

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 – 6:00 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

1. Nick Camlin, Chief Deputy County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

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

TOTAL PRESENT 24

P. Moreno

TOTAL ABSENT 1

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Camlin. We don't have a presentation tonight."

2. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the August 20, 2020, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Is Ms. Palmer on the line?"

Mr. Davis stated, "Yes, she is."

President Swanson stated, "That's good, at this time I would like to brag on her as she and her staff have once again received the GFOA Government Finance Officers Association Award for excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019 fiscal year. And so, thanks to Ms. Palmer and her excellent team and we really appreciate you and your staff for that, thank you."

Ms. Palmer stated, "Thank you. It takes all of us."

President Swanson stated, "I wanted to let you and the Commissioners know the new Niabi Zoo Foundation is looking for members. You are welcome to contact to Mr. William Nelson or Mr. Jackson. You are certainly welcome to contact me or Mr. Craver as well with some names you would like to discuss. On the subject of the zoo, friends...I have to bear some sad news this evening. We learned today that Nala, our 17-yr. old lion (female) that's been a part of our community for 15 years, was euthanized due to a long-term illness and complications due to osteosarcoma; which is a bone cancer. And in the interest of her well-being, that decision was made today. That means that we still have Savannah, our 18-yr. old lioness in the collections and as many of you know, if you have reviewed the zoo's strategic plan, if you are able to get fundraising done. Our goal is to have a lion enclosure that we can be very proud of in assisting global species and efforts regarding African lions; which are indeed threatened in their habitat. But, I wanted you to know that because there will be coverage in local media tomorrow. That is, it, at this time for Presidents Comments. You are certainly welcome to address any questions my way now or during the reports section."

5. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the FY 2020 Forest Preserve Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$9,896.44, as presented. Commissioners Simmer seconded.

Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioners Deppe and Sowards seconded.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the FY 2021 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$551,047.71, as presented.
Commissioner Brunk seconded.

Commissioner Normoyle moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

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TOTAL YES 23

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 O'Brien seconded.

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

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Langdon moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2021 Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution pertaining to the General Fund pollinator program grant, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

RE: Forest Preserve General Fund Receipt of Grant Funds

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to increase the budget for the Illiniwek Pollinator Program (PMH21) Grant for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from grant funds already received in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130, and

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

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$1000.00 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to the following:

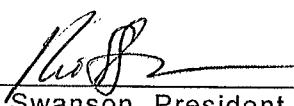
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,000.00	130-32-35 334.70	State & Local Grants-Culture & Recreation

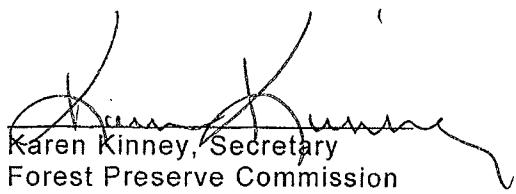
SECTION 3. An amount of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,000.00	130-32-35 522.00	Operating Supplies

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 22nd day of September, 2020.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Mielke moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Maranda moved to remove from display and approve the Revised Schedule A and Revised Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the General Fund, the District, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund, as presented. Commissioners Adams and Sowards 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	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
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 \$1,250,439

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,339,000
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$1,234,630</u>

\$2,573,630

TOTAL

\$3,824,069

Estimated Expenditures

(\$2,573,630)

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2022

\$1,250,439

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

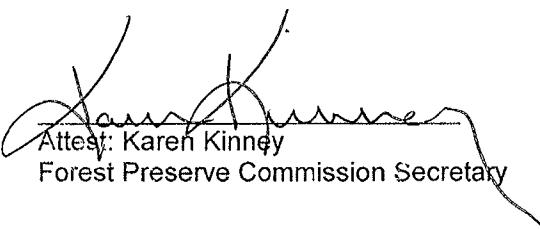


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

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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, 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	235,521	68,745
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	
<u>Transfer to Other Agency</u>	<u>147,500</u>	<u>147,500</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$3,318,014	\$1,818,014	\$1,549,125

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021 \$(270,752)

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,549,125
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$2,090,706</u>
	<u>\$3,639,831</u>

TOTAL \$3,369,079

Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2022 \$(3,318,014)

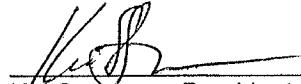
\$51,065

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

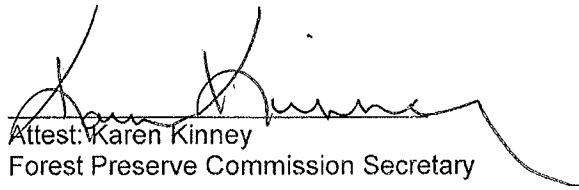


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SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District IMRF Retirement Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, to be paid or incurred for and during 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>\$221,905</u>	\$700	\$195,000
Total	<u>\$221,905</u>	\$700	\$195,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$169,780
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			\$195,000
Other Income			<u>\$700</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$195,700</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$365,480
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			<u>\$(221,905)</u>
			\$143,575

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

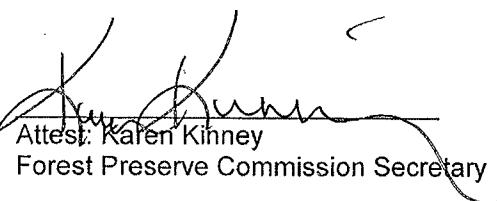


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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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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	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
Liability Insurance	\$212,000	\$1,000	\$211,000
Total	\$212,000	\$1,000	\$211,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021 \$344,379
Estimated Cash Income:

Estimated Cash Income:	
Real Property Tax Levy	\$211,000
Other Income	<u>\$1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$212,000
Estimated Expenditures	\$556,379
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022	(\$212,000)
	\$344,379

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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
Liability Insurance Fund
Fiscal Year 2022



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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 (FISSA) 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.

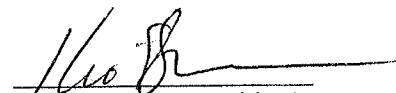
Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
FISSA	\$199,636	\$700	\$185,000
Total	\$199,636	\$700	\$185,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$171,361
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy	\$185,000		
Other Income	<u>\$700</u>		
			\$185,700
TOTAL			\$357,061
Estimated Expenditures			\$(199,636)
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			\$157,425

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

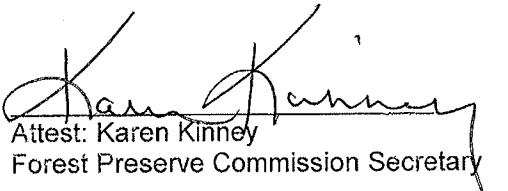


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SECTION ONE: That there be the Annual Budget and Appropriation of sums of money to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund of Rock Island County, Illinois, 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	\$90,875
Total	\$	\$0	\$90,875
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2021			\$572,550
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy	\$90,875		
Other Income		\$0	
			\$90,875
TOTAL			\$663,425
Estimated Expenditures			\$0
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2022			\$663,425

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



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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioners Mielke and L. Moreno seconded.

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TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Comments from Commissioners: (2)

Commissioner Adams was recognized.

Mr. Adams stated, "It is nothing to do with the Forest Preserve."

President Swanson stated, "If you wouldn't mind to use your microphone so the people at home can hear you."

Mr. Adams stated, "This has nothing to do with the Forest Preserve, but it reminded me the Health Department is having a drive-thru flu shot...I believe it's on the 30th out at the Milan Auto Auction center. If you go to their website, you can have the paperwork filled out before you go and then you can get your flu shot. Some people are afraid to go to a business or doctor's office because of Covid."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you for that, Mr. Adams. We want to keep everybody healthy in the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "So as Commissioners, I think it's important that we hear the positive as well as the negative. This led me to the reports that our new RV Camping area, when it opened...there was some negative activity. I was just wondering if there is something that we can address so we can improve the negative comments that we have been given."

President Swanson stated, "Mr. Craver is here and I think those are in the lines of a shake down reviews. I think overall, Mr. Craver can tell you the response has been overwhelmingly positive. All the spaces have been used. We are very grateful for the foresight of this Commission in making those spaces possible because they create revenues that will be used to further the mission. Is there something specific that you want to address?"

Mr. Deppe stated, "It just stated in his report that he had some negative feedback."

President Swanson stated, 'I think that because it is brand new, there is not a lot of shade because we haven't had time to plant trees and we are still trying to get the seeding. Mr. Craver, do you have anything you want to mention about the new RV Site? And if you could, could you move to the microphone...I am sorry that is on Mr. Reagan's desk so that the people at home can hear you as well."

Mr. Craver stated, "Uh, the press release went out the Monday before Labor Day weekend. We filled it up and it's been full ever since. Uh, yes, some folks are a little concerned about the lack of trees in the area. Uh, Mr. Mills is addressing that. We are looking to donations, hopefully, we will do our best to do what we can do. It is new construction and Mr. Mills and I both would have liked to have seen lush green grass there, and that area was hydro-seeded by a contractor the first part of June. Uh, and some of it came in and some of it didn't. Obviously, when you open up something new, you want it to be perfect, but due to the demand that we saw throughout the summer and the conditions, we felt that folks would still be able to enjoy that space and they have each and every weekend since it's been open. Um, reservations are still continuing to come in. Any new campers that know it's our park, their response has been outstanding. So, in terms of the negative comments, uh, I am not sure what you are referencing in the report, there...but does that cover it?"

Mr. Deppe answered, "Yes...yes. If there is something we can improve, it's a beautiful area."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Deppe. Mr. Morthland, please. Oh, I am sorry...Mr. Reagan, please."

Commissioner Reagan was recognized.

Mr. Reagan stated, "Yeah, I just want to say I actually spent the night out there...we camped there Saturday night. The campground is fantastic and all the campers that I talked to were very happy. We were very impressed...so, good job!!"

President Swanson stated, "Thank you for patronizing these wonderful preserves. Comments here or at home? Mr. Langdon, please."

Commissioner Langdon was recognized.

Mr. Langdon stated, "I was out at Illiniwek Park and it was pretty well full. But I noticed that the roads out there are pretty bad. Pot holes and so, are they going to get around to fixing those pot holes or...?"

President Swanson stated, "Right. Mr. Peterson... Thank you, Mr. Langdon. Mr. Craver if you want to weigh in? Mr. Peterson is looking at some funding opportunities to help with some of the infrastructure out there and that is in the pipeline isn't it, Mr. Craver? That's an affirmative, so yes, it is. Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Langdon for using the park."

Mr. Langdon stated, "Everything else was clean and the grass was well-maintained. The restrooms were clean too. Everyone is doing a great job out there."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other things or comments because we are going to get into the reports in a moment. Ms. Ewert has joined us this evening, is there anything that you would like to lift up? I see a negative. Thank you very much. Ms. Palmer is also joining us this evening, is there anything you would like to lift up from your report to Commissioners?"

Ms. Palmer stated, "No, thank you."

President Swanson asked, "I don't know if there are any other Department Heads or Directors online, if there are...you are welcome to lift up your reports at this time."

12. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioners Adams and Sowards seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES 23

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Commissioner Noyd challenged me to beat that 29-minute record. We would have to think of 14 minutes' worth of things to talk about, so I think we are okay without it. Ladies and gentlemen, seeing no further discussion or business before the Commission, we will be in recess until the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th following the County Board Meeting. We are in recess."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 5:30pm, 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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