

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Committee members - K. Swanson, D. Cremeens(via phone), A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, E. Sowards(via phone), L. Moreno(entered mtg at 9:49am via phone), R. Simmer(entered mtg at 9:55am via phone).

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Zoo Director; Kurt Davis, IT; April Palmer, Auditor; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:33 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, in the Rock Island County Building in the third floor chambers, Rock Island, Illinois.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the September Committee and Public Hearing minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the September Committee and Public Hearing minutes. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, K. Swanson, E. Sowards.

<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>0</b>

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$371,410.56.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$371,410.56. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to adopt the previous roll call. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of taxes levied for the Niabi Zoo Fund of the Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, IL for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrants in anticipation of taxes levied for the Niabi Zoo Fund of the Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, IL for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Ms. Normoyle asked how much the warrants were for.

Mr. Craver answered that the warrants were for \$750,000.00.

Ms. Normoyle asked how long the District would have to pay it back.

Ms. Ewert answered that the District would have a year to pay back the warrants.

President Swanson stated that, in speaking to Mr. Craver and Mr. Jackson, revenues are expected to rebound. Mr. Jackson and staff have put together a plan to bring in revenue from additional venues. The Tax Anticipation Warrants should tide Niabi over until next season.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, and Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, and Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to adopt previous roll call. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Niabi Zoo and Forest Preserves of Rock Island County Foundation.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and Niabi Zoo and Forest Preserves of Rock Island County Foundation. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Ms. Normoyle asked to confirm that this document simply formalizes the relationship between the two entities.

President Swanson confirmed that, yes, that was the purpose of this document. It sets in place the roles and rules for each entity to interact with the other. Also, do remember that the Foundation is looking for members.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer if there was anything from the Auditor's reports that she would like to bring attention to.

Ms. Palmer stated that even though the IMRF and Liability Funds looked like they were overspending, they are not. In the IMRF Fund, the ERI was paid off early, and the District is already seeing savings from that. In the Liability Fund, as is the case each year since the District started participating in IPARKS, the lump sum annual fee has been paid.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything from the Niabi Zoo report.

Mr. Jackson stated that Niabi's open season will end on November first. Staff is working on "Boo at the Zoo Lite" instead of the normal Boo at the Zoo event that is done every year.

President Swanson asked Mr. Craver if there was anything from the Director's report that he wanted to bring attention to.

Mr. Craver stated that issues remain with importing G/L information from RecTrac into New World Systems. Staff is still working with the company in order to fix those issues. Mindy Meyers of the EMA has put in a grant application on behalf of the Sheriff's Office and the District to replace the electrical board for the well that services Indian Bluff and EMA. In the event that a storm would knock out power there, they would not be able to perform their essential functions. So the electrical box would be replaced and a backup generator installed to provide water to that facility. Hopefully, we will hear about that in the next couple of months. Parks have been exceptionally busy even though the pandemic.

President Swanson asked that, before the end of the year, if someone could work on a presentation for those Commissioners who were interested in learning about the G/L reporting. To walk us through a finances 101. That could be through Zoom. It would be entirely voluntary, and of course the public would be welcome.

Dr. Moreno thanked Mr. Jackson for his speaking with the reporter who wrote the article in the paper regarding the passing of one of the lions. It was good to see the article so that the community can understand instead of just seeing that a lion was gone at the zoo.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve all routine reports for the District.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES**      7  
**TOTAL NO**        0

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM.

Submitted by:  
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