

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**

**APRIL 20, 2021 – 7:17 PM**

**PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 22**

D. Clevenger, M. Maranda, J. Woods

**TOTAL ABSENT 3**

2. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes from the March 16, 2021, as presented. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe,  
C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R.  
Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R.  
Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

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

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "This is an exciting time already. You know it is the first weekend at almost all of our parks, featuring 2-4 inches of rain, depending on where you were. But there is a lot of excitement and a lot of people getting out and enjoying the outdoors. I hope you are following this exciting development, but Niabi's Rhino Exhibit fundraising has exceeded all expectations and continues the pace. I want to thank the folks at Pro-clean Car wash...they are going to be giving a portion of their proceeds to help support the Rhino project. So, if you don't already have a favorite place to get your car washed, think about Pro-clean and you are going to help bring Rhinos to Niabi; which should happen in the very near future. We are talking weeks, uh, not months. Uh, another thing we would like to lift up to your attention is that we are, once again, are partnering up

with the Blackhawk Construction Highway Training Program, this time at Illiniwek Park. We are always grateful to the Laborer's 309 for their participation in these wonderful partnerships. And, it means good things for those who use our fabulous Illiniwek Park. I hope you all get a chance to get out and use these parks as soon as possible. If there are no questions for me at this time, we will continue to move on."

5. President Swanson stated, "I am going to read the following motions. If anyone would like to lift any or all of these out for individual consideration, you are certainly welcome to do so. If not, I would entertain a motion to approve the omnibus motion. The motions are as follows and they are all enumerated in your packets:

- \* Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$292,850.27.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Moline Foundation Grant monies in the Niabi Zoo Fund.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Woodward Community Grant monies in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Amendment to FY 21 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Amendment to FY21 IMRF Retirement Fund Appropriations.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Additional Fund for FY 21 Liability Fund.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Amendment to FY21 Liability Fund Appropriations.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Amendment to FY 21 FISSA Fund Appropriations.
- \* Waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Amendment to FY21 Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund.

## RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Receipt of Grant Funds-Moline Community Foundation

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to increase the budget for the Niabi Zoo Education Program (MF21) Moline Community Foundation 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 \$2,407.55 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:


AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,407.55	131-32-35 337.70 MF21-00-33770	State & Local Grants-Culture & Recreation

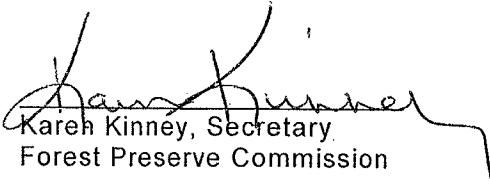
**SECTION 3.** An amount of \$2,407.55 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,290.55	131-32-35 524.00-MF21	Small Tools & Equipment
\$117.00	131-32-35 631.00-MF21	Professional Services

**SECTION 4.** This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

## RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Receipt of Grant Funds-Woodward Community Grant Fund

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to increase the budget for the Niabi Zoo Education Program (WCGF21) Woodward Community 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 \$3,862.94 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:


AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$3,862.94	131-32-35 337.70 WCGF21-00-33770	State & Local Grants-Culture & Recreation

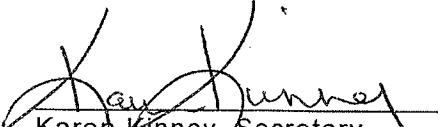
SECTION 3. An amount of \$3,862.94 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$3,745.94	131-32-35 524.00-WCGF21	Small Tools & Equipment
\$117.00	131-32-35 631.00-WCGF21	Professional Services

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
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Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**

Re: Amendment to FY 21 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, due to state guidelines and operating restrictions put forth on zoological parks in the State of Illinois from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, the earned revenues are estimated to be less than current appropriations, and

**WHEREAS**, additional contributions from other sources have been secured through philanthropic endeavors, and

**WHEREAS**, additional funds from the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 have been transferred, and

**WHEREAS**, to off-set earned revenues the following decreases to the fiscal year 21 appropriations to minimize use of reserves are required, 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. Revenues in the amount of \$88,500.00 shall be decreased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$50,000.00	131-32 311.10	Property Taxes
\$8,500.00	131-32-347.23	Education Fees
\$30,000.00	131-32-347.29	Membership/Season Pass Fees

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$66,672.00 shall be increased in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$50,000.00	131-32-364.10	Contributions from Private Sources
\$16,672.00	131-32-391.60	Transfer from General Fund

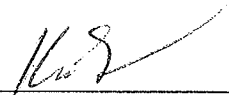
SECTION 4. Expenditures in the amount of \$146,155.00 shall be decreased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

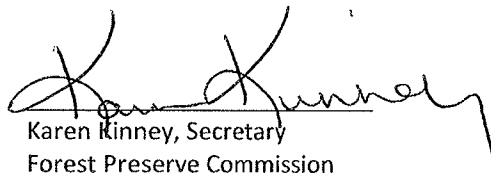
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$5,000.00	131-32-07 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages
\$550.00	131-32-07 522	Operating Supplies
\$500.00	131-32-07 526	Food
\$50.00	131-32-07 631	Professional Services
\$260.00	131-32-07 639	Rentals
\$95.00	131-32-07 642	Dues & Membership

\$5,000.00	131-32-08 412.00	Overtime
\$20,000.00	131-32-08 413	Employee Health Benefit
\$9,000.00	131-32-08 522	Operating Supplies
\$13,000.00	131-32-08 528	Zoo Animals
\$12,000.00	131-32-08 631	Professional Services
\$5,500.00	131-32-08 638	Repairs & Maintenance
\$2,200.00	131-32-08 767	Infrastructure & Improvement over \$15,000
\$3,000.00	131-32-10 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$10,000.00	131-32-10 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages
\$30,000.00	131-32-10 522.GS	Gift Shop Supplies
\$7,000.00	131-32-10 644	Outside Contractual
\$1,000.00	131-32-18 411.00	Salaries & Wages
\$2,000.00	131-32-18 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages
\$5,000.00	131-32-18 522	Operating Supplies
\$5,000.00	131-32-18 631	Professional Services
\$10,000.00	131-32-18 637	Utilities

SECTION 4. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

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 Kai Swanson, President  
 Forest Preserve Commission

  
 Karen Kinney, Secretary  
 Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**  
**Re: Amendment to FY 21 IMRF Retirement Fund Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, the District's 2020 property tax levy for the IMRF Retirement Fund #132 is less than the 2019 property tax levy resulting in a lower property tax rate and amount funds to be received, and

**WHEREAS**, the IMRF Retirement Fund #132 property tax levy was reduced as the District's Fiscal Year 2022 employer obligations are projected to be less than prior years due to an adjustment to the IMRF assigned employer rate, and

**WHEREAS**, the lower employer rate assigned by IMRF is a result of the balance of the District's Early Retirement Incentive balance being retired, and

**WHEREAS**, the investment earnings for the IMRF Retirement Fund #132 are projected to be less than what is appropriated due to lower interest rates, and

**WHEREAS**, the decrease in the IMRF Retirement Fund #132 property levy allowed the District to increase the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 property tax levy to compensate for lost earned revenues resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic guidelines and restrictions imposed, 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.

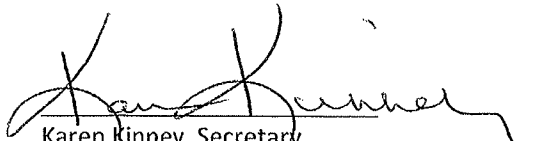
SECTION 2. An amount of \$91,432.00 be reduced from property taxes & investment earnings to be received in the Forest Preserve IMRF Retirement Fund #132 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$85,432.00	132-32 311.10	Property Taxes
\$6,000.00	132-32 361.10	Investment Earnings

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**  
**Re: Additional Funds for FY 21 Liability Fund**

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

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required for the cost allocation payment to Rock Island County for expenses allocated to the District from the Office of the State's Attorney Civil Division, 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:

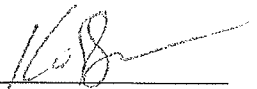
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

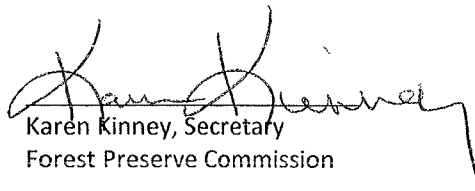
SECTION 2. An amount of \$45,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$45,000.00	133-32 991.12	Transfer to other agencies

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
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Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission



**RESOLUTION**  
**Re: Amendment to FY 21 Liability Fund Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, the District's 2020 property tax levy for the Liability Insurance Fund #133 is less than the 2019 property tax levy resulting in a lower property tax rate and funds to be received, and

**WHEREAS**, the investment earnings for the Liability Insurance Fund #133 are projected to be less than what is appropriated due to lower interest rates, and

**WHEREAS**, the Liability Insurance Fund #133 property tax levy amount of funds was reduced due to significant reserves within the Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2022 expenditures are projected to be less than prior year's, and

**WHEREAS**, there are no open or pending liability claims or litigation against the District, and

**WHEREAS**, the decrease in the property tax levy in the Liability Insurance Fund #133 allowed the District to increase the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 property tax levy to compensate for lost earned revenues resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic guidelines and restrictions, and

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

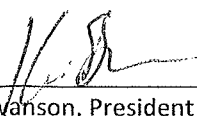
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$43,000.00 be reduced from property taxes & investment earnings to be received in the Forest Preserve Liability Insurance Fund #133 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$40,000.00	133-32 311.10	Property Taxes
\$3,000.00	133-32 361.10	Investment Earnings

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**  
**Re: Amendment to FY 21 FISSA Fund Appropriations**

**WHEREAS**, the investment earnings for the FISSA Fund #136 are projected to be less than what is appropriated due to lower interest rates, 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.

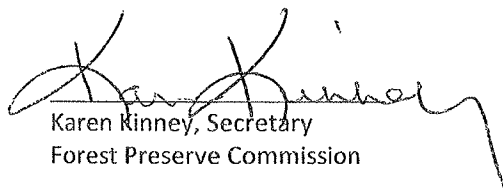
SECTION 2. An amount of \$4,000.00 be reduced from investment earnings to be received in the FISSA Fund #136 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$4,000.00	136-32 361.10	Investment Earnings

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**

**Re: Amendment to FY 21 Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund**

**WHEREAS**, the District's 2020 property tax levy for the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 is less than the 2019 property tax levy resulting in a lower property tax rate and amount funds to be received, and

**WHEREAS**, the decrease in the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 property levy allowed the District to increase the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 property tax levy to compensate for lost earned revenues resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic guidelines and restrictions imposed, and

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

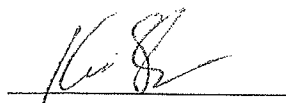
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

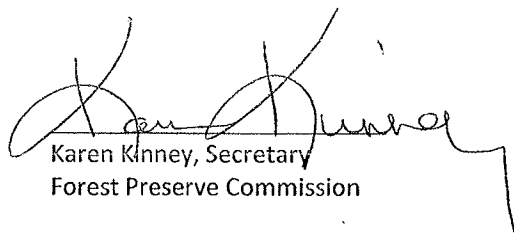
SECTION 2. An amount of \$182,533.00 be reduced from property taxes to be received in the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$182,533.00	335-32 311.10	Property Taxes

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Simmer moved to approve and Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES                    21**

**TOTAL NO                    0**

Motion carried.

**6.    Comments from Commissioners: (One)**

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "Is it on?"

Ms. Kinney stated, "Hang on, Jeff. There you are, you were right under my nose."  
(Chuckles)

Mr. Deppe stated, "Last year we had the ability to...was it, adopt a Cool Cat out  
there...are we doing that this year?"

President Swanson stated, "Thank you...no you didn't. Thank you, Mr. Deppe. Mr.  
Deppe is referring to the fact that you can adopt animals and make a gift, um,  
figuratively adopting an animal at Niabi. You are just underwriting a portion of the  
costs of their care...and I am grateful to Mr. Deppe and his colleagues who did  
that last year. You can do that at any time. Go to the Niabi Zoo website under  
donate. And if you would like to adopt an animal...I know my grandkids have  
some favorites out there. I don't know if it's one of your favorites, but you can do  
so at any time. Thank you, Mr. Deppe for that question. We don't yet have the  
Rhino's out there but I can't wait for that guy to get here. Are there any other  
comments at this time?"

7.    Commissioner O'Brien 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 Burns moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioners Adams and Sowards seconded.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. President Swanson stated, "At this time, it is my great pleasure to commend your positive consideration and ask to approve the appointment of Mr. Paul Powers of Davenport, Iowa, to the Niabi Zoo Community Advisory Board."

Commissioner Adams moved to approve. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 21**

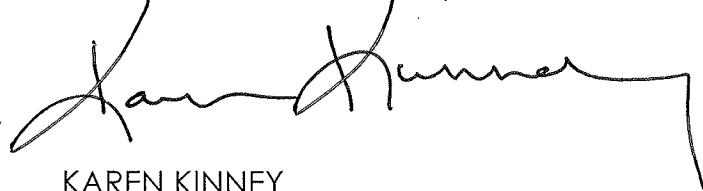
**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, May 18, 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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