		<u>\$125,000</u>	
Total	<u>\$566,069</u>	<u>\$125,950</u>	\$302,250
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2020			\$261,189
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$302,250	
Other Income		<u>\$125,950</u>	
TOTAL			\$428,200
Estimated Expenditures Per Schedule "A"			\$689,389
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2021			\$(566,069)
			\$123,320

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary, filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

036

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

035

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2020 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2021. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be an amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District FISSA Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2020 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2021. The specific amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

FY 2020/2021 Appropriation Amendment			
Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. Rev. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
FISSA	\$195,460	\$1,775	<u>\$186,856</u>
Transfer to IMRF Fund	<u>\$125,000</u>		
Total	\$320,460	\$1,775	\$186,856
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2020			\$271,554
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$186,856	
Other Income		<u>\$1,775</u>	
TOTAL			<u>\$188,631</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$460,185
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2021			<u>\$(320,460)</u>
			\$139,725

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary, filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage thereof.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

034

Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve to Lay on Display 30 days the FY 2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the General Fund for the FP District, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability, Fund, FISSA Fund, Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

(Note** The Ordinances are in .pdf format and begin on the next page.)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District General Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specific amounts of the said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
Salaries & Wages	\$1,159,372	\$-0-	\$1,159,372
Personal Benefits	292,673	113,045	179,628
Uniforms	3,300	3,300	-0-
Operating Supplies	302,210	302,210	-0-
Professional Development	13,840	13,840	-0-
Professional Services	257,801	257,801	-0-
Public Utilities	56,581	56,581	-0-
Machinery & Equipment	9,300	9,300	-0-
Infrastructure	11,500	11,500	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	152,053	152,053	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	170,000	170,000	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	17,000	17,000	-0-
Transfer To Other Agency	103,000	103,000	-0-
Transfer To Other Funds	25,000	25,000	-0-
TOTAL	\$2,573,630	\$1,234,630	\$1,339,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$1,032,226
Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION			
Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,339,000		
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$1,234,630</u>		
TOTAL			\$2,573,630
Estimated Expenditures			\$3,605,856
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2022			<u>\$(2,573,630)</u>
			\$1,032,630

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Effective

**Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary**

037

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, NIABI ZOOLOGICAL PRESERVE OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specific amounts are listed and totaled below.

Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
Salaries & Wages	\$1,480,380	\$-0-	\$1,480,380
Personal Benefits	304,266	284,646	19,620
Uniforms & Clothing	9,380	9,380	-0-
Operating Supplies	472,880	472,880	-0-
Professional Development	4,540	4,540	-0-
Professional Services	399,030	399,030	-0-
Public Utilities	115,900	115,900	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	23,500	23,500	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	265,000	265,000	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	85,638	85,638	-0-
Infrastructure	10,000	10,000	-0-
<u>Transfer to Other Agency</u>	<u>147,500</u>	<u>147,500</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$3,318,014	\$1,818,014	\$1,500,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021 \$(450,708)
 Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,500,000	
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$2,090,706</u>	
		<u>\$3,590,706</u>
TOTAL		\$3,139,998
Estimated Expenditures		\$(3,318,014)
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2022		\$(178,016)

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
Forest Preserve General Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

039

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District IMRF Retirement Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specified amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Retirement	<u>\$276,222</u>	\$700	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total	\$276,222	\$700	\$300,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$123,320
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			\$300,000
Other Income			<u>\$700</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$300,700</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$424,020
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			<u>\$(276,222)</u>
			\$147,798

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary, filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

041

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District Liability Insurance Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specific amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Liability Insurance	<u>\$212,000</u>	\$1,000	<u>\$211,000</u>
Total	\$212,000	\$1,000	\$211,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			
Estimated Cash Income:			
	Real Property Tax Levy	\$211,000	
	Other Income	<u>\$1,000</u>	
			<u>\$212,000</u>
TOTAL			\$520,807
Estimated Expenditures			<u>\$(212,000)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			\$308,807

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary, filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage thereof.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
IMRF District Retirement Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

043

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District Federal Income - Social Security Administration (FIISSA) Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specific amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
FIISSA	<u>\$199,636</u>	\$700	\$185,000
Total	\$199,636	\$700	\$185,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$139,725
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			\$185,000
Other Income			<u>\$700</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$185,700</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$325,425
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			<u>\$(199,636)</u>
			\$125,789

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary, filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage thereof.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
Liability Insurance Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2021 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2022. BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2021 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2022. The specific amounts of said Annual Appropriation are listed and totaled below.

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	\$0	\$0	\$35,000
Total	\$	\$0	\$35,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$514,624
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			\$35,000
Other Income			\$0
			\$35,000
TOTAL			\$549,624
Estimated Expenditures			\$0
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			\$549,624

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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance be published in full in a Rock Island County newspaper within ten days after passage thereof.

SECTION FOUR: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage and publication thereof.

Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County
Federal Income Social Security Administration Fund
Fiscal Year 2022

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Published

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

047

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

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

TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. President Swanson introduced Mr. Lee Jackson, Director of Niabi Zoo who requested to address the Commission with what is going on at the zoo and the exciting new things that are happening out there.

Mr. Jackson stated, "Good evening. I wanted to speak about the new foundation. It's been well known that we have been working on it for some time and it's finally official. Um, one thing that we are taking very seriously is to become the first members of the foundation and we are very happy to do it and we need to find more members to keep it. So, basically, we are asking as we did earlier to reach out to your friends and all the people in the community to invite them to contribute to the new venture. We would be more than happy to and have them give us a call."

President Swanson stated, "I'll actually sweeten his offer. You don't actually have to reach out to those friends of yours. If you'll give me their names, I'll reach out to those friends of yours. Any questions of Mr. Jackson?"

President Swanson stated, "Just a reminder for those that have been following this issue, the operating subsidy for Niabi Zoo has a lower of its costs than the National level for operating subsidies for privately managed zoos. The National average is about a 35% subsidy and we are down to about a 33% subsidy for the zoo. That's great news. But the flip side of that is the rest comes from user revenues. I am proud of Mr. Jackson and his team for making the zoo so attractive, but the pandemic we have had a sort of dampening of those funds. So that's why we want you to pay close attention to what we can do philanthropically to fill that gap and close the breech for the zoo and keep it strong and healthy. With that, please remember if you have Foundation Members, you are very much encouraged to let us know. Thank you, Mr. Jackson. We hope you will stay on the line just in case there are questions for your later report. But, for now it an opportunity for Comments from Commissioners."

12. **Comments from Commissioners: (2)**

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer stated, "I don't sell yourself a little short, her Kai... At the meeting last week, not only do we have the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee, but we also found another bee out there that is also on the endangered list. And the fact that Mike Tillis said a couple of years ago about how much money that we have saved in planting these area prairie grasses, we have saved several thousand dollars every year and we are planting more all the time. So that's tens of thousands of dollars we have saved already in the last few years on man hours and gas. So, it has been a great turn-a-round for all these things. Not only are we re-establishing the bees, we all know we need those everybody has seen that on those reports, but for the fact that we've saved so much money on top of that. And so...it's a great idea for Mike's staff and a good direction with Jeff and those guys. It's great for our forestry, so awesome!"

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Dr. Simmer...we appreciate those comments. Are there any other comments from commissioners? Oh, yes please, Mr. O'Brien."

Commissioner O'Brien was recognized.

Mr. O'Brien stated, "I can't claim being a new kid anymore, but that's something that Dr. Simmer just alluded to...are we planting prairie grasses throughout the county on our plans like the golf courses and stuff or...?"

President Swanson stated, "It's a District-wide effort. I don't know if Mr. Craver, if it's in your reports how much is being added this year, but I don't know if you have that figure off the top of your head...but it is part of our Strategic Plan. And at long level...just like Dr. Simmer said, it saves us money because we are not making these, you know...nicely manicured lawns that have used a lot of gas and equipment and that sort of thing. But we are creating new habitat and restoring habitat by getting rid of invasive species. Because Mike and then the whole team are doing a great job getting donations of the initial plantings. Then, after 3 years, our very highly trained staff burn it and then after you burn it, the invasive species doesn't come back. You have a real Illinois Prairie and so it's pretty exciting. Mr. Craver, do you have anything to add to that. Can you please come up and use Mr. Reagan's mic so the folks at home can hear you? ...and all the ships at sea."

Mr. Craver stated, "Uh...it's 46 acres this year. And yes, folks, besides this fiscal savings of converting turf grass areas into the prairie, we will be building a rich habitat throughout the District. And so, it's two-fold as I said and we will continue to have the passive recreation areas that are no longer serving as a real significant purpose. Many of you know where are current Prairies are...were a

couple of baseball diamonds where the leagues and organizations have moved elsewhere. Those of you who grew up in the UT school group, where I believe they used to play Jr. Panther football in some of these fields and they have moved on to other facilities that are more suitable to their programs. So, we will continue to have others funding and that's the good thing...the majority of these projects that we have done have been funded by others. So, they would not be possible without the Fish and Wildlife Service and some of the other local organizations."

President Swanson added, "Living Lands and Waters is very helpful."

Mr. Craver added, "Living Lands and Waters, Essence Forever, Trees Forever, John Deere Coalition Conservation, the Rock Island County Conservation and so there have been multiple partners and grants. The Clean Energy Foundation is another one, uh, that make this possible. And so, we will keep going and going until we run out of room. And when we run out of room, we should get another Park or two."

President Swanson stated, "I appreciate that over the horizon thinking. Any further questions? Uh, please Mr. Vyncke."

Commissioner Vyncke was recognized.

Mr. Vyncke stated, "Okay, just a quick shout out to the leader of the meeting and staff out at Loud Thunder and Illiniwek. I spent some time camping out at both facilities...awesome places, great work, great job to the staff. The campground looks great out at Loud Thunder. So, good job."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Vyncke. I want to make sure everyone gets a lot of love. They are playing a lot of golf out at Indian Bluff and I took the grandkids to Niabi and the Train is running again. Thank heavens...and so is the carousel. So, thank you Mr. Craver. Any other comments from commissioners? I really encourage you to read the reports. There is so much good stuff going on by our professional staff. This is terribly exciting. Oh, please go ahead, who is this?"

Commissioner Boswell-Loftin stated, "This is Lauren Loftin."

President Swanson stated, "Lauren, I am sorry...please, the floor is yours."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin asked, "Do you have any idea when the Campgrounds will reopen...will they reopen this year?"

President Swanson stated, "The primitive campsites are pretty much all open. We do have a little issue at Loud Thunder at the river side that might have some stoppages in it. The brand-new campsite that we invested in out at Loud Thunder

is very close to being open. We just are waiting on the...yeah, I am getting the okay from Mr. Craver...uh and hopefully that'll be open...do you think we should get some stays in that this year, right? I am calling him back to the microphone."

Mr. Craver answered, "The 35 new pole sites, we are discussing and taking a look at that. Uh, that was hydro-seeded. Uh, believe it or not, we need rain. We need some rain. With the storm last week, we had a little pop-up shower...uh, things are extremely, extremely dry. We are now entering into the second phase...the second seeding phase. Uh, so August 15th is typically when you want to start throwing down seed and you are in great growing conditions start to happen as the temperatures cool down and you have your overnight lows in the 60's. Uh, but that's starting to happen...however, we need RAIN uh...for the grass to grow. And so, most likely we can shoot for the middle of September. And the 17 back end sites...those will probably not be available until next year because they were not seeded and we took a credit on the construction agreement and the staff has been seeding that themselves."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin stated something (Inaudible)

Mr. Craver stated, "I couldn't understand her."

President Swanson asked, "Could you repeat the question, please? Lauren, could you please repeat the question?"

Ms. Boswell-Loftin stated, "I understand that you have new cabins?"

President Swanson stated, "Oh, the cabins...we put that project on hold due to the fiscal extengency due to the lower levels of revenue because of the pandemic. And, I am grateful to all the staff who took pay cuts and all the other things they did. We may get to a point where we revisit that decision, but we want to get through some interesting challenges. And so right now, the cabin project is suspended."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin stated, "Okay, thank you."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you."

Mr. Craver stated, "Really, all of our capital improvement projects have been put on hold due to the pandemic to preserve our remaining cash that we have so that they may be diverted to either the General Fund or the Zoo or in any other fund that it is needed."

President Swanson stated, "Maintaining liquidity. Oh, when we are done with this, Mr. Craver...Mr. Craver is noting, if you would please sign in the orange book it's just another thing to get your initials on. Alright that having been said and hearing

no other comments from commissioners, I would entertain a motion to approve the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission."

13. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

TOTAL YES **22**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Friends, thank you for your attention to these important matters."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 5:30pm, 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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