

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
AUGUST 17, 2021 – 7:58 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 22**

D. Johnston, A. Normoyle, R. Morthland

**TOTAL ABSENT 3**

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Ladies and gentleman I want to first let you know that Mike Petersen, the Illiniwek Ranger, was supposed to give us a three-hour presentation on amphibians but he had a frog in his throat...so, he couldn't make it. That's the dad joke of the night."

(Group Laughter)

Commissioner Mielke stated, "We'll find those things at the zoo. (Laughter)"

President Swanson added, "...at the zoo, thank you, sir. Let's plow ahead."

3. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the July 17, 2021, Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "The weather has been wonderful and I am sure you've noticed the parks have been very busy."

(Someone stated something on zoom)

President Swanson stated, "Hello? Hang on one moment... For the sake someone joining us, I will make another call for Public Comment. Are you wishing to make a Public Comment? (Silence) I think that was Mr. Craver is joining us."

Mr. Davis stated, "It is."

President Swanson continued, "If you haven't had a chance to go out and enjoy some of these parks, you really need to. Just to hear people who are coming out for the first time...I saw Mr. Westpfahl out there recently. You've got people coming in from the uh...you know that river looks a lot wider from the other side. But when they come over and see Loud Thunder, they are like why haven't I come out here before? So, if you have not been to Illiniwek, Loud Thunder, Indian Bluff or Niabi, please get out there because it's just amazing. Mr. Mielke, thank you for mentioning Spineless Wonders, although that does not refer to my boy-band of the 1970's. That is a great exhibition that you are going to want to see. Bring the grandkids, it's amazing. So, please get out to the zoo as soon as you can. Thank you for lifting that up. That's it for me. We are going to roll through this."

6. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the FY2021 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$695,334.01, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES**            **21**

**TOTAL NO**            **0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Woods moved to approve the FY2022 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$216,511.21, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2021 Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Beck seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Sowards moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Moline Foundation Grant monies 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-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 \$86.56 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$86.56	131-32-35 337.70 MF21-00-33770	State & Local Grants-Culture & Recreation

**SECTION 3.** An amount of \$86.56 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$86.56	131-32-35 524.00-MF21	Small Tools & Equipment

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

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding the Woodward Community Grant monies for the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, as presented. Commissioners Sowards and Simmer seconded.

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

## 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 \$1,334.00 to be transferred from grant funds already received and unencumbered in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,334.00	131-32-35 337.70 WCGF21-00-33770	State & Local Grants-Culture & Recreation

**SECTION 3.** An amount of \$1,334.00 be transferred from the above described revenue changes in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$276.00	131-32-35 522.00-WCGF21	Operating Supplies
\$1,058.00	131-32-35 524.00-WCGF21	Small Tools & Equipment

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

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

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Commissioner Boswell-Loftin moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Woods moved to approve to lay on display for 30 days the FY2023 Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvement Fund, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the changes to the Regular Part-Time & Temporary Employee Pay Policy, as presented. Commissioners Adams and Sowards seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **21**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

13. **Comments from Commissioners: (Two)**

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "I am working from home two days a week and I can hear the Train whistles from my deck and it makes me happy knowing that...and that too, and that the kids and the parents are out there at the zoo."

President Swanson states, "Thank you, Mr. Mielke. Any other questions or comments or discussion? Oh, please, Mr. Brunk."

Commissioner Brunk was recognized.

Mr. Brunk stated, "I just want to compliment you on your imitation of our former Forest Preserve President, Steve Ballard."

(Group Laughter)

President Swanson states, "I prefer an auctioneer, myself. But thank you, thank you."

Ms. Kinney added, "That's what I was going to say, you'd make a great auctioneer."

(Group Laughter)

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

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

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

**TOTAL YES                    21**

**TOTAL NO                    0**

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 5:30pm, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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