

**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:

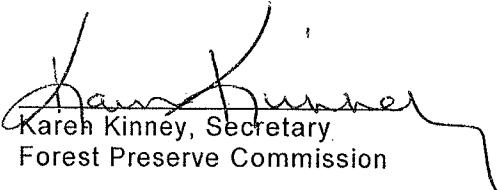
| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| \$2,290.55 | 131-32-35 524.00-MF21 | Small Tools & Equipment |
| \$117.00 | 131-32-35 631.00-MF21 | Professional Services |

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th 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 |

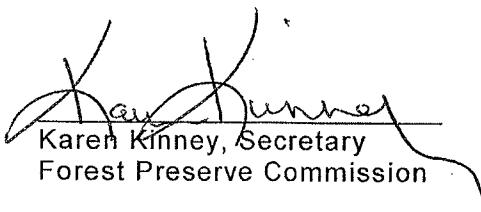
SECTION 3. An amount of \$3,862.94 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

| 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 20th day of April, 2021.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


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 |

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| \$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.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th day of April, 2021.


 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 ley 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:

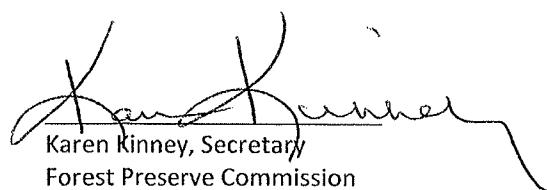
| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| \$85,432.00 | 132-32 311.10 | Property Taxes |
| \$6,000.00 | 132-32 361.10 | Investment Earnings |

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th 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:

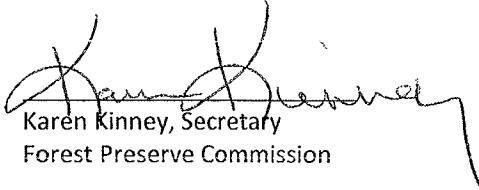
| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| \$45,000.00 | 133-32 991.12 | Transfer to other agencies |

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th day of April, 2021.



Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission



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 20th 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:

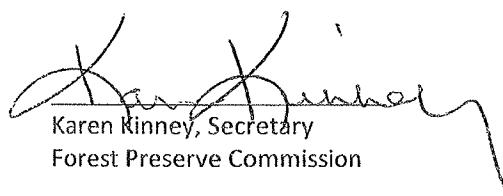
| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| \$4,000.00 | 136-32 361.10 | Investment Earnings |

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th 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:

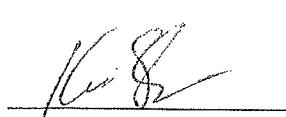
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

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:

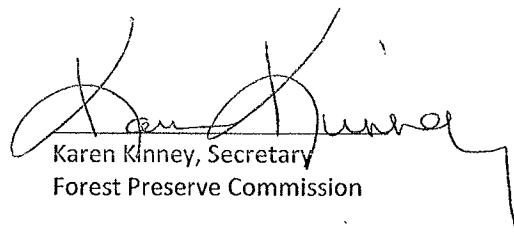
| AMOUNT | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| \$182,533.00 | 335-32 311.10 | Property Taxes |

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 20th 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-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.

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-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**

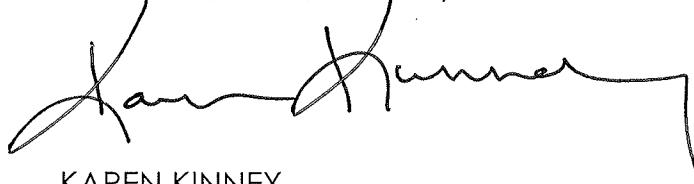
TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

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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