

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 7:18 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

1. Nick Camlin, Chief Deputy County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

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

TOTAL PRESENT 22

D. Clevenger, C. Enburg, E. Langdon

TOTAL ABSENT 3

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much. And, ladies and gentlemen...I want to thank you for being a part of this meeting tonight. It's a special meeting because we are going to hear from Brianna Aust who has one of the coolest job titles I have ever come across. Brianna is a Brand Arsonist at MindFire Communications. She helps organizations like the Forest Preserve Commission to help develop brands that will light a fire. And with that, Brianna...the floor is all yours."

Ms. Aust stated, "Thank you, Kai. That was quite the introduction. Like Kai said, my name is Brianna Aust. I'm with MindFire Communications. We are a full-service branding and marketing agency. We've got team members, at this point, thank you to the pandemic...now, we've got talent all over the country. Um, but our home base is in LeCaire, not too far from Illiniwek...just a hop, skip and a jump over the river. So, we help the Forest Preserve District with their marketing efforts. And, one of our primary focuses is social media marketing. So, we do social media marketing programs for Indian Bluff, Illiniwek and Loud Thunder and we manage those through the primary seasons, May through September or October, depending on how kind Mother Nature is being to us in that year. At the end of the year, we do an analysis report for Jeff, Mike and the guys at the different parks. So, today...I am just going to share a high-level overview with you about a report that we shared with them just last week. So, before we get into the details, I want to start with this question... Why social media? And the answer can be simplified to this... It's a great way and a powerful tool for taking those Districts' strategic messages in front of the right people. So, with digital media and social media like Facebook, there is a high targeting capability; which means we are not just putting good content out there, um...not just spreading the good word of the District. But, we are making though demographic targeting, geographic targeting and behavioral targeting that we are getting the messages in front of the right people in this community. So, we have that all set up in the back end to make sure that those posts with that...the great content, the photos and the videos are not only

going out, but they are getting in front of the right people. So, to summarize that, it's really about social media is targeted. Social Media is cost-effective in comparison to other advertising mediums and it's measurable. I want to talk a little bit about that measurability factor. We want to make sure that the efforts that we are doing for you are not in vain. It comes down to this, social media creates awareness, loyalty and action. At MindFire, we think of this in a funnel. At the top of that funnel is that awareness piece. So, we are using social media to inform the community about the Districts' efforts and our accomplishments in the community about the purpose and the mission of the District. If we go one step further, social media is a powerful tool for creating loyal brand followers. So, we not only want them to be aware of what you are doing, but we are using social media as a tool to have that two-way communication to actually form relationships with the people who are following you....then, of course action as well. We want a desired action after they become a loyal brand follower. That maybe visiting the park...that may be donating to the parks...or, it could just be being a community advocate of the important resources at the District and the parks are for this community. The really awesome and powerful thing about social media is the fact that we can measure awareness, loyalty and action through what we call key performance indicators. What that is, are data points we can pull from Facebook to ensure that we are hitting those marks. So, I am going to call your attention to two different numbers on the screen here. The number that's on your right is, total social media impressions. Social media impressions simplified is, how many eyeballs saw the content that we put out there. This is the total number of impressions that were earned through Indian Bluff, Illiniwek and Loud Thunder for 2021. You can see that number is 1.13 million impressions. That's the number of times the content was seen. Right below that number, you see a 9. That is a comparison number to 2020. Um, 2020 was an outlier...I like to call it 'the I had nothing better to do' effect of everybody's scrolling on their phone...it's called the boring scrolling. And so, across the board with all our clients, we saw impressions higher than average in 2020. So, nothing to be concerned about there. The other number you see here is, total social engagement. Engagement is that loyalty trick. And that means that people were engaged with your content enough to do something else. On social media, that something else is...I 'liked' it or 'loved' it or 'shared' it or I messaged one of the District pages because it moved me to do something more. So, you see from 2020...we had a 30% increase in 2021 and had over 150,000 engagements as you see here between all three parks. To wrap us up here, I just wanted to call out some content that was really resonating at each of the parks and a few key content take-a-ways. At Indian Bluff, and again, I'll go a little bit into the detail on the coming slides...but, Indian Bluff what we know is working is the brand fans and brand champions at Indian Bluff. At Illiniwek, it's all about the mission. It's all about pollinators...it's all about preservation. And then at Loud Thunder, anything that we put out there as far as recreational upgrades...camping, Lake George, um that content goes crazy. So, at Indian Bluff I mentioned it's all about the brand fans there. We know we have regulars that love Indian Bluff. And, we are able to use social media to tell those stories. We like

to use social media to tell stories, but when you can have brand fans tell your story for you, it's an even better story to tell because it's much more authentic. Here is the best post from Indian Bluff this year from a gentleman named Luke. He says, 'I've been playing at Indian Bluff for 25 years or so. They've always been helpful for outings and leagues.' So, this is just one of many posts where somebody who came and experienced the brand were willing to share their story and share a photo. So, we were repurposing that content, putting it out there to of course, engage other people in the community who want to come experience that same thing. We have a ton of feedback on social media about the customer service that they experience out at Indian Bluff and the family-like atmosphere that's created out there. And, of course, you will see at the bottom of this post, here, we always put that easy click for an easy call to action; which is going through to the website in order for people to easily book tee times online or simply pick up the phone and call. Illiniwek, this year...I have to give credit to Mike and the team there...they were regularly texting me photos and videos that we were able to reuse and put out on social media that really got your followers excited. Um...this post here...(on slide) it's about the story-telling. This was a story that was told about the I74 bridge and the Higgins eye mussel. When the construction started on the I74 Bridge, for conservation of that endangered species...those were removed from that construction site and were relocated to sites such as the Illiniwek shores to conserve that species. This post had a viral effect. It got hundreds of shares and likes. So, anything that we put out, again, that's mission-oriented in regards to endangered species like the Rusty-Patch Bumble Bee or the Indiana Bat, people are gonna go crazy over. Um, anything with prairie, forest restoration, wildlife...uh, that's where we are seeing the most engagement...that's our highest performing post for Illiniwek. Anything with recreation also performs really well. Um, specifically, the partnership Illiniwek and Dorrance Park has with FORK...and anything about new trail features people get really excited about and we see things like, 'I can't wait to come out and check it out.' (Shows slide) This is an example from I74, and the Higgin's eye mussel post, you can see that there was 500 people that reacted to that...93 comments and 257 shares. You know, social media is an amazing tool because, again, we are able to have that 2-way communication where we are responding on behalf of Illiniwek. We get comments like, 'That's so awesome' and 'So proud of this!', 'Whoo Hoo, so proud of Ranger, Mike!'. So, those are the engagements we love to see. Lastly, we have Loud Thunder. Um, as I mentioned before, anything in terms of recreational upgrades is a big win on Loud Thunder's Facebook page. Specifically, of course, the big news of this year was the 16 new poll service sites that opened around the horse coral. Anytime we posted about that, it got very high engagement and very high impressions. I think the Kayak launch was put in at Lake George two years ago and we are still posting about that because people are really excited about that. They are excited to come try it out. Um, and then...similar to Illiniwek, we got high engagement on mission-oriented posts. Ya know, the prairie and forest restoration and the Bee boxes that got put in this year that are now harvesting honey...really high engagement with that too. So, social media is just a really

powerful way to be able to tell the story of the District. But, what we always like to do is do these recaps at the end of the year to show what is resonating the most and what people are getting really excited about so, we can be really smart in how we go about implementing this program next year. We want to know that what we are doing is working and want to pivot our approach on things that could use improvement. So, with that...I know that was a lot of information in a short amount of time. I am happy to take questions. Otherwise, I will be around for the rest of the meeting and I am available for questions in the back."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any questions? Please, Mr. McNeil."

Commissioner McNeil was recognized.

Mr. McNeil asked, "A real quick question. Great information! I know that in social media, organic sharing is better than the paid programming. What are your strategies to improve organic sharing and then, what can Members of the County Board do to help?"

Ms. Aust answered, "Oh, absolutely! In our eyes, we don't...um, any interaction, whether it be organic or paid is a win in our book. Um, we like to say social media is a pay to play platform, especially for businesses. We are putting boost enhancements behind each of your posts to put them in front of people that may not be following your page yet. That's going to get them engaged with your brand and then they are going to start following your page. In terms of what you can do, those impressions and those engagement numbers only go up when you are sharing this content out. So, to answer that part of your question, to do something that excites you...be a champion for this District and share that good news out because the more you share, the more Facebook and the Facebook algorithm is going to put that in front of more people."

Mr. McNeil stated, "Thanks!"

Ms. Aust added, "Good question!"

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other questions for Brianna? Well, I would just like to note when she's talking about some of the experiences we've had...just remember only a few years ago, the Board wasn't really doing any of this and I don't think it would be possible without the partnership of MindFire. Uh...so, I know the Members of the Executive Committee here, visits a little more frequently, but it's an investment for us. For those Commissioners who are not active on social media, that doesn't let you off the hook from sharing. There are other ways you can do it. You can tell a friend or a church or other organization you are a part of, 'Hey, why not have the picnic at Loud Thunder or why not have the outing at Indian Bluff?' that kind of thing. That's something we can all do. But, if any Member of the Commission has any questions about getting more involved in

social media, you are very welcome to contact me, and I will put you in touch with a Sophomore at Augustana who can tell you how to do it all. But for now, if there are no other questions for Brianna? I want to thank you for your efforts. Thank you very much."

Ms. Aust replied, "Absolutely! Thank you."

(Group applause)

3. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the October 19, 2021, Forest Preserve Commission meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, D. Beck, K. Bogdonas, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, M. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, 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, "Just some brief comments from the President: The Parks are now closed for the season. It's been a very good year. Niabi had a much better year once the restrictions were lifted. With the expected drop in temperatures, golf...playable days are becoming fewer and further in between. And, seasonal operations are coming to a close. Staff will now be working in forest management plans with the parks and winter preparation and maintenance. I just want to once again...and I think it's on behalf of everybody in this room who is a Commissioner, they are owed thanks to Mr. Craver and the professional team. Top to bottom, what you've done has been just extraordinary. And what you give...so many opportunities for families in our community and individuals, and I want to thank you for that. Uh, there will be time for Commissioner's Comments later."

6. Commissioner McNeil moved to approve the Claims and Forest Preserve Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$253,279.50, as presented. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

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.

7. Commissioner Brunk moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2022 Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

Commissioner Normoyle 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. Cremeens, J. Deppe, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "I will next suggest for the following two items, unless there is an objection from the floor? Hearing none."

8. Commissioner Deppe moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Fund FY22 appropriation amendments – Animal Experiences and to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Fund FY22 appropriation amendments – Rhinoceros Shade Structure, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

RE: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Appropriation Amendments-A

WHEREAS, due to the closure of the Budgie Feeding experience at Niabi Zoo due to potential transmission from human to human or human to animal of COVID 19, and

WHEREAS, earned revenues for Animal Feeding Experiences 131-32-347.27 in Niabi Zoo Fund #131 associated in providing these services are being amended to reflect the reduction in services provided, 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 \$12,000.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$12,000.00	131-32 347.27	Animal Feeding Experiences

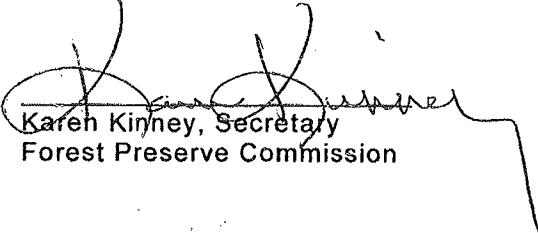
SECTION 3. Expenditures in the amount of \$12,000.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$7,000.00	131-32-10 411.10	Salaries & Wages
\$5,000.00	131-32-08 522	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 November, 2021.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

RE: Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Appropriation Amendments-B

WHEREAS, a shade structure was needed in the rhino exhibit to provide comfort and meet the most basic of zoological exhibit requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Niabi Zoo and Forest Preserves of Rock Island County Foundation raised funds specifically for Niabi Zoo to make improvements to have a rhinoceros on display, 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 \$7,409.50 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$7,409.50	131-32 364.10	Contributions from Private Sources

SECTION 3. Expenditures in the amount of \$7,409.50 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

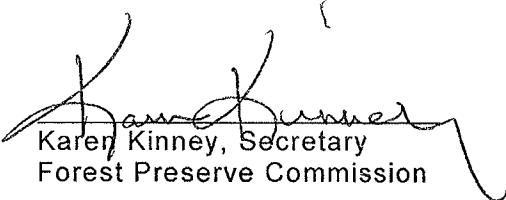
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$7,409.50	131-32-08 763	Infrastructure \$2,000-14,999

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 November, 2021.



Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, K. Bogdonas, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, M. Burns,
D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland,
A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl,
J. Woods

TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the
Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17, as presented.
Commissioner Thompson seconded.

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

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

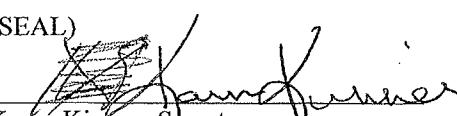
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-01-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on November 21, 2017, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 11-01-17, adopted November 21, 2017, collectively, the "**Bond Ordinance**"), the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2021 (to be received in 2022) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on November 30, 2017, with such County Clerk), as follows:

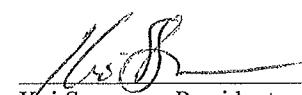
<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u>	
<u>For the Year 2021,</u>	<u>To Continue After Abatement</u>	<u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>
	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>	
\$346,502.50	-0-	\$346,502.50

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2021, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 11-01-17 shall be given effect according to its terms.

The Issuer has complied with the Bond Ordinance requirements preliminary to the execution and filing of this Abatement Certificate.

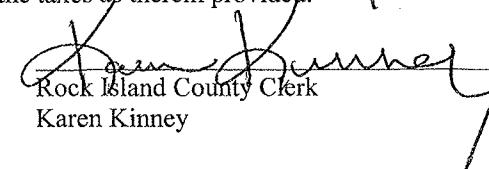
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Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 16th day of November, 2021 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance, as shown above) the taxes as therein provided.


Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

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

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

TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Normoyle moved to waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401, as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

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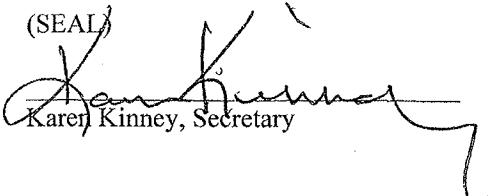
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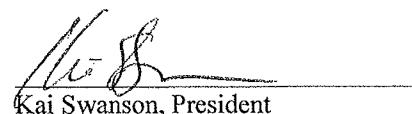
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-0401, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on April 19, 2016, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 2016-0401, adopted April 19, 2016, collectively, the "Bond Ordinance"), the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2021 (to be received in 2022) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on June 29, 2016, with such County Clerk), as follows:

<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u>	<u>To Continue After Abatement</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
<u>For the Year 2021,</u>		<u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	
\$352,550.00		-0-	\$352,550.00

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2021, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 2016-0401 shall be given effect according to its terms.

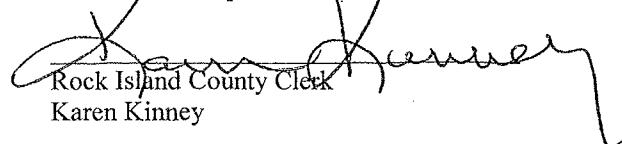
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(SEAL)

Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson, President

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Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

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

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TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation Pollinator Bluff Acquisition Grant Award Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

President Swanson stated, "I would like to dwell on this for just a moment anticipating questions...and Mr. Craver, I didn't know if you want to come up because you've done so much work on this grant, I think you should have the honor of announcing the tally just like my hero, Jim King, used to do on the old telethon days. Uh, you are going to have to be at a mic so the folks at home can hear you. I should have warned you. But please inform the Commission what this motion would do. Could you use Ms. Enburg's seat? Thank you."

Mr. Craver stated, "The motion on the table pertains to the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation Grant. The Illinois Clean Energy Foundation has a land acquisition program. Uh, the District was awarded \$1,033,200.00 for the acquisition or the potential acquisition of three properties, it's just a couple of miles south of Illiniwek Forest Preserve. They border...uh, one directly borders I80 and Rt 92 there and there is another property in close proximity...a single private parcel uh, splits it. If you are familiar with Denhardt Road, um...both properties are within proximity there. I've sent out maps and reported on it earlier in previous months. The award is 80% of the purchase price of the three targeted properties in that area."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Craver. So, we are clear, accepting this motion means that we are accepting the kind offer of a million dollars, but there will be a couple subsequent motions to meet the contingencies in that grant award. I want to make sure everyone is clear on that. We are only voting now on the acceptance of the award. Are there any further questions or comments?"

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

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TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson added, "Congratulations, Mr. Craver...that's a lot of work."

12. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve the contingent land acquisition of approximately 89.38 acres from Miller Holdings, LLC with amendment, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve the contingent land acquisition of approximately 82.2 acres from Erie State Bank, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

Commissioner Normoyle 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. Cremeens, J. Deppe, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES **21**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "I would like to thank our colleague, Kristine Bogdonas, for a great article about kindness in the workplace. And I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving next week."

President Swanson answered, "Thank you, very much. I hope you had a chance to see that column. If you didn't, send me an email and I'll send you the link. It's great column on gratitude and its health benefits. I hope you get a chance to see it. Thank you, Mr. Deppe. Are there any other comments from Commissioners? Okay, we still have one more item of business left."

15. Commissioner Adams moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES **21**

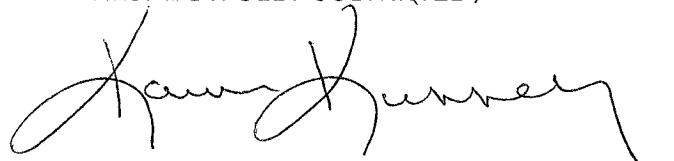
TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, December 21, 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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