

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2022**

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

ABSENT: R. Simmer

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; April Palmer, Auditor(via zoom); Louisa Ewert, Treasurer; Kurt Davis, Information Systems.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the third floor chambers of the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

K. Swanson, A. Normoyle, J. Woods, D. Cremeens, E. Sowards(via zoom), L. Moreno(via zoom).

TOTAL PRESENT 6

R. Simmer.

TOTAL ABSENT 1

President Swanson called for a motion approving the September Committee meeting and Public Hearing minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Cremeens moved to approve the September Committee meeting and Public Hearing minutes. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Roll was called:

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

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 \$202,005.74.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$202,005.74. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding fiscal year 2023 Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the resolution regarding fiscal year 2023 Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the fiscal year 2023 Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the resolution regarding the fiscal year 2023 Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the 2022 Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Audit Fund, and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund.

MOTION: Ms. Woods moved to approve the resolution regarding the 2022 Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Audit Fund, and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the District Capital Assets Suggested Useful Life Policy.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the District Capital Assets Suggested Useful Life Policy. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Fixed Asset Procedure.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the Fixed Asset Procedure. Dr. Moreno 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 Forest Preserve District Inventory Procedure.

MOTION: Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the Forest Preserve District Inventory Procedure. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked if any department head wanted to lift anything up from their reports.

Mr. Craver stated that when the zoo applied for the grant for the painted dog exhibit the deadline for turning in all grant bills was November 2023. That has recently changed to June 30, 2023. Staff is re-prioritizing this project in order to be able to make that deadline. That may require a special meeting being scheduled in order to complete the bid process in time for the project to be done in early June.

President Swanson called for a motion to authorize the scheduling of a special meeting, including online, to facilitate the painted dog project.

MOTION: Ms. Woods moved to approve the authorization for scheduling of a special meeting, including online, to facilitate the painted dog project. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Craver stated that there was an opportunity to expand Illiniwek. Stone's Apple Barn is looking to sell land that is adjacent to Illiniwek; it does come with a big price tag. At

this point, staff is looking for the go ahead to speak with the owner about purchase. If there is a willingness to sell to the District, then staff would look into applying for grants and donations as was done with Amôwa.

There was general consensus that staff could contact the owner and have a conversation about the purchase.

Mr. Craver concluded by stating that the City of Rock Island had the discussion of the purchase of the previously discussed wet land property at their meeting this month. There appear to be no issues or concerns with the land.

President Swanson stated that he had seen the report on the property, and things do look clear.

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

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

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Submitted by:
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