

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Zoo Director; Todd Collins, Club House Manager(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, February 8, 2022, 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.

**TOTAL PRESENT 7**

**TOTAL ABSENT 0**

President Swanson called for a motion approving the January Committee meeting and closed session minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the January Committee meeting and closed session minutes. Mr. Cremeens 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 approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$135,828.73.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$135,828.73. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Dennhardt Purchase Agreement.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Dennhardt Purchase Agreement. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Dr. Simmer asked if there were any changes to the agreement that was approved last month.

Mr. Craver stated that there were no changes to the approved agreement. Mr. Dennhardt would only accept the appraised price, and that is the price that was in the grant. Closing will likely be end of March or beginning of April.

**MOTION:** Ms. Woods moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson made three calls for public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson stated that the next item was a discussion on the name of the new East Moline Preserve. There are a couple of preserves that have their names inspired by Native American tribes or people of note from the area. Last month Amowaki was suggested as a name. Amowaki means Bees/Pollinators in Sauk.

Ms. Normoyle stated that she liked the name for all the reasons stated, and it is also relatively easy to spell and say.

Dr. Simmer and Ms. Woods concurred.

President Swanson stated that he would take some time and put together a paragraph to go with the suggestion.

Ms. Normoyle asked if there had been any kind of mention to the public regarding this name.

President Swanson answered that it had not been announced or brought to the public's attention.

There was general consensus to put together some information to share with the public regarding the naming of the new preserve.

President Swanson asked if there were any questions for staff regarding the reports, or if there were any items to bring special attention to from the reports.

Ms. Palmer stated that the audit, which has long been delayed due to Covid hitting the external auditing team, is very nearly finished.

Ms. Ewert stated that it would benefit the District to reach out to local Native American Communities and ask for their input/opinion on the proposed name.

Mr. Jackson stated that Niabi had received a \$160,000.00 grant for the painted dogs exhibit. Looking for summer help has been a struggle the last few years, and trying to get the word out as much as possible for the upcoming season.

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

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Cremeens moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Submitted by:  
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