

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
JANUARY 19, 2021 – 6:31 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Clevenger, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 23

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TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes from December 22, 2020, as presented. Commissioner Burns seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Clevenger, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 22

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, "For President's Comments, I would just like to lift up some very, very good news. We've been talking about this for a while. I am pleased to report that we have 100% participation from the Executive Committee for the fundraising campaigns at Niabi Zoo. And, many of you know that we've got this Rhino campaign underway...and I did a little snooping and according to the research done by Rachel Claussen at Michigan State University, nudges like 100% participation in these campaigns can result in a gift to those campaigns going up by a factor of 2 or 3. So, with that and the challenge of the Executive Committee, I urge all Commissioners to consider making a gift of any size to our Rhino campaign so that we might be able to report to our community that the Commission is 100% behind it. As you've seen from the notes, the fundraising has been robust. And maybe that will get even more gifts in the door. So, it's an invitation to you all and I thank my fellow Members of the Executive Committee

for making that announcement possible. It's all I have at this time and I can answer your questions a little later. If I hear no objection, I would like to take the next two financial items together? Namely, a motion to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$201,342.76 and to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund, as enumerated in your packet."

5. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$201,342.76 and to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund, as presented. Commissioners Enburg seconded.

Commissioner Adams moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioners Maranda and Vyncke seconded.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Langdon waived the reading to approve the Resolution pertaining to the Forest Preserve General Fund OSLAD Grant, as presented. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

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

Resolution
Re: Forest Preserve General Fund OSLAD Grant

Whereas, additional funds are required in Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to increase Forest Preserve budget for OSLAD grant expenses for the fiscal year 2021, 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, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

Section 2. An amount of \$1,539.27 to be transferred from grant funds received in Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to the following:

| Amount | Appropriation Number | Description |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| \$1539.27 | 130-32-35 334.70 OSLA20-00-33470 | State Grant-Culture & Recreation |
| \$1332.32 | 130-32-35 522.00 OSLA20-50-522 | Operating Supplies |
| \$206.95 | 130-32-35 631.00 OSLA20-20 631 | Professional Services |

Section 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

Done in open meeting this 19th day of January, 2021.

Attest:


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Maranda moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution pertaining to additional Liability Funds for fiscal year 2021, as presented.
Commissioners Adams and Brunk seconded.

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

RESOLUTION
Re: Additional Funds for FY 2021 required

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2021 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, the additional funds required are resulting from a worker's compensation claim against the District, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133, 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 \$25,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 to the following:

| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| \$25,000.00 | 133-32 636.00 | Insurance |

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of January, 2021.



Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Enburg moved to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner M. Moreno seconded.

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution pertaining to the Semi-annual Review of Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Burns seconded. (Record)

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

Resolution
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
Re: Open Meetings Act Review of Minutes of a Meeting Lawfully Closed

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission strictly adheres to all provisions of the Open Meetings Act as defined in 5 ILCS 120; and

WHEREAS, 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c), calls for periodic review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed to determine if the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of these minutes or that the minutes or portions therefor no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, during regular committee meetings held during the month of January, 2020; Rock Island County Forest Preserve has reviewed minutes of closed meetings for all previously held closed sessions.

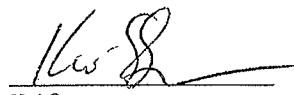
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT *RESOLVED* that the following meeting minutes have been determined to contain matters where the need for confidentiality still exists:

| <u>Date of Meeting</u> | <u>Reason for Closed Session</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 08-08-1986 | Personnel |
| 12-05-1986 | Personnel |
| 02-08-1991 | Personnel & Potential Liability |
| 07-10-1992 | Personnel |
| 02-05-1993 | Investments contracts |
| 05-07-1993 | Personnel |
| 08-15-1995 | Personnel |
| 08-05-2005 | Litigation |
| 09-30-2010 | Personnel |
| 10-08-2010 | Personnel |
| 12-03-2010 | Personnel |
| 03-04-2011 | Personnel |
| 04-05-2012 | Personnel |
| 06-05-2012 | Personnel |
| 06-07-2012 | Personnel |
| 06-08-2012 | Personnel |
| 06-27-2012 | Personnel |
| 06-28-2012 | Personnel |
| 10-15-2012 | Litigation & Personnel |
| 07-11-2013 | Personnel |
| 09-12-2013 | Litigation |
| 11-14-2013 | Litigation & Personnel |
| 12-12-2013 | Litigation & Personnel |
| 01-16-2014 | Litigation |
| 11-13-2014 | Personnel |
| 02-11-2015 | Personnel |
| 04-16-2015 | Personnel |
| 10-14-2015 | Personnel |
| 11-10-2015 | Personnel |
| 02-16-2016 | Potential Litigation |
| 03-17-2016 | Personnel |
| 04-12-2016 | Personnel |

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|------------|------------------------------|
| 06-15-2016 | Litigation |
| 01-10-2017 | Litigation |
| 04-11-2017 | Litigation |
| 01-09-2018 | Personnel |
| 11-13-2018 | Personnel & Land Acquisition |
| 02-11-2020 | Personnel |
| 12-15-2020 | Litigation |

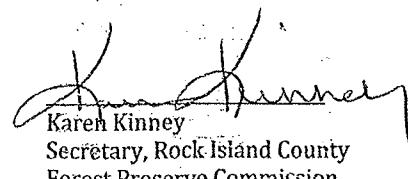
This *Resolution* to become effective immediately after passage. Minutes of those meetings determined to be made available for public inspection will be released as per the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2.06(b).

DONE IN OPEN MEETING THIS 19th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021



Kai Swanson

President, Rock Island County
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney

Secretary, Rock Island County
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Woods moved to approve the settlement of Workers' Comp. case 20WC06060 for \$24,813.02, as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

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

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Adams moved to lay on display for 30 days the District's Procedure Manual, as presented. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

President Swanson stated, "I think it is important to state that this is a regular process where the District's Policy Manual is put on display. All of you, as Commissioners, are invited to look at the sections, especially about the Commission. And, if you wish to make any changes, you have 30 days to suggest those changes to Mr. Craver, who is on the phone with us tonight or you can also suggest them to me...anything you would like. Then, after the period of 30 days, we will deliver those changes to the manual. And, the reason I looked this up is, this is normally done at a greater length of interval, but Mr. Craver has impelled us to do it now so that we are ready to join another level of accreditation, another proposed professional association that asked us to do this. So, this is another example of the initiative of our staff and I just want to salute them for it. That said, if there are any questions?"

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

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Comments from Commissioners: (One)

Commissioner Johnston was recognized.

Ms. Kinney stated, "Hang on, Don...your mic is on."

Mr. Johnston stated, "That workman's comp. case, does that not go through our Litigation Committee?"

President Swanson answered, "No. As a separate body...an entity that's separate from the county, it goes through the Executive Committee. We heard a report in closed session related to it, the Committee weighed that in to the report and made recommendation to our council; which is from the Civil Division...and I am pleased to say that the Civil Division outperformed the proposal that was given to them from the Committee."

Commissioner Johnston asked, "And, who was the party that it was involved with?"

President Swanson answered, "I don't have that information handy, I don't know...Mr. Craver, if you want to share that?"

Mr. Craver answered, "Uh, John Kay was the employee...he is a handler out at Niabi Zoo."

Mr. Johnston asked, "What was the last name of the employee?"

President Swanson stated, "It's Kay...K-A-Y."

Mr. Johnston stated, "Okay, thank you."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Johnston. Are there any further questions?"

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

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TOTAL YES 22

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve Geoff Manis, Moline, Illinois to the Community Advisory Board, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Commissioner L. Moreno was recognized.

Mr. L. Moreno stated, "I know him personally, he is a great guy."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Dr. Moreno, I concur...he is a truly great guy."

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Clevenger, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 22

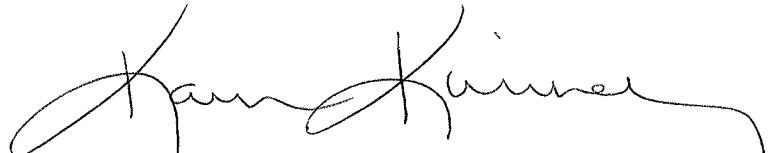
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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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