

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer; Kurt Davis, Information Systems.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:31 AM on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in the third floor chambers of the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

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

TOTAL PRESENT 7

TOTAL ABSENT 0

President Swanson called for a motion approving the October Committee meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the October Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

Roll was called:

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

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 \$281,244.89.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$281,244.89. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

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President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolutions regarding fiscal year 2023 Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations, and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the resolutions regarding fiscal year 2023 Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations, and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17 in the amount of \$345,427.50, and Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to ordinance #2016-0401 in the amount of \$353,700.00.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17 in the amount of \$345,427.50, and Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to ordinance #2016-0401 in the amount of \$353,700.00. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson made three calls for public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the recommended bid for the Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Exhibit.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the recommended bid for the Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Exhibit. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

President Swanson stated that two bids came in for the project, but neither is what staff would consider to be wholly complete. The first bid is from the Henley Group. They have some steps that they need to take between awarding the bid and getting the contract in accordance with our responsible bidder resolution. Likewise, the other bidder, Estes, also did not submit a complete bid. What Mr. Craver would like to propose is to provisionally award the project to the low bidder, Henley Group, but contingent on completion of all necessary requirements by the time the contract is

awarded. That would be thirty days. Then in the same motion it would be stated that in absence of the completion of the steps by Henley Group, Estes would be awarded the bid and given the chance to complete the steps.

AMEND: Dr. Moreno moved to amend the motion to approve the low bid provided the Henley Group complete the steps for the bid in thirty days; if the Henley Group fails to complete the steps for the bid, then the bid will go to Estes Construction who will also have thirty days to complete the steps for the bid. Dr. Simmer seconded the amended motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked if any Committee member had questions on the routine reports provided in the packet.

No one had any questions.

Mr. Craver informed the Committee that an endowment had been established for Amôwa Forest Preserve. The Larry Toppart Memorial Fund.

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

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the routine reports of the District Department heads. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Submitted by:
Cassie Sullivan
Forest Preserve Administrative Assistant