

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 18, 2022 – 6:13 PM  
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 20**

K. Bogdonas, M. Burns D. Clevenger, R. Simmer, J R Westpfahl

**TOTAL ABSENT 5**

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Clerk Kinney and very grateful for that. And, I want to throw my thanks to the Farm Bureau too. I got to do that with a grandchild last year and wanted to go with a different grandchild, but some different things intervened. Hopefully, in the future. Thank you, it's a great opportunity for all Members. If you haven't had the opportunity, you really should do it. Alright, it's my great pleasure to introduce a guest speaker tonight who you might know because you go through all of these reports at the Forest Preserve District thrives through partnerships. Tonight, we are going to celebrate one of those partnerships, we are joined by Angella Moorehouse, the Natural Areas Preservation Specialist for the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. Ma'am, the floor is all yours. If you could be somewhat close to the mic because some of the people at home...thank you."

Ms. Moorehouse answered, "Sure! Okay, I am very honored that you gave me this opportunity to speak. Jeff and I have been working together off and on...it's been a long time. I am about actually across from Keokuk, Iowa...so I am quite a ways to the south...so it takes about 2 ½ hours to get here. But, I do end up coming up to the Quad Cities because there is a lot more happening in some of the urban populations. So, I spend a lot of time in Peoria and the Quad Cities as well. I work very closely with the Peoria Park District which is a little bit different than Forest Preserve Districts...but, they actually have about 2,000 acres enrolled in our programs and they have been absolutely wonderful partners to work with. And so, I am going to rely on that experience in my talk with you. (Presentation/slide show had technical difficulties for a moment...) There we go. Just to give you a little bit of a background on the Nature Preserves Commission, the Commission was established in 1963. We didn't get any staff until later in about 1968 to 1970. We started out with a couple staff. I actually came on in 1996, so I have been around for a while. I didn't initially have a Rock Island County, I was given that as my duties expanded in about 2000. So, I have been working with this county for 22 years now. So, I do have a little bit of experience here. So, basically, the Nature

Areas Preserves was created by the Illinois statutes...a citizen body appointed by the Governor, they have nine (9) Commissioners that basically work with the staff and basically make the decisions and guide our Nature Preserves protection and our regulations. Just to give you a map of where we all are, (shows slide) right now, I cover west central Illinois. We have a vacancy up in the Northwest corner. So, I have been going all the way along the Mississippi River up to Jo Davies County and covering that. That takes four hours or so to get up there...that's a long day when I have to drive up there. Fortunately, we can do a lot through Zoom. And when going to that county, I rely heavily on our partnerships. I could not do my job without partnerships. That's way too big of an area for me, so I have to rely on my partnerships and so that's what it's all about and moving forward...that is just going to become more and more important. They are basically funding less government and more contractual. So, we've become supervisors and we write plans and supervise contractors to do the jobs we used to do. (Next slide) This is just a, basically a map depicting the locations of our lands and waters preserves. That's our two programs within the State...you can see all the dots. Those are all of the protected sites that we deal with. Nature Preserves have been around since 1963...this is a little bit old, but there are over 400 Nature Preserves. Land and Water Preserves started in 1995, just before I started...and so, there are over 200 land and water preserves. I apologize, this isn't a very good map, but I just kind of wanted to show you some of the sites within Rock Island County. Three of which are protected nature preserves...that's Blackhawk, Elton Fox, those are both owned by the Department of Natural Resources. And Joshua Lindahl Hill Prairie is owned by Augustana College. All the other dots and markers are basically natural area inventory sites that we are interested in because they have high quality significance from a State Wide prospective. So that's one of the reasons why I am here...you basically have a lot of protective sites; which are owned by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District that we are interested in working together to protect. There are three of them there (slides)...I am going to go through those. One of the easiest to get to and one of my favorites is the Indian Bluff Hill Prairie. So, that's basically, the hillside as you go into the Indian Bluff Golf Course. You see all of those beautiful flowers, that is a hill prairie. One of those flowers is a State endangered species...I'll show you a picture of that in a minute. It's basically that whole ridge there. It's a really high-quality prairie. About 10 or 12 years ago, we came into some extra money and were able to hire contractors to be able to work on some of these sites that were outside of our protection programs simply because we wanted to make sure we protected hill prairies. Hill prairies are these small little tiny area prairies that exist on hills, overgrown and overrun by a lot of brush. And so, keeping these open and maintained by these communities is really valuable for us. And that is one that is so easy to get to. What I love about those sites is it is so easy to get to...everybody who drives by can actually physically see that hill prairie. It is such a nice site...and I would love the opportunity to go out there and be able to partner and share in protecting that site. (Next slide) In this next picture, it shows the plant on the top that is the State endangered Ghani Painted Cup and the other one is just some

Hoary Puccoons. It just kind of gives you some perspective standing on the hill prairie looking down toward the airport and some of the industrial stuff down there. It's just a nice little tiny jewel there. Some of the other sites...this one is the Illiniwek Forest Preserve; which is also adjoined to the Elton Fox - Bald Eagle Refuge, I think it's called...and that is owned by the DNR and a lot of that is protected in the nature preserve. Of course, the Illiniwek site is not. I think there is a piece of a private land in between the two that is unprotected. So, we are very interested in working together...and, I participated in a bio-blitz back in 2021; which I do insects...so, I was working very hard in a 24-hour period to try to identify all of the insects I can. That's fun for me, it's kind of a competition thing. It's basically all of the biology you can find in 24 hours. I like insects because we never run out of insects in 24 hours and it's my ability to find them. (Next slide) And just a few pictures from Illiniwek, you may be familiar with the Federally listed endangered Rusty Patch Bumble Bee. That was found there several years ago. I found one in a bio-blitz, but it was wet because it was raining and they weren't quite sure that's what it was, but the next week the fish and water service found more of them and it was confirmed. The wasp in the bottom, I just want you to know that was taken in that new ballfield prairie at Illiniwek. It just got published in a recent book, not my book...but one of my friends published a book on wasps and so that made it into the book. I am working on a book called True Bugs and I am sure that some of the pictures from the Quad Cities area will end up in that book. At the top, is a bergamot sweat bee...it is a really rare bee and it's nice to find it there. And lastly for the natural inventory sites is Loud Thunder. We had a bio-blitz there I think in 2017. This area is actually a very small portion of Loud Thunder, but that is an area that the State finds significant because there are two listed plant species...there is an Orchid and a Club Moss that were found down there by the river trail. So, that is one of the reasons why I am here it to talk about how important those sites are. And then the next site...this was from the bio-blitz...it's just some examples of some of the bugs. We pinned them and took a picture of some of the bug diversity we found down there. Then, in the new site which you have recently acquired, I don't know what...did the clean energy community funded money for that...is that right? Okay, and as a condition in them providing some funds is for acquisition a lot of times, they ask the owners of the recipients of the grant work with us to see if they will enroll in one of our conservation easement programs. And so, that's one of the reasons why I am here. I am not sure if this qualifies here...if we find a Rusty Patch Bumble Bee or a listed Bat species, that would probably be the easiest route to go or if the forest community is high enough quality, then it will qualify. The thing about our sites is we will only protect the highest quality sites because this is a strong form of legal protection. And, if we were protecting everything, we would be blocking roads, blocking telecommunication and lots of things and we don't want that happening everywhere. We just want the small tiny treasures protected. That way, we have a little more teeth to protect those. Okay, just to give you a little bit of background between our two programs. The Nature Preserves and the Land and Water Preserves are the two conservation programs. Most of these are...generally, these are permanent protection. Preserve is always

permanent and Land and Water has the option to do like 20-year automatic renewals but we don't do those very often anymore because it is just too much work for us. It's just so much easier to just sign it up permanently for permanent protection. Easements are held by the Nature Preserves Commission and the Department of Natural Resources...so, it's a partnership. Well...it's kind of a complicated relationship...yes, I work for the Nature Preserves Commission and I work for the Department of Natural Resources. They pay my bills and I answer to the Department of Natural Resources as well...but we try to be somewhat independent because we are the overseers of the easements for the land owned by the Department of Natural Resources. They cannot basically, supervise themselves. They need an independent body and that is our commission. Our Commissioners are not State employees. So, they are independent. We are half and half...we answer to them but we answer to the Department of Natural Resources. So, it is kind of a confusing relationship...that's how it works in the State of Illinois. Dedication of Nature Preserves. A Nature Preserve is the highest form of protection. This is what moves roads, this is what blocks utilities and sewers. Basically, they are sites known by the (Inaudible) they move the road around because they want to protect some land. So, it's a big deal. And a lot of individuals trying to protect their sites from certain things. If they have...they must have high quality land or some significant feature. But, we can work with the companies and typically divert them from the high quality, sensitive areas if we have Nature Preserves because that is just considered such a high form... and it is so important in the State of Illinois. It does supersede seizures by eminent domains. There is a reduction in taxes for private land owners, the preserves are taxed at \$1.00 an acre. A lump for protection is ensured so...a lot of times, this land over generations...being on the commission now for 26 years, in some cases some of my sites have gone through multiple generations. In some cases, I am on the third generation now...and so, different generations may not have the same feeling as mom and dad, grandpa or if it is sold...what the original land owners wanted for that. But, because those original land owners laid out how they wanted the land protected, we honor their wishes. And so, they have the ability to protect their land even when they don't own it anymore. It stays with the land. We do provide assistance for inventory and monitoring for plants and animals. We try to provide technical assistance to manage it and conduct prescribed fires to do for invasive species to control. I can usually get small amounts of money...larger amounts of money can be more difficult, but we hope that changes with the budget. Registration of Land and Water Reserves is one that a lot of times...interestingly enough with the Peoria Parks District always chose nature preserves. But, a lot of times, municipalities and land owners interested in more recreation choose the land and water reserve options. A lot of times with the Clean Energy Community Foundation, they choose the land and water preserve because it's more flexible to allow for more recreation. You can have a little areas set aside for camping...you can have cross country skiing, bike trials and things like that are worked into the management plan at the time of registration. It doesn't have as high a form of protection. In other words, if a utility company wants to come through...they

would have to prove that it is for the public good to allow that. So, lots of times what we negotiate is some mitigation we allow it to happen on the edge of the property. So, there is a little bit of flexibility on all sides for that. It doesn't provide as high a level of tax breaks for private land owners. It's basically taxed at the lowest rate of waste land or forest land. Once again, there is assistance provided for management and for surveys near and far. Allowable uses...the Nature Preserve is so protective, it's a lot more restrictive. We can allow deer hunting now because deer have become deemed somewhat invasive, they have been eating up all our plants in the hill prairies and things like that. We do allow deer hunting as a management tool. There are some other things like bicycling and horseback riding if there are established trails that are established prior to dedication or that plan was established prior to dedication, that can be allowed. Whereas, with the Land and Water reserve, we have a lot more flexibility to work that in later along. Both, we measure for threat and species and community restoration...we certainly want hiking, we want people looking around, seeing these sites and doing educational opportunities. We have permits for Universities and schools doing educational projects. That's permits mostly so we know what's going on and we want those results as well so, everybody stays in touch with everybody. We do have scientific research...like I said, it's proven by plans, bird and nature photography. We want to encourage people to use these sites. How are lands eligible? I keep talking about the State-wide significance. How are these are important? We have a list of natural area inventory of all of the States' sites in the state that have been deemed...most of them have either high-quality horticulture communities which is what the European settlers would have seen had they got here. Of course, nothing is like it used to be, but they are deemed the closest to that. Also, habitat supported and endangered and threatened species...obviously, plants, insects, animals. Not many insects yet, but we are working on that. Also, unusual concentrations like mussel beds, heron rookeries...formerly Bald-Eagle roost. That's one of the reasons that Elton Fox was protected was for the Bald-Eagle roost. Eagles are making a comeback...I think I saw three adult Bald Eagles on my way today. And that was out in the middle, that was not on the rivers...it was out in the middle kind of away from the major rivers. Significant Geological sites...I am not a Geologist, so we have to rely on the Illinois State Geological Survey. Same thing with Archeological sites. We rely on the cultural resource coordinator within the DNR and the Illinois Archeological Survey to let us know when archeological sites are significant. And then the commission also has the purview to decide if a site qualifies, because they say it does. So, they don't like to do that, they like to have sites that are already on our inventory or geological and archeological significant sites. They can do it. Sometimes sites kind of fall through the cracks and we know they are important...the State-wide significant but sometimes they don't meet our criteria. And they have the right to be able to approve them anyway. If you build a Land and Water reserve...it's just for land and water reserves, but we are flexible because it's such a flexible program. So, forests that are greater than 100 acres in size, that are providing habitat for four sets of sensitive breeding species...usually,

that's birds, grasslands (80 acres), wetlands (50 acres), prairies (20 acres) and railroad prairie remnants that are a mile in length. Those all qualify for a Land and Water reserve but not necessarily for a Nature Preserve program. Community restoration...so, planted prairies that have high quality examples that are existing within the region. If there is nothing else in the region, we will take reconstructions. Right now, it seems the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee seems to be found on these reconstructions. It was a former ball field at Illini and here we've got the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee coming in. It wasn't there before, it was a ball field. It was no habitat...so, we built it and they came. That's one of the things that's really exciting, especially, the Rusty Patch Bumble Bee...it seems like if they are already in the area, we can build it and they will come. In summary, I will show off...(next slide). This is my butterfly that I am in charge of...its leading on the State endangered and threatened species list. It's one of my favorites, found in the sand prairies mostly in the Kankakee sands south of Havana are the two major paces... and up by Thompson and Fulton, there is a small population up there. But that is the Regal Fritillary...very beautiful. That's a male...he is a very beautiful butterfly. Uh, a nature dedication is often the best choice when you want that high level form of protection. Something like Indian Bluff, I couldn't imagine that anything is ever going to be built on top of that Hill prairie. I hope not...so, having a nature preserve would be compatible for that because you are not going to hunt it...it's right next to a road, so you are not going to hunt it. You are not going to have bike trails going up and down it or a ski slope. So, this is something that makes sense to think about Nature Preserve Dedication; whereas, potentially at Loud Thunder and Illiniwek you may want more heavy recreational use. And so, the Land and Waters would probably be more applicable. And, the same thing for the new track that you just acquired...it might be better for Land and Water reserves. So, I hope that we can continue this partnership. I am happy to come back up for more discussions. I am here now, if you have any questions for me? Thank you so much for letting me come here."

President Swanson stated, "I thank you. Let's see if anyone has any questions for Ms. Moorehouse? I have one quick one...I seem to recall that there's a very endangered species of Thistle that can only be found on the Hill Prairies. Do we have that out at Indian Bluff?"

Ms. Moorehouse stated, "Used to be. (Overlapping)"

President Swanson asked, "Oh, used to be?"

Ms. Moorehouse answered, "It's called Hills Thistle. It's be delisted."

President Swanson stated, "Oh good!"

Ms. Moorehouse added, "Strangely enough, Hills Thistle it is found at the Joshua Lindahl Hill Prairie owned by Augustana College. But strangely enough, it's doing

well in Illinois, especially in pastures...obviously cows don't like or eat thistle. So, it's doing well in Illinois...but, everywhere outside of Illinois, it's not."

President Swanson asked, "Really?"

Ms. Moorehouse continued, "So, it is on our watch list to keep an eye on. We have enough populations secure enough in Illinois to delist it."

President Swanson stated, "Great!"

Ms. Moorehouse added, "That's a success story, I guess."

President Swanson stated, "That's a success story. Friends, thank you...any other questions you might have for Ms. Moorehouse? Well, then I would ask you in please thanking Ms. Moorehouse. You came all the way up here for this presentation and we are glad you did. Thank you."

(Group Applause)

3. Commissioner McNeil moved to approve the September 20, 2022, Commission Minutes, as presented. Commissioners L. Moreno and Thompson seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (NONE)** Three calls were made for Public Comment.

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "No President's Comments this month."

6. Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the Old and New Fiscal Year Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$202,005.74, as presented. Commissioner Cremeens seconded.

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding FY 23 Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
FY 23 Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, Illiniwek Forest Preserve was awarded \$200,000.00 from the Illinois Recreation Trail Grant program to construct a new restroom facility and make trail improvements, and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Recreation Trail Grant program is a reimbursable grant, and

**WHEREAS**, engineering and construction document work has been performed, 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. Expenditures in the amount of \$1,892.50 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Development of Forests & Capital Improvements #335 to the following:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$1,892.50	335-32-35 765 RTP 23	Construction in Progress

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$1,892.50 shall be increased in the Development of Forests & Capital Improvements #335 to the following:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$1,892.50	335-32-35 334.70 RTP 23	State Grants

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Enburg moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner M. Moreno-Baker seconded.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Mielke moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding FY 23 Niabi Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
FY 2023 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, Niabi Zoo was awarded \$433,000.00 from the Illinois Public Museum Grant program to construct a new Prairie Dog exhibit, and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Museum Grant program is a reimbursable grant, and

**WHEREAS**, architectural and construction document work has been performed, 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. Expenditures in the amount of \$3,202.93 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

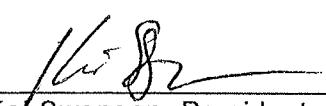
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$3,202.93	131-32-35 765 MCPD24	Construction in Progress

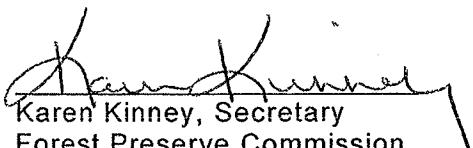
SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$3,202.93 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$3,202.93	131-32-35 334.70 MCPD24	State Grants

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe,  
C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker,  
R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Sowards moved 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 Improvement Fund, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

(Note\*\* the Ordinances are in .pdf format and begin on the next page.)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

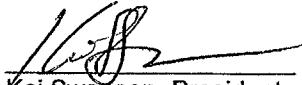
SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2023 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2024 the sum of **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **FOREST PRESERVE GENERAL FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
Salaries & Wages	\$1,306,216	\$-0-	\$1,306,216
Personal Benefits	343,889	285,105	58,784
Uniforms	6,900	6,900	-0-
Operating Supplies	325,579	325,579	-0-
Professional Development	13,410	13,410	-0-
Professional Services	251,617	251,617	-0-
Public Utilities	97,435	97,435	-0-
Machinery & Equipment	285,270	285,270	-0-
Infrastructure	13,000	13,000	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	140,428	140,428	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	205,000	205,000	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	25,000	25,000	-0-
Transfer To Other Agency	85,072	85,072	-0-
Transfer To Other Funds	27,369	27,369	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,126,185</b>	<b>\$1,761,185</b>	<b>\$1,365,000</b>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			\$2,483,879
Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$1,365,000	
OTHER INCOME		<u>\$1,761,185</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$3,126,185</b>
Estimated Expenditures			\$5,610,064
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2024			<u>\$(3,126,185)</u>
			<u>\$2,483,879</u>

**2022 Taxes Hereby Levied \$1,365,000**

**SECTION TWO:** That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

**SECTION THREE:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.



Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective



Attest: Karen Kinney  
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
Salaries & Wages	\$1,768,360	\$143,360	\$1,625,000
Personal Benefits	363,257	363,257	-0-
Uniforms & Clothing	10,640	10,640	-0-
Operating Supplies	635,447	635,447	-0-
Professional Development	3,840	3,840	-0-
Professional Services	380,801	380,801	-0-
Public Utilities	119,840	119,840	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	35,000	35,000	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	300,000	300,000	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	53,700	53,700	-0-
Machine & Equipment	81,425	81,425	-0-
Infrastructure	68,000	68,000	-0-
<u>Transfer to Other Agency</u>	<u>173,572</u>	<u>173,572</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,993,882</b>	<b>\$2,368,882</b>	<b>\$1,625,000</b>

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023 **\$957,519**

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,625,000
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$2,412,065</u>

**TOTAL** **\$4,037,065**

Estimated Expenditures

**\$4,994,584**

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2024

**\$(3,993,882)**

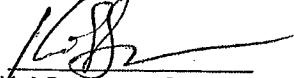
**\$1,000,702**

**2022 Taxes Hereby Levied - \$1,625,000**

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shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

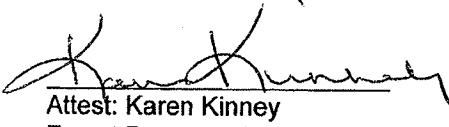
SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.



Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective



Attest: Karen Kinney  
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

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Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Retirement	\$163,963	\$500	\$155,608
Total	\$163,963	\$500	\$155,608
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$155,608	
Other Income		\$500	
TOTAL			\$156,108
Estimated Expenditures			\$351,935
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2024			\$(163,963)
			\$187,972

**2022 Taxes Hereby Levied \$155,608**

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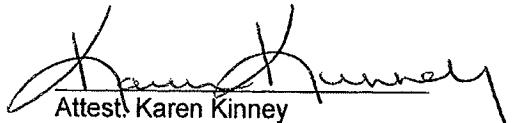
Forest Preserve District Retirement Fund  
2022 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes	\$229,288		\$220,000
Liability Insurance		\$1,025	
Total	\$229,288	\$1,025	\$220,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			\$399,027
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$220,000	
Other Income		\$1,025	
TOTAL			\$221,025
Estimated Expenditures			\$620,052
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2024			\$(229,288)
			\$390,764

**2022 Taxes Hereby Levied      \$220,000**

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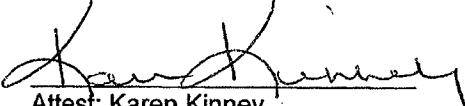
Forest Preserve District Liability Fund  
2022 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
FISSA	\$235,713	\$475	\$185,000
Total	\$235,713	\$475	\$185,000
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$185,000	
Other Income		\$475	
TOTAL			\$185,475
Estimated Expenditures			\$359,203
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2024			\$(235,713)
			\$123,490

**2022 Taxes Hereby Levied      \$185,000**

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Forest Preserve District FISSA Fund  
2022 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
DFCI Fund	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
Total	<u>\$35,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$35,000</u>
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			
\$19,250			
 Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			
\$35,000			
Other Income			
<u>\$0</u>			
 TOTAL			
<u>\$35,000</u>			
 Estimated Expenditures			
<u>\$54,260</u>			
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2024			
<u><b><u>\$(35,000)</u></b></u>			
 <b>2022 Taxes Hereby Levied</b>			
<b><u>\$35,000</u></b>			

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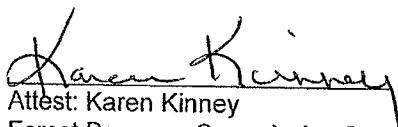
Audit Fund  
2022 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2023 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	<u>\$525,000</u>	\$50	<u>\$225,000</u>
Total	\$525,000	\$50	\$225,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2023			\$546,595
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$225,000	
Other Income		<u>\$50</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$225,050</b>
Estimated Expenditures			\$771,645
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2024			<u>(\$525,000)</u>
<b>2022 Taxes Hereby Levied</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>		\$246,645

## SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage

thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

passage.

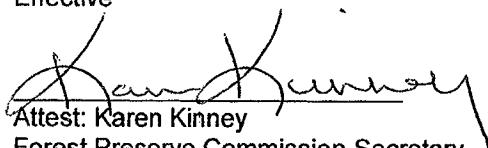
Forest Preserve District Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements Fund  
2022 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of  
Rock Island County, Illinois

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Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioners Thompson and Cremeens seconded.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Enburg moved to approve the omnibus motion with no objections to approve the District Capital Assets Suggested Useful Life Policy, the Fixed Asset Procedure and the Forest Preserve District Inventory Procedure, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

Commissioner Enburg moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Moreno-Baker seconded.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

11. **Comments from Commissioners: (None)**

12. Commissioner Woods moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner L. Burns seconded.

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

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loftin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, E. Langdon, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, E. Sowards, L. Thompson, B. Vyncke, J. Woods

**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 5:30pm, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed at 6:45pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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