

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 17, 2023 – 6:27PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON - PRESIDING**

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

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

TOTAL PRESENT 17

L. Moreno, B. Perkins

TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much. We are going to start this evening with a presentation, Jeff Craver, (Director of the Forest Preserve), is here to give us a little update on things that are happening in the District."

Mr. Craver stated, "Thanks, Kai. Good evening, everyone. Is it on? No. (Microphone)

Ms. Kinney stated, "You got to switch it."

Mr. Craver stated, "Switch it? Switch it how?"

Ms. Kinney stated, "There ya go."

Mr. Craver stated, "Good evening, everyone. This is quite a different view. It's really, really nice folks. When you sit down back here, you can see the skyline behind you guys...it's really, really exceptional, very nice. Needless to say, I wouldn't really call this a presentation tonight. It's more of just an informational blip on the radar here. Uh...the Forest Preserve District is in the process of updating its 2018 Comprehensive Park Plan. What that means is, we are contracting with MindFire Communications. And, last week...we conducted two focus group meetings. One of the meetings was with the Golf Course, league organizers and a random pick of some of our Membership past players. We hosted the meeting that evening out of the club house to gather some insight about their feelings and perceptions towards Indian Bluff Golf Course and the operations there. Then, on Thursday night...we hosted with our Conservation Partners, Mick Hoverson, Willatmark, Living Lands and Waters was present via telecommunications, US Forests and the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Rock Island County Soil and Water. Unfortunately, we had a few folks that were unable to attend, however, they will get an opportunity to participate in another focus group. So, for the most part, we did the focus group. We did one on Public Community Perception Survey that will be available to all residents and non-residents. I think really focused in on

residents last time, but we want to gather some information from those non-residents that have the desire to take that survey. We'll take all of that information and get it to Bi-State who has graciously agreed to help us with a good majority of the plan, updates and we will take that along with some of the demographics information that's changed and trends. And, we'll host two public input meetings. We will take all of that information and throw it into the plan as well as some additional information from stakeholders and staff. Once they wrap all that up, we will present that to you folks for your input, as stakeholders. So, we will work in the community, some focus groups, staff and Board Members...we are going to need all levels for a round-up plan. Hopefully, we will get this wrapped up around June or July of next year. So, just as a heads-up, we'll be trying to promote that and encourage participation through social media, emails and other avenues. It's kind of...I am making it quick here so we aren't here another hour. I only have a whole notepad of stuff to talk about."

(Group laughter)

Mr. Craver added, "No. That's all I really wanted to hit up on. Besides, operations are coming to an end at the campgrounds and at the zoo at the end of the month. This weekend, Illiniwek has their Halloween Trick or Treat activities going on. I sent out something to everybody about the Zoo-pocalypse Run; which will be Saturday night, October 28th. Boo at the Zoo is October 28th or 29th. You can look at our numbers from the staff reports. Illiniwek numbers are down, however...remember that they were closed in April or May and did not open the campgrounds until June. If you take that out of the equation, we have been pretty steady based on what they have been doing in years past. The Golf Course has had an extraordinary number of rounds...the dry weather helped us out, however, you may notice that the utility bills at the golf course went up a little bit, due to all the irrigation needed. Loud Thunder, the campgrounds, Deer Haven, the new campground improvements have been more and more focused about finding out about them. You can see the number of nights stayed and the number of reservations going up. So, on that end...I think we are doing pretty well. A lot of other projects and some other things going on throughout the District...and stuff is winding down. So, if anybody has any questions? I just wanted to kind of give a little update about the Park Plan and get some kudos out to the staff."

Commissioner Dewith asked, "Yeah, I just have one about the dogs. The Painted Dogs...what are they going to do with those in the winter?"

Mr. Craver asked, "The Painted Dogs?"

Mr. Dewith answered, "Yeah."

Mr. Craver answered, "I assume they will stay in their exhibit. I am not an animal husbandry expert. I would assume like most of the animals that I am familiar with that have been out there...usually, there is a certain temperature where they will

have them stay inside their enclosures. Otherwise, I would assume they are pretty hearty. I would assume they would likely be able to go out in temperatures well into the 20's, but it's just a guess. I am not an animal expert. Mr. Jackson would have to verify that for you or someone from the animal part at the zoo. You know like the Giraffe's or the elephants, it was usually around 40 degrees that is about their magical number where they would stay in their enclosure. That's where their life enrichment becomes very important. Animal handlers just don't provide feed and water. There is a whole mess out there of things...I don't remember all at the moment. I have the general gist of what they do, but that is where they take all the spices and paper mache and plastic balls, hoses, this and that you see in the exhibits and provide stimulus to the animals they provide through all of those activities. So, that is what they are doing when they don't get bored."

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke asked, "Regarding that survey...how is that role now and how is that invitation to non-residents and residents...how is that getting initiated?"

Mr. Craver answered, "Well, we will probably do a press release asking folks to participate and then we'll bid social media. I haven't gotten the survey yet. Um, I haven't gotten into those details yet, but based on prior experience, is we will do send a press release to the media, um...probably place something in the paper to try to generate some interest. Public meetings, as you know, and surveys...we will entice people with \$100 gift card. You do what you can. Also, part of our fee is MindFire does buy a sample of residents and does speak out and make some phone calls so that we can make sure that we can have a diverse and wide sample."

Mr. Mielke asked, "But, it's open to anyone that wants to?"

Mr. Craver answered, "Yes. It will be open to anyone who wants. And uh, what I did last year basically was, 'Are you a Rock Island County resident or not a Rock Island County resident?' If you weren't a Rock Island County resident, if you recall, you would get a thank you for taking the survey where we have developed it to where we want some information from those non-residents. Because, again, it's Rock Island County's Plan and it's the tax payers who are supporting the facilities, while we do encourage participation from everybody...the stakeholders there we determined at that time if you were a Rock Island County resident."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other questions for Mr. Craver?"

Mr. Craver added, "And we will most likely break out the statistical responses by resident and non-resident."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, everyone. Thank you, Jeff."

Mr. Craver stated, "Thank you, everyone."

3. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the September 19, 2023, Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "While as you just heard, it's been a tremendous season across the District's facilities, especially the Golf Course. Camping also is strong and it's growing at Loud Thunder...for those who are newer Members, when we chose to invest money into Loud Thunder, especially the RV Camping areas...what our expectation was to increase volume and to increase revenue and it's doing that. So, kudos to your foresight in approving those. But, the camping is starting to come to a close this month. The leaves are getting even prettier every day gone day...so, get out to Illiniwek, Dorrance and Loud Thunder as soon as you can. I am told there is still plenty of honey from Loud Thunder's hives that you can purchase. You can talk to Jeff about that. Now, I know many of you are fans of Niabi Zoo in general but also on social media. So, here is a trivia question...what do you call a baby porcupine?"

Random people spoke, "A little sticker" someone said.

President Swanson chuckled, "A little sticker...no. It's so cute...it's a porcupet. And, we have two brand new ones. So, even though the zoo is going to be closing up after the Boo at the Zoo, we've got free days. So, please get out and see some ridiculously cute porcupets while you can. And, the other thing is, I hoped you looked at your packets...it's not a dramatic as the county's ability to lower its rate with the increased assessed valuation, but if you look closely, the Forest Preserve District is doing so as well. We are going from rate of .1235% err...that's what we are going down to from .1276%; which means if you own a \$100,000 home, you are going to save \$1.12 next year; which means you are half way to a cup of coffee at this place here on the corner. They are \$2.50 and so, you are almost there. Kudos, again, to the staff. Jeff really works closely with his team to make sure that they are being as efficient as possible. And, you should all be proud of the work that goes on there. So, when others are raising it...you are a part of two that are lowering taxes...so, you should be proud of that. You will have a chance a little later to comment on that and all Routine Reports from Department Heads."

6. Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the FY23 Treasurer's Disbursements and FY24 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$266,699.89, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the FY24 Transfers of Appropriations as enumerated in your packets. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the FY23 Resolutions RE: Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations and Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

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 \$27,865.00 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
\$27,865.00	131-32-35 765 MCPD24	Construction in Progress

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$27,865.00 shall be increased from Rock Island County ARPA funds granted to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$27,865.00	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 17th day of October, 2023.



Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

RE: 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, construction of phase 1 has begun and contractor's second application for payment is required, and

WHEREAS, the engineering firm is also responsible for construction observation services and work has been performed for the road and trail work required, 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 \$28,214.64 shall be increased partially from grant revenue to be received & the balance from unencumbered funds to provide the required matching funds in the Development of Forests and Construction Improvement Fund #335 to the following:

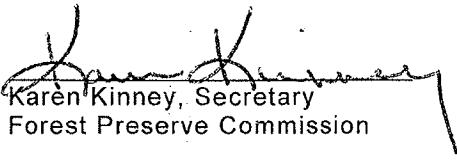
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$28,214.64	335-32-35 765 RTP 23	Construction in Progress

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

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Karen Kinney, Secretary
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Commissioner Morthland moves to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner Moreno-Baker seconded.

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Foster moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 24
Resolution RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations and Niabi Zoo Fund
Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Enburg seconded.

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

RESOLUTION
FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, Niabi Zoo was reimbursed \$1,850.00 from the Niabi Zoo Foundation for expenses related to the Illinois Public Museum Grant Program project to construct a new Prairie Dog exhibit, and

WHEREAS, expenses and construction on the project have 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 \$1,850.00 to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,850.00	131-32-35 528 MCPD24	Zoo Animals

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$1,850.00 shall be increased from a Niabi Zoo Foundation donation to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$1,850.00	131-32-35 364.10 ARPA24	Contributions from Private Sources

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

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Karen Kinney, Secretary
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Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the 2023 Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Audit Fund, and Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

(Note** The Ordinances are in a .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 2024 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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 2024 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2025 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	\$1,334,361	\$28,145	\$1,306,216
Personal Benefits	268,372	268,372	-0-
Uniforms	7,700	7,700	-0-
Operating Supplies	380,445	380,445	-0-
Professional Development	13,410	13,410	-0-
Professional Services	329,072	329,072	-0-
Public Utilities	68,300	68,300	-0-
Machinery & Equipment	152,500	152,500	-0-
Infrastructure	-0-	-0-	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	134,203	134,203	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	210,000	210,000	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	28,500	28,500	-0-
Transfer To Other Agency	85,072	85,072	-0-
Transfer To Other Funds	27,000	27,000	-0-
TOTAL	\$3,038,935	\$1,732,719	\$1,365,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024 \$2,140,626
Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$1,365,000
OTHER INCOME	\$1,696,645

TOTAL	\$3,061,645
Estimated Expenditures	\$5,202,271
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2025	\$ (3,038,935)

2023 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.

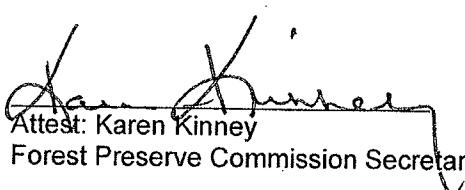
SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.



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

Passed

Effective



Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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Classification	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Objects & Purposes			
Salaries & Wages	\$1,810,111	\$160,111	\$1,650,000
Personal Benefits	313,079	313,079	-0-
Uniforms & Clothing	13,400	13,400	-0-
Operating Supplies	637,725	637,725	-0-
Professional Development	6,640	6,640	-0-
Professional Services	471,025	471,025	-0-
Public Utilities	115,900	115,900	-0-
Credit Card Service Fee	42,000	42,000	-0-
Principal on Bond Issue	305,000	305,000	-0-
Interest on Bond Issue	44,625	44,625	-0-
Machine & Equipment	23,200	23,200	-0-
Infrastructure	3,000	3,000	-0-
<u>Transfer to Other Agency</u>	<u>177,572</u>	<u>177,572</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$3,963,277	\$2,313,277	\$1,650,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024 \$1,171,320

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy \$1,650,000
OTHER INCOME \$2,320,763

TOTAL

Estimated Expenditures

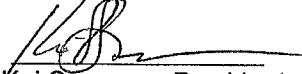
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2025

2023 Taxes Hereby Levied \$1,650,000

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.

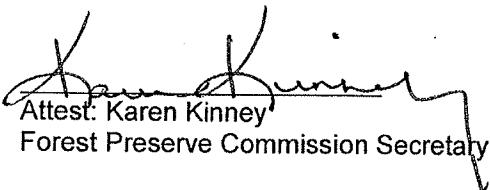
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Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective



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Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Retirement	<u>\$167,902</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$146,000</u>
Total	\$167,902	\$3,100	\$146,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024 \$208,514
Estimated Cash Income:

Estimated Cash Income:

TOTAL

Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2025

2023 Taxes Hereby Levied \$146,000

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.

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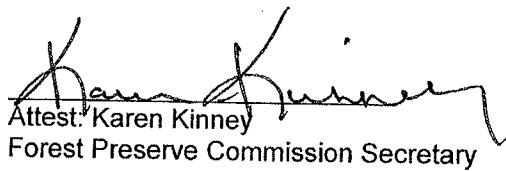
Forest Preserve District Retirement Fund
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

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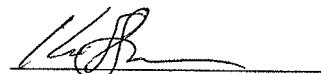
Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Liability Insurance	<u>\$229,288</u>	<u>\$5,100</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
Total	\$229,288	\$5,100	\$220,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024			
\$413,379			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			
Other Income			
\$220,000			
<u>\$5,100</u>			
\$225,100			
TOTAL			
\$638,479			
Estimated Expenditures			
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2025			
\$220,000			
\$409,191			

2023 Taxes Hereby Levied \$220,000

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.

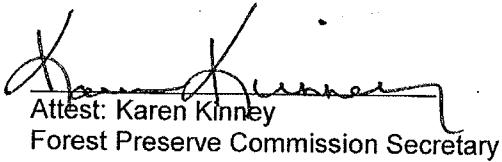
Forest Preserve District Liability Fund
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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 2024 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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 2024 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2025 the sum of **TWO HUNDRED FORTY 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 **FISSA 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 Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
FISSA	<u>\$240,552</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>
Total	\$240,552	\$3,100	\$240,000
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$240,000	
Other Income		<u>\$3,100</u>	
TOTAL			<u>\$243,100</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$397,501
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2025			\$(240,552)
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied		\$240,000	\$156,949

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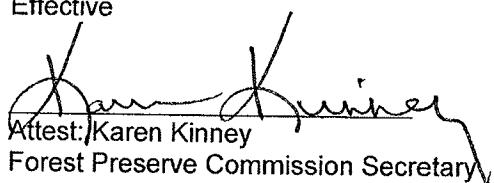
SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

Forest Preserve District FISSA Fund
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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

Passed

Effective

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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 2024 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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 2024 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2025 the sum of **FOURTY-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 **AUDIT 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 Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	<u>\$41,050</u>	\$0	<u>\$45,000</u>
Total	\$41,050	\$0	\$45,000
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$45,000	
Other Income		<u>\$0</u>	
TOTAL			<u>\$45,000</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$68,610
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2025			<u>\$(41,050)</u>
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied	\$45,000		\$27,560

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.

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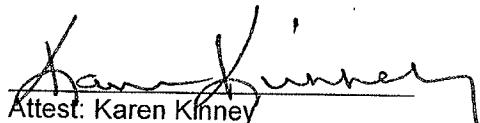
Audit Fund
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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

Passed

Effective



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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 2024 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2025.

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

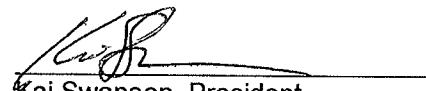
SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2024 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2025 the sum of **THREE HUNDRED 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 **DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS 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 Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	<u>\$300,000</u>	\$600	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total	\$300,000	\$600	\$300,000
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2024			
\$169,206			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			
Other Income			
<u>\$300,000</u>			
<u>\$600</u>			
<u>\$300,600</u>			
TOTAL			
\$469,806			
Estimated Expenditures			
<u>(\$300,000)</u>			
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2025			
\$169,806			
 2023 Taxes Hereby Levied \$300,000			

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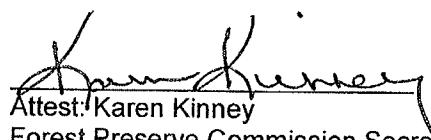
Forest Preserve District Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements Fund
2023 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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

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

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Layer moved to approve the HR Source proposal for Salary Survey and Benchmarking at \$6,400.00, as presented. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

President Swanson asked, "Are there any Comments from Commissioners you would like to make? Seeing none, we will move on."

13. Commissioner Mielke moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Now, stay in your seats because we still gotta have the final meeting of the Efficiency Committee. But for now..."

I will say, the next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, November 21, 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 in these Board Chambers."

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed at 6:41pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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