

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 – 6:45PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON - PRESIDING

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

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 17

E. Dewith, C. Layer

TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much, Madam Clerk. And now, it's my pleasure to introduce to you, the Superintendent of Indian Bluff Golf Course. What we try to do is have presentations by our professional staff to let you know what's going on and to make sure you have a good fix on the strategic issues facing all of the District. And so, with that...Mr. Verstraete, the floor is all yours."

Mr. Verstraete stated, "Thank you much, I am James Verstraete. I am the Superintendent at the Golf Course out at Indian Bluff. I was here not that long ago, maybe in either March or April this spring...and for the ones that were there, some of this might be a repeat but, I see some new faces for sure. We have a lot going on...as a matter of fact, we have some pretty big projects coming up. If you have a little bit of money that you can provide us, we have to shore up some erosion issues happening between our 6th green and 7th tee. It's not too often that you'll hear about problematics. We had an engineering company come in and they graded and took sights and everything of the area...they definitely needed to be done. That's going to be starting here in the next few weeks. Then, our 18th hole out there, we are going to do some aesthetic projects out there. We are going to rake the pond at the lower level out there...we have to get rid of a lot of silt that has kind of filled in over the last 60 or 70 years since the last time that was done. That's going to be well-received by the players. That's going to change the look of the finishing hole and going forward, and having a little retention pond along on the opposite side of the pond that is actually played and hopefully, will not be a problem in the future. They designed it right and hopefully, they execute it right. And then next spring, it's going to have a little bit different look and hopefully get some returning customers something different to look at. It's been a great year for golf too. We had almost no rainouts. The people were just out there like crazy. I know we had some record months for revenue generation, park usage and things like that. And so, it definitely was a positive year even though it was really hot and so the irrigation system held up all the way up until three weeks ago when I had a very important part fail, just three days after I airified the greens; which was perfect timing. But, it got fixed really quick. There is a company that

takes really good care of us...they were 'Johnny on the Spot' for us. And so, it was actually tough to get the component, but happened to have one sitting around. And so, we lucked out. It's been really good...that's 2023 in a nutshell. So, hopefully, next year is even better. Like I said, there are some familiar and new faces...so, come and check us out and let's play some golf. There is definitely a lot going on."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer stated, "Again, I just wanted to point out a few things about the course out there...you guys always have it looking nice. Some of the private courses, there is no...you gotta have quality when it comes to that stuff."

Mr. Verstraete answered, "Yeah. We have a great crew out there. You get a bang for you buck, it's hard to beat for what it is. It's an old golf course...it has lots of mature trees on it and some varied landscaping. A lot of you may not know, there is a section of the Sauk Fox Trail left out there that was used by the Indians about a little less than a thousand years. So, they did really change the grading of the land up there, it has lots of natural silt. It's a pretty neat place. If you want to go out...find me and we'll go for a ride, play some golf."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other questions? There is one I had Jay...if there are things that we need to be thinking about that we might need over the horizon, strategic issues or anything that you think we need to be keeping an eye on right now or even 12-18 months from now?"

Mr. Verstraete asked, "Uh, project-wise, we need to redo the parking lot and the roadway going all the way over to the maintenance facility and into some of the park area is really in need of being replaced. It's completely alagated and crushed from years of frost and heat cycles, heavy equipment and light equipment has taken its toll on it. So, that's going to need...the whole parking lot needs to be completely redone. It was all fill to begin with 50 or 60 years ago...whenever they started building it. It was over ravines that have settled over time...it's the nature of the beast. That's the biggest thing, I would say. After we will be addressing the project on the 6th. If you guys ever want to give me a lot of money, I would like to redo the tee's out there. Some of them are over 100 years old. The grass gets tired after a while. It really does, all joking aside...the nuchal bars of grass, they kind of breed in and lose heat and frost resistance and things like that and so...it does reduce your pesticide usage going forward...once you commit to spending a little bit of money on that kind of new stuff, it's totally necessary. Well, not really but it is nice because the customers would notice it. But, I would think the most immediate thing is definitely the parking lot."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer asked, "How are we on the life of our carts? Where are we at for the cycle?"

Mr. Verstraete answered, "Of carts?"

Mr. Simmer answered, "Yeah."

Mr. Verstraete answered, "Uh...I think we might be due to be trading them in...in about one more year. Uh...Jeff do you have anything on that?"

Jeff Craver answered, "They went out for bid and you won't get them until early next year."

Mr. Verstraete stated, "Yeah. That's depending on availability."

Jeff Craver stated, "It's actually early 2025. We would have gotten them next year, but we...because of the back order of all three manufacturers, they are back ordered. It will be the spring of 2025, when we get them. Initially, the first round of carts, we kept for about eight years and that was too long. Back then we had to deal with some other issues, and so we tested the market a few years ago with the trade-in a little bit earlier and it worked out pretty well for us. I think our trade-in...the carts as well as everything else, obviously that has increased. I think we got almost 70-80 percent of the cart value rate that we bought them for five years ago. And so, it's a good system that we have."

President Swanson stated, "So, for newer Commission Members, we didn't always have that system and it was when it was no longer going to drive, we would do the replacement. But Jay and Jeff and the team have been a lot more methodical of looking over the horizon when something has got to go and they kind of schedule it that way. That's also why...Dr. Simmer, with the way...we are still going to be alright."

Jeff Craver, Director of the Forest Preserve was recognized.

Mr. Craver added, "When looking on the horizon, with maintenance we are getting close to 20 years on the Clubhouse crew...uh, believe it or not. Um, another thing that is on the radar not necessarily totally in Jay's corner, would be the Snack Shack out there. Jay and his crew have done some face-lifts...I guess, if you can on...how old is that structure out there Jay?"

Mr. Verstraete answered, "On the Snack Shack, I would guess 50 or 60 years old is my guess. It might have even been before that. It's all cinderblock and cement."

Mr. Craver added, "Yeah, the Snack Shack needs a little bit of love and the roads all the way through."

Mr. Verstraete added, "And, the bathrooms on 10...were probably built at or about the same time."

Mr. Simmer asked, "Do we have any more vandalism back there? I know we had some problems for a while here with kids and some vandalism out there. Has it pretty much stopped?"

Mr. Verstraete answered, "For the most part, yeah. It is not as consistent as it was."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any more questions for Mr. Verstraete? Oh-, please, Mr. Brunk."

Mr. Brunk stated, "So, if we were to organize a Commission outing, do you still have the duffer award?"

(Group Laughter)

Mr. Verstraete answered, "Oh yeah, it's a can a chili with a little statue on top."

President Swanson stated, "If we were to start that today, I would finish the course in about three weeks. Let's put it that way, Mr. Brunk. Ah any other questions for Mr. Verstraete? I just want to thank you and your team. As I already mentioned, you and your team...I don't golf myself, but I always ask golfers what they think and the thing that I heard more commonly than anything else is, it's the best maintained golf course in the Quad Cities."

Mr. Verstraete stated, "We have a great crew that take on private jobs."

President Swanson asked, "So, would you please join me in thanking Mr. Verstraete and his team. Thank you."

(Group applause)

President Swanson added, "Alright, well friends...next on our agenda and thank you for taking the time to be with us, Jay. I would entertain a motion to approve the August Commission minutes."

3. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the August 15, 2023, minutes, as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - (NONE)** (Three calls were made.)

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Our preserves, as you know, are winding down or at least transitioning. If you are going out for a hike, they don't close. And one of the great joys of living in this climate is, going out for a winter hike. And so, I hope you'll think about that. Between now and then, we are going to have a lot of great fall colors. It's already starting to trend that way. So, I hope you get out there. And, of course, lots of people have been out at the zoo. And, I am excited about what Lucie was talking about...put some chargers out there. People will come out and blow some money at the zoo. What's the problem with that? That's it for what I have but you are welcome to ask. Mr. Craver."

Jeff Craver, Director of the Forest Preserve was recognized.

Mr. Craver stated, "Don't forget about Pints for Preservation out there."

President Swanson stated, "How could I forget Pints for Preservation?! Because, it is Friday. If you haven't gotten your tickets, get online to niabizoo.com. I bought my tickets so long ago, I forgot about it, Jeff. That's coming up...it's a great way to support the zoo. And, now what else did I forget, Jeff? I see your hand up."

Mr. Craver stated, "If you don't want to buy tickets, but would like to volunteer, come see me after the meeting and I will get you in contact with a volunteer coordinator."

President Swanson added, "I know we have some long-serving volunteers right here in this room and Edna can tell you all about that. I hope you get a chance to enjoy it. Plus, right now, with the things that are going on there...if you have a chance to otherwise support the zoo. It's a great time to do so. We are just about...well, we will get to those reports in a little bit. I appreciate the way the zoo makes it fun to support them. And so, I hope that I will see a lot of you out there on Friday night. It will be a great time because it always is. Thank you, Jeff, for those reminders. Alright, you will have time for questions on reports and so forth a little later on in the agenda."

6. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the FY23 Treasurer's Disbursements and FY24 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$432,471.54, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Mielke moved to waive the reading and approve the FY23 Transfers of Appropriations as enumerated in your packets. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

Commissioner Enburg moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Foster seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Perkins moved to waive the reading and approve the FY23 Resolutions RE: Liability Fund Additional Appropriations, Niabi Zoo Fund – Truck Donation, African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations, Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, and Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations, as presented. Commissioners Woods and Simmer seconded.

(Note** The Resolutions are in .pdf format and begins on the next page)

RESOLUTION

FY 2023 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

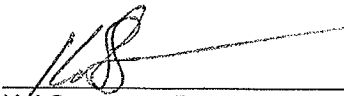
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$13,662.86 transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$13,662.86	131-32-10 522.GS	Operating Supplies-Gift Shop

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

Re: FY 23 Liability Fund Additional Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2023 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for professional services and other general liability insurance payments, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

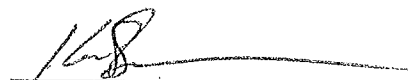
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

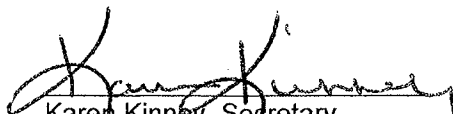
SECTION 2. An amount of \$1463.91 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1463.91	133-32 636	Insurance

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2023 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriation – Truck Donation

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo accepted a used truck with an assigned estimated value of \$3,500.00, and

WHEREAS, the value of the donation requires the item to be recorded as a fixed asset of the District, 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. Revenues in the amount of \$3,500.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

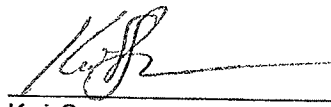
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$3,500.00	131-32 364.10	Contributions from Private Sources

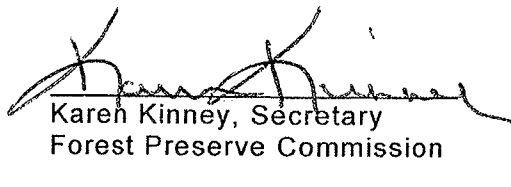
SECTION 3. Expenditures in the amount of \$3,500.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$3,500.00	131-32-18 764.00	Machine & Equipment \$1000-\$4999

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2023 Niabi Zoo Fund African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo was awarded \$233,000.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Tourism Grant program to construct a new African Painted Dog exhibit, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Tourism Grant program is a reimbursable grant, and

WHEREAS, construction 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 \$2027.06 shall be increased partially from Tourism grant or American Recovery grant revenue to be received & the balance from unencumbered funds to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:


AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,027.06	131-32-35 767 TAFGP23	Infrastructure over \$15,000

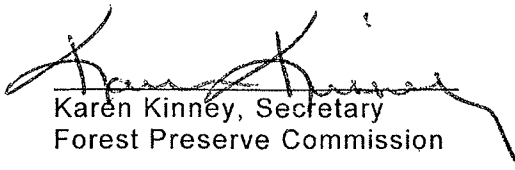
SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$2,027.06 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,027.06	131-32-35 331.10ARPA24	Federal Grants-General Government

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2023 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo was awarded \$436,100.00 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, construction on the project 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 \$1,290.14 shall be increased partially from grant revenue to be received & the balance from unencumbered funds to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

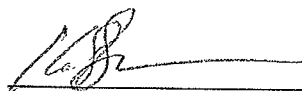
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,290.14	131-32-35 767 MCPD24	Infrastructure over \$15,000


SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$1,290.14 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following;

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,290.14	131-32-35 331.10 ARPA24	Federal Grants-General Government

This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Moreno-Baker moves to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno,
M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson,
B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Vyncke moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 24 Resolution RE: Development of AMÔWA Forest Preserve, African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations and Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

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RESOLUTION

RE: FY 24 Development of Amôwa Forest Preserve

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Fund #130 for the development of Amôwa Forest Preserve to be incurred in Fiscal Year 2024, and

WHEREAS, two parking areas are to be constructed at Amôwa Forest Preserve, and

WHEREAS, construction and observation services is required for the parking area projects, and

WHEREAS, signage throughout Amôwa Forest Preserve will be installed, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Forest Preserve Fund #130, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

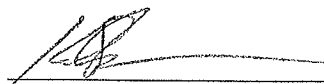
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.


SECTION 2. An amount of \$152,758.67 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$152,758.67	130-32-90 767	Infrastructure > \$15,000

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund African Painted Dog Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo was awarded \$233,000.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Tourism Grant program to construct a new African Painted Dog exhibit, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Tourism Grant program is a reimbursable grant, and

WHEREAS, construction 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 \$2389.98 shall be increased partially from Tourism grant or American Recovery grant revenue to be received & the balance from unencumbered funds to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2389.98	131-32-35 767 TAFGP23	Infrastructure over \$15,000

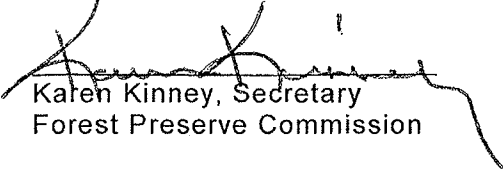
SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$2389.98 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2389.98	131-32-35 331.10 ARPA24	Federal Grants-General Government

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo was awarded \$436,100.00 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, construction on the project 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 \$63,675.00 shall be increased partially from grant revenue to be received & the balance from Rock Island County ARPA funds granted to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

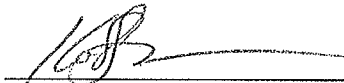
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$63,675.00	131-32-35 767 MCPD24	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$63,675.00 shall be increased from Rock Island County ARPA funds granted to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$63,675.00	131-32-35 331.10 ARPA24	Federal Grants-General Government

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of September, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Layer moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Perkins seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Enburg moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution RE: The Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

President Swanson stated, "Just so you know...we do this on a routine basis, as this is part of the Illinois State Code. But any Commission Member who would like to review closed session minutes is invited to come to the offices at Loud Thunder. And you are, of course, welcome to review minutes, but for a variety of reasons...it's just a procedural thing to keep them closed."

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Resolution

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
Re: Open Meetings Act Review of Minutes of a Meeting Lawfully Closed

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission strictly adheres to all provisions of the Open Meetings Act as defined in 5 ILCS 120; and

WHEREAS, 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c), calls for periodic review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed to determine if the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of these minutes or that the minutes or portions therefor no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, during regular committee meetings held during the month of January, 2023; Rock Island County Forest Preserve has reviewed minutes of closed meetings for all previously held closed sessions.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following meeting minutes have been determined to contain matters where the need for confidentiality still exists:

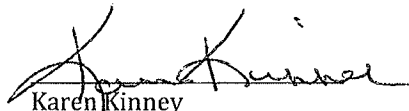
<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Reason for Closed Session</u>
08-08-1986	Personnel
12-05-1986	Personnel
02-08-1991	Personnel & Potential Liability
07-10-1992	Personnel
02-05-1993	Investments contracts
05-07-1993	Personnel
08-15-1995	Personnel
08-05-2005	Litigation
09-30-2010	Personnel
10-08-2010	Personnel
12-03-2010	Personnel
03-04-2011	Personnel
04-05-2012	Personnel
06-05-2012	Personnel
06-07-2012	Personnel
06-08-2012	Personnel
06-27-2012	Personnel
06-28-2012	Personnel
10-15-2012	Litigation & Personnel
07-11-2013	Personnel
09-12-2013	Litigation
11-14-2013	Litigation & Personnel
12-12-2013	Litigation & Personnel
01-16-2014	Litigation
11-13-2014	Personnel
02-11-2015	Personnel
04-16-2015	Personnel
10-14-2015	Personnel
11-10-2015	Personnel
02-16-2016	Potential Litigation
03-17-2016	Personnel
04-12-2016	Personnel

06-15-2016	Litigation
01-10-2017	Litigation
04-11-2017	Litigation
01-09-2018	Personnel
11-13-2018	Personnel & Land Acquisition
02-11-2020	Personnel
12-15-2020	Litigation
07-13-2021	Land Acquisition
07-20-2021	Land Acquisition
10-13-2021	Negotiations
01-11-2023	Land Acquisition
06-13-2023	Land Acquisition

This *Resolution* to become effective immediately after passage. Minutes of those meetings determined to be made available for public inspection will be released as per the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2.06(b).

DONE IN OPEN MEETING THIS 19th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023


 Kai Swanson
 President, Rock Island County
 Forest Preserve Commission


 Karen Kinney
 Secretary, Rock Island County
 Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Burns moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Morthland seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner McNeil moved approve the purchase of John Deere Gators for the Bluff, Zoo, Loud Thunder and Illiniwek in the amount of \$74,961.81, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

Commissioner Westpfahl was recognized.

Mr. Westpfahl asked, "How many Gators are you buying?"

President Swanson answered, "There will be four of the standard sorts and two are the heavier duty ones. The lighter duty will be for Indian Bluff and Niabi and the heavier duty will be for Loud Thunder and Illiniwek. Mr. Craver, did I get that approximately right?"

(Mr. Craver nodded his head and gave a thumbs up.)

President Swanson stated, "I see a thumbs up, alright. Thank you for the question, Mr. Westpfahl. Are there any further questions or discussion?"

Commissioner Adams moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the low bid for the Illiniwek Restroom, Lift Station and site improvements from Langman Construction at \$267,509.00, as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded.

Commissioner Mielke moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Enburg seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Moreno-Baker moved to approve the purchase of a Lift Station for Illiniwek Forest Preserve from ROMTEC Utilities at \$96,430.80, as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

Commissioner Perkins moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the low bid for Bluff Storm Water Improvements from Langman Construction at \$186,583.00, as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

President Swanson stated, "Are there any Comments from Commissioners? Edna, do you want to tell us how fun it is to volunteer at Pints for Preservation?"

Ms. Sowards stated, "Well, I won't be drinking, but I will be serving."

(Group laughter)

Commissioner Enburg was recognized.

Ms. Enburg stated, "I will be the drinker."

(Group laughter)

President Swanson stated, "See Brian, our STAR WARS of warriors?!! I feel grateful for that! Alright, are there no other Comments from Commissioners?"

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

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 5:30pm, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board in the Rock Island County Office Building, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. With that, ladies and gentlemen...we are in recess. Thank you very much."

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed at 7:04pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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