

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
MARCH 16, 2021 – 8:39 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, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke

TOTAL PRESENT 22

D. Johnston, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL ABSENT 3

2. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes from February 16, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Sowards 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, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (One)**

Mr. Ronald Sweat requested to address the Commission regarding Rip-Rap bank erosion in Hampton.

Mr. Sweat stated, "Yes, we do. My name is Ronald Sweat from Hampton, Illinois, by Illiniwek Park. We talked earlier and I have been waiting to get to this meeting since 5:45pm."

President Swanson stated, "I very much appreciate your patience and the floor is yours for three minutes."

Mr. Sweat stated, "For three (3) minutes...okay. Well, I have an issue that I have not been able to communicate since last summer where finishing Rip-Rap fill for landing bank erosion with Mike Petersen at Illiniwek Park, so I wanted to bring that up to see if there is anything we can do about getting that finished prior to the flood coming back this season...because he put it on hold until his new budget

comes in July; which is going to be too late. So, I am hoping we can resolve this situation peacefully. I have been trying to work with him and so far, I haven't been able to get him to communicate with me lately. So, I felt I needed to bring that up. If you have any questions, I appreciate your participation."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much, Mr. Sweat. I very much appreciate your patience. I know very little about the issue, but we do know a little bit and I would like to suggest that we refer this to the Executive Committee of the Forest Preserve Commission and we will advise you of the time and how you can join in, and the pathways, and we'll have further discussion on this. Will that be amenable to you, sir?"

Mr. Sweat answered, "Yes, sir."

President Swanson added, "My contact information is on the Forest Preserve website...Mr. Craver and Mr. Petersen have it as well and I look forward to visiting with you further."

Mr. Sweat asked, "And where would I find that, sir?"

President Swanson asked, "Do you have access to the World Wide Web, sir?"

Mr. Sweat stated, "Um, I don't have a computer. I do have an android phone. I'm not sure I can do that. I am still pretty much ignorant as to how to deal with this new technology. I have never had a cell phone conference call..."

President Swanson stated, "That's fine. Do you use email?"

Mr. Sweat stated, "I can."

President Swanson stated, "I will give you my email at this time. It's simply my name, kaiswanson13@gmail.com. If you cannot reach me that way, the Forest Preserve District Office is in the phone book and you should be able to call them and they will get you all of my information."

Mr. Sweat asked, "Okay. How did you spell your first name, again, Mr. Swanson?"

President Swanson answered, "Yes, sir...It's K-A-I."

Mr. Sweat stated, "Okay, I thought that is what you said, Kai...kaiswanson13@gmail.com."

President Swanson stated, "Key, Alpha, India...you got it. Alright, sir...I very much appreciate you bringing this to our attention, and uh, we will take this up in our

Executive Committee. The Members of the Committee are a part of this Commission and we'll look forward to hearing from you."

Mr. Sweat stated, "Okay, thank you, sir."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Sweat."

Mr. Sweat stated, "You're welcome."

President Swanson asked, "Is there anyone else... Uh, thank you Mr. Sweat, and again...I appreciate your patience. Is there another person wishing to make a Public Comment at this time? I will make another call...Is there anyone wanting to make a Public Comment at this time? Thank you, we will proceed."

4. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Swanson stated, "There will be no President's Comments tonight for the obvious reasons."

5. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$81,271.01 and the Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioners Enburg, Adams and Sowards seconded.

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

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Sowards moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding CURES Grant Funds received in the Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Receipt of Grant Funds

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to increase the budget for the Niabi Zoo (CURE21) CURES Grant Fund for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from grant funds already received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, 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 \$4,336.50 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,302.92	131-32-35 331.10 CURE21-00-33110	Federal Grants-FY20
\$2033.58	131-32-35 331.10 CURE21-00-33110	Federal Grants-FY21

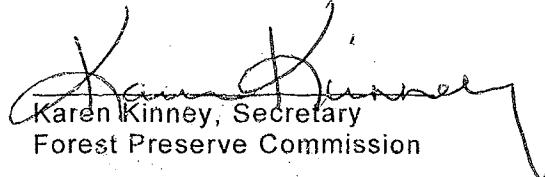
SECTION 3. An amount of \$2,033.58 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,033.58	131-32-35 522.00 CURE21-90 522	Operating Supplies

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16th day of March, 2021.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno,
R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding CURES Grant Funds received in the General Fund, as presented. Commissioners Maranda and Sowards seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

RE: General Fund Receipt of CARES Funds

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the General Fund #130 to increase the budget for the General Fund CURES revenue for the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from grant funds already received in the 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 \$330.50 to be transferred from CURES funds received in the General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$58.17	130-32-35 331.10 CURE21-00-33110	Federal Grants-FY20
\$272.33	130-32-35 331.10 CURE21-00-33110	Federal Grants-FY21

SECTION 3. An amount of \$272.33 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$272.33	130-32-35 522.00 CURE21-90-522	Operating Supplies

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16th day of March, 2021.


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

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the staff recommended bid for a Full Size 4X4 One Ton, Cab & Chassis with Dump Box from Kunes at \$49,100.00, as presented. Commissioners Adams and Sowards seconded.

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

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the staff recommended bid for a Full Size 4X4 Half Ton Pick-up Truck, Regular Cab with 8' Box from Courtesy at \$29,041.00, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

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

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. **Comments from Commissioners: (None)**

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

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "So, I have got two questions. It looks like our fire bandits are back out at Illiniwek and what are we going to do about it...at Illiniwek with the burning of the toilet paper and lighting stuff on fire? It's in the report. And, we've had some people with Jeep's and it's spring now, but do we have insurance when people drive their vehicles out on the lake and jump our barriers illegally? I just wondered, because I don't know."

President Swanson answered, "Those are two very, very good questions. You'll notice in every month's report; our Superintendents will provide a counting of vandalism of all sorts. We have been very fortunate for the past year, plus that vandalism reports have been below the median. We are seeing a few scattered reports and don't want to give them too much attention, but thank you for bringing it up. And, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Mills and our other Superintendents are constantly on guard doing what they can to prevent vandalism. In fact, this is kind of a different form, but they have changed structures to make it harder to vandalize in the past with signage and things like that. So, thank you. On your second question, if someone uh...uhm is abrogates our State policy or rules and restrictions, then that would attenuate, dampen the amount of liability we would have, if that makes any sense? I can't speak in...in how any court of law would do it, but as long as...that's why we pay an Executive Committee at this Commission level close attention to our policies. Those are stated...and those, so a lot of times when you hear people who want to bend the rules, this is why we don't. And those are excellent questions on the reports."

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

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TOTAL YES 21

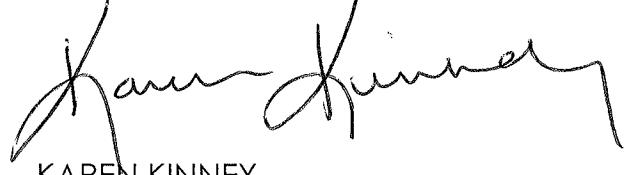
TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, April 20, 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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