

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
JULY 20, 2021 – 6:22 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 23**

D. Beck, L. Moreno

**TOTAL ABSENT 2**

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much. Thanks to all for being here this evening. This something we had to suspend when we went into remote meetings, but for the identification of our Commission Members to get an appreciation for what it is for the level of stewardship that you are charged with, we've asked the professional...uh, members of the professional leadership team of the District to make presentations. And tonight, I am very pleased to introduce to you for those of you who have not had the chance to meet Joel Vanderbush...Joel is charged with leading our conservation and education programs and he has been here to present before because he is very engaging to bring zoo visitors of all ages. I can attest that he can hold the attention of a two-year-old and even occasionally, a 56-year-old. We are very grateful to have him with us and Mr. Vanderbush, the floor is yours and we are looking for an update on your conservation and education programs."

Mr. Vanderbush stated, "Thank you very much. It is a pleasure to be before all of you again. And, as...we should be passing out right now, uh we decided to give you a little update on the programs that we have been doing over the last couple of years as well as a little piece on his judicial development; which is new. And so...the pandemic. Oh...we love the pandemic, or we hate it; which most of us just hate it; which is great because as you can see from the first piece that we have given you under conservation education department report, uh you will see that our programming went down from 249 programs in 2019 to 48 programs in 2020...and currently 22 programs so far in 2021. Because, of course, when you are a zoo, you depend on face to face interactions for education. And...of course, this does not account for all of the volunteer programming that we do for the naturalists, the junior zoo keepers, the interns that are interacting with the public on a regular basis. All of that was cancelled. All of our zoo keeper chats were cancelled. So, one would say, 'Geez, uh Joel...what did you possibly do over the last couple of years or the last year and a half because you clearly weren't doing fact to face education?' Well the greatest thing about being an educator and a

conservationist is the ability to pivot, right? The same thing happened with our conservation programs. You may recall the last time I spoke before you, we were celebrating 2 solid years of conservation speakers here; which we were bringing in top conservationists from all over the planet here. Um, 24 months and 24 conservationists...we were like, Yay! It was great! And last year, we had 3 and it stopped, right? Uh, in fact, one of them...Dr. Greg Rasmussen was at the zoo when the pandemic hit and then all of his slate across the country got cancelled and we had to somehow help him get out of the country from my house; which was right here. But, the challenges to all of this, one would say...is that, okay, if you are not doing conservation and education, then what are you doing? Well, then we have to also turn and say then what can we do? Okay, what abilities does our staff have that is unique and interesting. How can we still get our conservation and education message out? Well, virtual was the way, right? Lots of zoo's turned to virtual education. Uh, we of course, started with our social media and we launched a massive campaign to start doing education programs on Facebook, right? We let schools tune in two times a day, every single day for, you know, the rest of the school year of 2020...uh so, that they had some lessons that they could turn too. We created and expanded our YouTube Channel, right? If you haven't been to Niabi Zoo's YouTube Channel, you should really go. It's pretty amazing the amount of programming that we have on there and things that people really had no idea we have at our zoo. Featuring everything from animal welfare and enrichment to conservation and education programs, to zoo keepers reading books to their animals all across the zoo...uh, it was pretty amazing. So, one could say that the pandemic was horrible, but at the same time, that allowed us to turn inward a little bit and reflect on the things that we still could do...not so much on the things that we couldn't do because we had no control over that, but what could do, right? And so, a part of that was, like I said the virtualized paging programs...um and we also realized that and I am going to share a secret with all of you, do you see this device right here? (Holds up his cell phone) This was our virtual education program for months, just this phone right here...we were shooting videos and doing live presentations and the selfie thing. We had a microphone we could plug into it; which was pretty great. But then we also realized that we knew that this wasn't going to go away and we needed to step up our game. And so, what we did was we wrote some grants and luckily through the Quad Cities Community's Foundation, we were able to secure a couple of grants through the Woodward Fund and also outside of that the Moline Foundation helped us to get us some virtual education equipment. We needed laptops that didn't die every five minutes. We needed a camera and we needed additional microphones. We needed a selfie stick. I kid you not, because you know how hard it is to try to talk to this phone when your arm only goes this far and you can't actually see the things behind you. It was like a real thing. Uh, you know...and so, that concept was hard because we also realized that institutional development is not something that we focused on at the zoo because in the past, we had a Zoo Society that was doing that. Once that relationship ended, it, of course in June of 2020, we established the new zoo

foundation. And, that gave us the capacity to write those grants, first of all...so, like right out of the shoot, we were grant writing. Then, of course, we were like...hey, we need to get people to come back to the zoo. So, bringing in an animal like the White Rhino; which I am sure you have all heard of that now, was a really big deal as well. And, in doing so...um, we began to delve into the capacity of fundraising. Now, what you may not know is, that I actually ran a non-profit organization for 10 years. I actually sat on seven different non-for-profit boards and help construct and build those non-profits. So, that's a little thing in my background that I was like...hmmmm, we really need to do that. So, not only did we start our foundation, but then we hit the ground running, right? Because, I don't know about you, but I don't know too many non-profit organizations having their first year in existence...they raised well over \$130,000. That's pretty impressive! It really is! And, I am like...it wasn't just the foundation, those of us at the zoo put our boots on and said let's go do it. And so, we learned as we went and for those who had little experience learned from those of us who has a little bit more. And we were able to secure additional grants and of course, private funds. So, like the Olivera's Fund brought \$25,000 down to the yard and the Wait Family Foundation gave \$20,000 to help the rhino barn. We had a private gift from the Moline family to put in rhino educational pamphlets, right? Because that was the other thing, a part of education is telling the story of these animals. And so, we needed to put together a package for that new exhibit. Uh, of course, you may have also heard that the new opener of the Spineless Wonders Exhibit, right? We planned to do that last year...uh, but we kind of came to a screeching halt at about 85% completion and we waited, and waited, and waited and this year...we are able to finally finish and which we also got additional grants through the Mark Schwiebert Fund and through QCCF to help fund the Spineless Wonders graphics package. So, if you haven't, come into that space. You still have to wear a mask to come inside of our buildings because we do have primates in there and of course, we need to keep them safe. Uh, but that's a pretty fantastic space. Um, just...also, the rhino campaign itself, just so you know, we did an online campaign, a mail campaign, a fundraiser and a pure auction. We did a t-shirt sale, and we got support from the ProClean Carwashes that were collecting donations for us. And that's where that \$110,000 came from. That was all just local people giving, right; which I think was pretty exciting. The last couple of things I got here, I don't want to keep you here very long. Conservation, we have still been doing conservation, but not the same way. Coins for Conservation had to stop, so we couldn't just give money to organizations. We had to find additional ways to help them. Recently, we did strides for Snow Leopards with the Snow Leopard Trust. And, you might be interested to know that we have the participation from any zoo IN...THE...WORLD. Sorry, that was worth doing because honestly, Snow Leopard Trust has been around for 40 years. And, for this particular event...we had the largest participation on the planet. So, for one day...we were greatest zoo in the world! It was pretty great! So, at any rate, we are currently nominating Dr. Greg Rasmussen who was the one here last year during the pandemic, in the research trust. We are nominating him for the

Indianapolis Prize, the most coveted conservation award in the world and we are in that nomination process with him. He is keeping it local...just the other day, I took some more pictures of Rusty Patch Bumble Bees at Niabi Zoo. And, we have been doing Rusty Patch Bumble Bee surveys with the US Fish and Wildlife Service all summer. Every other week, they have had two of their staff, a couple of interns, our interns and our staff have been going around the zoo checking out all the different areas that have Rusty Patch Bumble Bees across the zoo; which is pretty great. And so, in addition to opening up the live zoo camp again; which is what we are doing right now...um, that's been pretty pressed to get back to that. But, we also realize that we built capacity during this whole time and we can't let that waiver. So, I just added more to my plate. But, it's been pretty great. And so, the whole thing is when you've got a bunch of lemons, you can either just have a sour face all the time or you can make yourself some lemonade. And, we are enjoying the lemonade over at the zoo right now. We feel like we are recovering fairly well from things like the amazing weekend we had this past Saturday and Sunday that we've had honestly in two years. So, it's been pretty great. Uh, thank you so much for allowing me to speak with you."

President Swanson stated, "Hold on, let see if there are questions."

Mr. Vanderbush added, "If you have questions, I would be more than happy to answer them."

President Swanson states, "So for our newer Members, if you are wondering why we are getting so excited over Bumble Bees, uh...when there are endangered species discovered, that makes us eligible for other grant sources. But, they can't just be a one-off, this is now the second year of confirming presence of Rusty Patch Bumble Bees. Yeah, Mr. Clevenger, please and other questions you have for Mr. Vanderbush."

Mr. Clevenger stated, "Could you uh...(inaudible- no mic)"

President Swanson stated to Ms. Kinney, "Oh if you could... Could you um, could we get Mr. Clevenger's microphone?"

President Swanson added, "I am terribly sorry. Just one moment, please..."

Ms. Kinney stated, "Okay."

Mr. Clevenger asked, "I am sure there is a name for some plants you could recommendation for Rusty Patch Bees?"

Mr. Vanderbush answered, "Yes, in fact, in the last couple of years...one of the projects we did in our down time was...you know the pond when you first come into the zoo with the fountain? Uh...literally, we took out every plant from that

area and I, myself, raked every dead plant off of that and kind of blew out my shoulder doing it last December so that we could replant the entire pond with nothing but native flowering plants specific for pollinators."

Mr. Clevenger asked, "Can you give me a list?"

Mr. Vanderbush answered, "I can."

President Swanson added, "I can get you Mr. Clevenger's contact information and make sure you get that. Okay? Mr. Morthland, do you have a comment?"

Commissioner Morthland was recognized.

Mr. Morthland asked, "I have a question about Rusty Patch Bumble Bees. Where do they nest?"

Mr. Vanderbush answered, "Well, Bumble Bees nest in a variety of places. You will see some wood burrowing Bumble Bees...you know, the ones that drill holes in your fence posts and things. Uh, but um...they don't nest, per se. The females will lay eggs over the winter. So, there are usually tubes...so whether it's in plant shoots or you will often see Bee Hotels. I know that (inaudible) marsh just built a Bee Hotel; which has a lot of plant shoots coming out from it."

President Swanson stated, "There is one at Illiniwek. Illiniwek has one too."

Mr. Vanderbush added, "But in nature, it's usually in plant shoots. So, like for all of you who do gardening at home and want to dead-head your flowers and cut everything way back at the Fall...don't do it. Wait until the Spring, right? Leave the shafts because that's where the bees are planting their live eggs."

Mr. Morthland asked, "Not underground?"

Mr. Vanderbush answered, "Correct."

President Swanson added, "Not the Rusty Patch."

Mr. Vanderbush added, "Some types of bees do...uh, go underground. And the other thing you should know, most bees...in fact 98% of all bees, native bees don't sting. So, save the bees. It's usually Wasps and Yellow Jackets that give every bee a bad rap...and those European Honey Bees do too."

President Swanson asked, "Did you have something Dr. Simmer? But we want to get you on your mic so everybody can hear you."

Ms. Kinney stated, "Hang on...now you are on."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer asked, "Um, have you set the table and got the two leopards together yet?"

Mr. Vanderbush answered, "We have! Thank you for asking that. That is the other very exciting thing...I was speaking about endangered species. And, we happen to have the most endangered species of cat, the most critically native cat on the planet is at our zoo. We've had a male for a number of years. Uh, but we finally...the pandemic has allowed us to get our female because she was sitting in England for over a year waiting to come and meet Jilin. That introduction has been going well and we have set the table with a little candle light and a little music in the background...uh, things have been going very well between them. She's been a little bit shy about coming out of exhibit because it's just the first week that she's had that opportunity. I have only laid eyes on her briefly, like the side of her face as she has peeked out the door and pulled her head back in. The zoo keepers have obviously seen her every single day. And, she has been coming out where the public have been getting glimpses of her because we've seen pictures posted of both leopards out. So, that's really exciting."

President Swanson added, "And, part of the orientation for the new Commissioners is, you have to go out and sing either a Dean Martin or a Sarah Vaughan song...or Sinatra could work too."

Mr. Vanderbush added, "And, if cats aren't your taste, then you could do it for our red wolves; which are the most critically endangered canine on the planet. And so, we have a few of those at our zoo."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you for bringing that up. Are there other questions for Mr. Vanderbush? See why we do this? We all learned something here. Mr. Vanderbush, thank you and please covey our thanks to the whole team, thank you."

Mr. Vanderbush stated, "Thank you very much. Come out and see us and I would be happy to show you guys around."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you."

(Group Applause)

President Swanson added, "As Mr. Maranda would say, at this point, buy your zoo membership! Make sure you get that zoo membership and thank you, again, Mr. Vanderbush...we are very pleased to have you with us."

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

**4. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Just a few things. I want to stress seriously for the new members and anyone who joined recently, Mr. Craver is always at your disposal to take a tour of the facilities. And, when I got mine...I thought I had known a lot for being here for half a century, but I learned so much for that half day. We went around and he will introduce you to professionals like Mr. Vanderbush, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Mills, Mr. Petersen and you'll just be amazed. We encourage you to avail yourselves to that opportunity to spend some time on orientation with Mr. Craver. Other than that, staff continues to look into land acquisition along the area of IL Route 92 and I-80 confluent. Funding is being pursued through the Clean Energy Foundation Grant; which may cover up to 80% of the acquisition costs. The remaining funding will be taken from the Loud Thunder Endowment Fund. The property would be restored as a conservation corridor. Funding is also available through some local grants, but it's all conditional on would we have an advantageous acquisition agreement and approval of the grants. So, the Executive Committee has been discussing this. So, if you have questions for us, let us know now or anytime in the future and hoping that will be coming back to the full commission soon...uh, that's our hope. That's it for my comments at this time. Mr. Deppe, please?"

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "Hey, did we approve the minutes from last month?"

President Swanson answered, "No we didn't. I am terribly sorry. Thanks for getting me back on track. I will take that as a friendly nudge."

5. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve the June 15, 2021, Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$603,717.06, as presented. Commissioner Clevenger seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Brunk moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2021 Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2022 Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Woods moved to waive the reading and approve the Revised Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Lease Contract No. DACW25-01-09-4001, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

President Swanson added, "This updates the language. But, the reason why I want to lift it up to you is that part of this project is increasing the accessibility of our facilities, especially our dock facilities and riverside facilities for the people of The American's With Disabilities Act. So, I think that's important and worth noting. Are there any other questions on the matter?"

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

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1  
LEASE CONTRACT NO. DACW25-1-09-4001  
LEASE TO NON-STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES  
FOR PUBLIC PARK AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES  
UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER NINE-FOOT CHANNEL PROJECT  
POOL 16  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1**, is made on behalf of the United States, between the Secretary of the Army, hereinafter called the "Secretary" and the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois hereinafter called the "Lessee."

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Secretary previously granted a lease to the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, for public park and recreational purposes, designated as Lease Contract No. DACW25-1-09-4001, hereinafter referred to as the "Original Lease," expiring on February 10, 2033, for approximately 60.8 acres on Tracts FI-39, FI-40, and FI-41, located in Rock Island County, Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, under Condition No. 6, Structures and Equipment, of said lease, the Lessee requests to construct a paved ADA-compliant pedestrian access ramp and two floating docks on both sides of an existing boat ramp.

NOW THEREFORE, upon execution of this Supplement Agreement No. 1, the Original Lease is amended in the following particulars but in no others:

1. "District Engineer" is replaced with "Real Estate Contracting Officer" throughout the document.
2. The Original Lease shall be amended to include Condition No. 36 as follows:

**36. SITE-SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

Lessee is permitted to construct a paved ADA-compliant pedestrian access ramp and docks on both sides of an existing boat ramp at the locations shown on Exhibits A, B, and C, all in accordance with the construction drawings attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit D, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Lessee shall limit tree and brush removal to the project area identified in Exhibit D. No other trees or brush shall be removed on the Premises without prior written approval from the Real Estate Contracting Officer.

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b. Lessee will adhere to the terms and conditions set forth in the Nationwide Permit No. 3 (CEMVR-OD-P-2020-0175) authorized by the Rock Island District Regulatory Branch on April 3, 2020.

c. Lessee shall notify the Rock Island District Real Estate Division, Management and Disposal Branch, Christopher Fields at (309) 794-5294 upon completion of the construction project to establish a time that is mutually convenient, but no later than 60 days after project completion, to inspect the construction project and ensure compliance with the terms of this agreement. Within 90 days of the completion of the paved ADA-compliant pedestrian access ramp and docks, the Lessee will deliver to the Rock Island District Real Estate Division, Management and Disposal Branch, as-built drawings.

All other terms and conditions of the lease remain in full force and effect.

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This Supplemental Agreement No. 1 is executed on behalf of the United States by authority of the Secretary of the Army this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Steven W. Stickle  
Chief, Management and Disposal Branch  
Rock Island District  
Real Estate Contracting Officer

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND ) : ss

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for State of Illinois, personally appeared Steven W. Stickle, Chief, Management and Disposal Branch, Real Estate Contracting Officer, Real Estate Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, to me known to be the identical person and officer whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the said instrument by authority of the Secretary of the Army for the purposes therein expressed as the act and deed of the United States of America.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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The undersigned, acting as an officer of the Lessee, represents and warrants that s/he is authorized to execute this Supplemental Agreement No. 1 without the necessity of obtaining any other signature of any person, that the execution of this Supplemental Agreement No. 1 has been properly authorized by the governing body of the Lessee, and that this Supplemental Agreement No. 1 is fully binding on Lessee.

## Rock Island County Forest Preserve District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey D. Craver  
Director

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND ) : ss

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Illinois, personally appeared Jeffrey D. Craver, who being by me duly sworn did say that the person is the Director of said Rock Island County Forest Preserve District; that said instrument was signed on behalf of the said Rock Island County Forest Preserve District by the authority of its governing body and the said Director acknowledge the execution of said instrument to be voluntary act and deed of said Rock Island County Forest Preserve District by it voluntarily executed

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**

I, Karren Kinney, certify that I am the Secretary of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, named as Lessee herein; that Jeffrey D. Craver, who signed the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 on behalf of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, is the Director of the Lessee, that Jeffrey D. Craver was duly authorized to sign and execute said Supplemental Agreement No. 1 on behalf of Lessee, and that execution of said Supplemental Agreement No. 1 is within the scope of Lessee's legal authority.

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Karen Kinney  
Secretary

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND ) : ss

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the State of Illinois, personally appeared Karren Kinney, who being by me duly sworn did say that she is the Secretary of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District and acknowledged that the execution of said instrument to be her voluntary act and deed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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Commissioner Normoyle 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. **Comments from Commissioners: (None)**

Commissioner Adams was recognized.

Mr. Adams stated, "I am glad to see the Zoo Camp is back up and running for the children. My daughter went there and is really excited to go."

President Swanson asked, "May I ask what her age is?"

Mr. Adam stated, "She's five."

President Swanson stated, "Isn't that great?!"

Mr. Adams answered, "Yes."

President Swanson added, "Yeah, some of the online things my grand-kids did and it was fun to watch them engage, but there is nothing like being there."

Mr. Adams added, "She really enjoyed it...being with the animals and stuff like that. I think she might like going there over my house."

(Group laughter)

President Swanson added, "You don't have rhinos. (chuckles) Thank you, Mr. Adams. I really appreciate that. Are there any other questions or comments?"

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

Commissioner Cremeens moved to approve the previous roll call vote.  
Commissioners Normoyle and M. Moreno seconded.

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M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, 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, August 17, 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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