

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2021**

PRESENT: Committee members - K. Swanson(via teleconference), D. Cremeens(via teleconference), A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, L. Moreno(via teleconference), E. Sowards(via teleconference).

ABSENT: R. Simmer.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek Ranger; Todd Collins, Club House Manager; Kurt Davis, IT; April Palmer, Auditor; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 10:28 AM on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Rock Island County Building in the third floor chambers, Rock Island, Illinois.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the February Committee minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the February Committee minutes. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 5

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$81,271.01.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$81,271.01. 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 Appropriations in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the transfers of appropriations in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund. Ms. Normoyle and Ms. Sowards 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 CURES grant resolutions in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the CURES grant resolutions in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES	6
TOTAL NO	0

Motion carried.

President Swanson made three calls to the public for public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve staff recommended bid for the full size 4x4 one-ton truck with dump box.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve staff recommended bid for the full size 4x4 one-ton truck with dump box. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Mr. Maranda asked if there was a trade-in to go with the purchases.

Mr. Craver stated that there were no trade-ins this time as Niabi Zoo will be utilizing the older trucks.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve staff recommended bid for the full size 4x4 half ton truck with regular cab and eight-foot box.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve staff recommended bid for the full size 4x4 half ton truck with regular cab and eight-foot box. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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 the General Fund is \$140,000.00 shy of meeting the desired five-month reserve. However, the parks will be opening soon, so this is not a major concern. The annual Cost Allocation bills have been sent out and received. The General Fund is able to pay the bill as usual, but the Zoo will be allowed to wait until June thirtieth to pay their portion.

President Swanson asked Mr. Collins if there was anything from the Indian Bluff reports that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Collins stated that the weather is starting to warm up, and staff is preparing for the opening of the golf course.

President Swanson asked Mr. Petersen if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Petersen stated that there were two requests to use the park included in his report. One is the City of Port Byron, which is for Tug Fest parking at Dorrance. The other is Healthy Habits, which is a bike company in Davenport.

President Swanson asked Mr. Craver if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Craver thanked Ms. Palmer for all the assistance that was provided to himself and Ms. Sullivan in relation to the processing of the CURES reimbursement grant. Also, with processing the grant reimbursement and finalizing the District's GATA. Ms. Palmer and her staff were an invaluable part of that process. With regards to the bond funds, there are a couple hundred thousand dollars remaining. There are several projects that are on hold. The various reasons for holding on each of those projects is outlined in my report in the packet. Hopefully it won't be much longer until staff is once again able to worry only about the weather during the open season. The opening for the camping season has been pushed back this year by a week. This is due to the soggy ground conditions and the weather forecast leading up to April. The first weekend in April is Easter weekend, and that is traditionally a very slow weekend for camping. The golf course is looking heavily at the weather forecast. In speaking with Mr. Verstraete, it seems likely that the opening of the golf course is between three to four weeks out at this point.

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

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Submitted by:
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