

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 11, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Committee members - K. Swanson, E. Sowards, D. Cremeens(via Zoom), A. Normoyle, L. Moreno(via Zoom), R. Simmer(via Zoom), J. Woods(via Zoom).

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Zoo Director; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek Ranger; Todd Collins, Club House Manager; Jay Verstraete, Golf Course Superintendent(via Zoom); Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger(via Zoom); April Palmer, Auditor(via zoom); Louisa Ewert, Treasurer(via Zoom); Kurt Davis, Information Systems Director.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 8:33 AM on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, in the third floor chambers at the Rock Island County Building in Rock Island, Illinois.

K. Swanson, D. Cremeens, A. Normoyle, J. Woods, R. Simmer, E. Sowards. (L. Moreno arrived after roll was called)

**TOTAL PRESENT 7**

**TOTAL ABSENT 0**

President Swanson called for a motion approving the December Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the December Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Roll was called:

K. Swanson, D. Cremeens, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, J. Woods, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES 6**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$140,622.11.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$140,622.11. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Sowards moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Sowards moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Resolutions pertaining to the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the Resolutions pertaining to the semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Sowards moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson made three calls for public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson asked the Committee members if anyone had any questions regarding the routine reports of the District, or if anyone wished to bring attention to something from their report. Then asked Mr. Jackson for an update on the finch fox pups.

Mr. Jackson stated that the almost all have gone to their new homes. There is one last one to go to Australia, and Niabi will be getting a new male to mate with the current female. Regarding the painted dog fundraising efforts, met with the Carver Trust to request funds. Also looking at a Niabi Zoo calendar.

Ms. Normoyle asked if it would be a standard January to December calendar, or if it would be starting with a different month, or be an 18-month calendar.

Mr. Jackson stated that it would be the standard January to December type of calendar. However, it probably won't be available until February.

President Swanson asked Mr. Petersen what the most important/exciting part of the new land would be.

Mr. Petersen stated that conservation would definitely be the most exciting part, but in close second was being able to provide more space for people to enjoy nature.

Ms. Normoyle asked if there was an overview for the restoration projects that would need.

Mr. Petersen stated that there was a general overview. Once the properties are officially purchased, there will be a detailed plan drawn up. The fields that exist will be planted with prairie, and invasive species will be removed from the understory.

President Swanson asked Mr. Collins if there was anything he'd like to bring attention to from his report.

Mr. Collins stated that the numbers for 2021 were great.

Mr. Craver mentioned that Mr. Mills and Mr. Verstraete were on the line if there were any questions for them.

President Swanson asked if Mr. Mills and Mr. Verstraete would like to lift anything up from their reports.

Mr. Mills stated that staff has been working on standard winter maintenance removing hazard trees and doing equipment maintenance.

Mr. Verstraete stated that staff at the golf course are doing much the same.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the routine reports of the District Department heads.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the routine reports of the District Department heads. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Roll was called:

K. Swanson, D. Cremeens, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, J. Woods, R. Simmer, L. Moreno.

**TOTAL YES**      7  
**TOTAL NO**      0

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to go into closed session per ILCS120/2 (c) Exceptions: (5) Discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to enter closed session. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Cremeens, E. Sowards, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, L. Moreno, J. Woods, K. Swanson.

**TOTAL YES**      7  
**TOTAL NO**      0

Motion carried.

Closed session began 8:55 AM

Closed session ended 9:10 AM

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Submitted by:  
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