

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MAY 09, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Committee members –L. Moreno, J. Woods, R. Simmer, D. Mielke, K. Swanson.

**ABSENT:** E. Sowards, C. Layer.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek Ranger; April Palmer, Auditor; Nick Camlin, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:32 AM on Tuesday, May 09, 2023, in the third floor chambers of the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

L. Moreno, J. Woods, D. Mielke, R. Simmer, K. Swanson.

**TOTAL PRESENT 5**

E. Sowards, C. Layer.

**TOTAL ABSENT 2**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Mielke moved to approve the April Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$576,195.07.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$576,195.07. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked the Committee if it would mind taking the transfers and first three resolutions on the agenda in one motion.

There was a consensus to take the transfers and first three resolutions on the agenda in one motion.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation, the resolution regarding General Fund loan to Niabi Zoo, the resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Appropriation Amendment, and the resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation, the resolution regarding General Fund loan to Niabi Zoo, the resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Appropriation Amendment, and the resolution regarding Niabi Zoo Prairie Dog Grant. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolution regarding forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the resolution regarding forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

This is based on a relatively new bit of legislation out of Springfield. The District is scheduled to have a local Efficiency Committee. A couple members of the public are asked to attend the Commission meetings in June, July, and August. If they see ways that the District could be doing things more efficiently, they pass that input on to the District. The District would then give a report to the State on those findings. Holly Sparkman from Rock Island, and Karen Dahlstrom Moline have consented to do this for the District.

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked if there was anyone who wished to make public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the proposal from Hutchison Engineering for services related to projects at Indian Bluff Golf Course.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the proposal from Hutchison Engineering for services related to projects at Indian Bluff Golf Course. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the proposal from Klingner & Associates P.C. for services related to projects at Niabi Zoo.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the proposal from Klingner & Associates P.C. for services related to projects at Niabi Zoo. Ms. Woods seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$118,042.76.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the purchase of a John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader in the amount of \$118,042.76. Mr. Mielke seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the staff recommended proposal for audit services for fiscal years 23, 24, and 25.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the staff recommended proposal for audit services for fiscal years 23, 24, 25. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

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. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.

Submitted by:  
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