

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 – 6:58PM
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, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, R. Simmer, E. Sowards,
K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 18

B. Perkins

TOTAL ABSENT 1

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you. I am very grateful we will get a briefing tonight from our representative from MindFire Communications. When you look back over the last six, seven or eight years at the Forest Preserve Commission, one of the most important developments that I think you will look at...may be 50 years now, is the work that was done to bring places like Illiniwek, Dorrance, Indian Bluff, Niabi in front of the Public Body. And, a huge part of the credit to that goes to MindFire and so, I am going to turn over this microphone to Chloe Roche from MindFire Communications. The floor is yours, thank you."

Ms. Roche stated, "Awesome...it's a different set up than last year, and it looks really nice. Alrighty, yeah...Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. We are super grateful for our partnership with Jeff and his team, they make it really easy on us. So, today...we are just going to give a high-level social media metrics update to you guys (slideshow). So, why social media? It's really effective for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve. One, it's cost effective and two...it reaches a really large audience. So, for all the different preserves, it's a really good tactic that we continue to use. So, when we are there deciding what to post, we really follow the social media funnel. So, when we are back there posting for specifically for Illiniwek, we can get more awareness, loyalty and action. The awareness is having people see the post and learn about the different preservations we are doing there. Loyalty is trying to gain that fan base and having them comment and share to really engage with our brand. And action, of course...we want them to rent a boat, we want them to come to our events and things like that and donate. That's kind of the funnel that we base all of our efforts on. Some terminology you might hear me use throughout...impressions, I already said that, that is the number of times you see a post...engagement is when people are interacting with those posts and sharing it with their friends. And, I talk about post frequency and the number of times they are posting on all of our platforms. So, today we are going to cover Indian Bluff, Illiniwek, Loud Thunder, AMÔWA and Dorrance. These all have data boxes and we will also have a little Niabi Zoo segment. That will look a little different because it's not connected to the data boxes. This is all in

comparison to the 2022 year and was all captured on October 11th. So, key reference indicators this year remained very stagnant. We had around a very slight increase in impressions and a very slight decrease in engagement. A lot of this has to do with post frequency...the way we were posting during busy season was regular. The off season we posted a little less than we did in the 2022 year. But because of the success of the post during the busy season, it remained pretty stagnant throughout year to year. So, first with Indian Bluff...as you can see, we had an increase in impressions and engagement, we had post frequency go down very slightly throughout year to year but overall, we are really happy with how the golf course did. High-level, we have over 347,000 impressions and over 30,000 different types of engagements with the posts. Those are really great numbers who are reacting with what's been posted. So, some of our top posts...these two top posts, post number one and number two were both videos. So, they were really engaged and seeing the Facebook algorithm; which is kind of a scary thing having those shown to people over and over again, and so, the impressions are really high with that post. And then, here is a photo of two buddies...those always do well and we really want to continue to get that user generated kind of content with people sharing their posts with us.

Illiniwek...Illiniwek is one of our most engaged parks. Engagement impressions was down this year in the post frequency but during the busy season, you can see we had a really steady increase in engagement in impressions. So, during the summer months, it was doing great. During the off season, we had a little bit lower impressions. A lot was going on...so that makes sense with the constructions and all the renovations during those busy seasons. It was harder to post on that. When I talk about post frequency, as an example here...in 2022, there were 19 organic posts...so, not the paid posts that we are doing. We are posted versus the five in 2023. So, just something to think about...more miscellaneous posts in those off years that we can do. But, overall the impressions and engagement increased May – September; which is what we want and so, those are really good results during the busy season. Illiniwek always blows my mind...its almost 55,000 impressions on this event post, that was their number one post...that's pretty amazing for a community of our size. The second highest was about the improvements coming... people loved hearing about that. The third highest was the parks actually open now after all the construction and so, people were really excited about that as well. Loud Thunder had very similar results to Illiniwek...they were also down in impressions and engagements and a lot of that was due to less post frequency during the off season, but similar to Illiniwek during the busy season, it was steadily increasing. And so, again, just high-level in 2022, we did some more paid ads; which is something we didn't do as much in 2023, but we can consider doing for the next year. Again, great impressions on Loud Thunder. I would say that's our second most engaged page. We had 16,000 impressions on our Memorial Day post, we had 15,000 on talking about renting a boat...um, again, everyone gets excited when its officially open. They do really well and have a lot of great shares. AMÔWA, we are really excited about AMÔWA. It is the first year that we set up a page for them. So, we have nothing to compare it to...but for the

first year, it did really well. It over-exceeded what we thought was going to happen. It's really interesting...so, we started the page in July and we have had over 100,000 impressions already; which is great for not even being a year out with the page. The top three posts were right when we started in July. Two of those top three posts were all around the Bees and what we are doing there. And so, this page is very education driven. That's something that we can lean into; which is kind of exciting...whereas Illiniwek and Loud Thunder tend to be more adventurous. And so, that is something that we've made note of. So, the top posts here...number one, is the almost 55,000 impressions for new page is pretty awesome. That was about the Bees. The second highest post was John Deere had interns come in to help out one day. And, then the third highest post was all about the name of AMÔWA. I know a lot of people are looking to learn and they are going to that page for that. Dorrance remained dormant for a lot of years, and this year we started to be a little more interactive with it and so that's pretty exciting. I have nothing to compare it to because it is the first year of really getting it up and running again. But this is very similar to AMÔWA in the sense...that again, the study of increased impressions and engagement but...this is really similar to AMÔWA in the sense that two out of the three posts were, again, calling out specifics...the species of trees there...the educational basis too. So, that's something that we can lean to for this specific park as well. They think of it for the baseball fields but there is way more to it...so, that's something that we are going to lean into. Then Niabi...so, Niabi we didn't historically post throughout the year but we helped them with a big end of year push. These results were really amazing and eye-opening to me. We did an A/B testing with two different ads; that just means that Facebook starts pulling the ad that is doing the best and starts pushing it more. So, the 'What's new at The Zoo' was doing really well...at almost 500,000 impressions. I mean, that's amazing for Niabi Zoo and our community and I think we really should lean into that in the future and promoting that zoo in this way because we are reaching all of those people that aren't already following the page that we are targeting who may not see the post otherwise...and so, really awesome results there. Again, just two different campaigns and with A/B testing results hitting almost 500,000. We also do social ad calls for them...we did that for the end of the year post. There are some amazing numbers people love to share the content of the Niabi pages, and so, that's always fun to see. The data points to that...yeah, and when I say boosted post...we are putting money behind these posts and they are being shown to people who aren't following the Facebook page already. So, if you are on Facebook and you are getting ads or something...this is who we are targeting, we are coming after ya. So, some key take-a-ways...we are really looking for some new photos and some authentic kind of user generated content. That always does better...we have kind of had the same photo shoot photos for Loud Thunder and Illiniwek for a while. And so, we are hoping we can get some new content in this upcoming year and leaning into that educational and informational posts for AMÔWA and Dorrance. And, continuing to promote events for Niabi, Illiniwek and Loud Thunder and kind of those fun activities that the community loves to see, hear and share out. So, that is

our best practice overview. Does anyone have any questions? Do you guys follow us on all of our pages?"

Commissioner Westpfahl was recognized.

Mr. Westpfahl asked, "I've got one. Zeglins, the appliance people...they are using Niabi Zoo for a commercial backdrop. Did you sell that to them or did they just come out and do it on their own? Are you letting them do it for nothing? Are we getting anything out of that every time?"

Ms. Roche answered, "We did not do that commercial."

Mr. Westpfahl reiterated, "Who did? Are we getting anything out of it?"

Ms. Roche answered, "I can't help answer that one. I do know that they have other vendors, and so..."

Commissioner Swanson stated, "And unless they show it in front of a fire fire...we'll take the free publicity."

Someone unrecognized said, "Are they doing it inside the zoo or out in front of the building?"

Mr. Westpfahl stated, "The whole thing...at the zoo."

Ms. Roche added, "You can't beat free advertising...that's awesome."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other questions for Chloe?"

Ms. Roche stated, "Awesome! Happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Same time next year."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you again to Chloe Roche from MindFire. Please thank all of your colleagues Chloe, we appreciate all the work that you guys do. Thank you very much."

3. Commissioner Burns moved to approve the October 17, 2023, Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "As you probably know, things are getting pretty quiet around the preserves, staff is doing maintenance on some of the vehicles and forest management projects. Staff is also gathering information in order to plan for other larger maintenance improvement projects and present on that in the future to you. Keep an eye on your emails and packets and reports for more detailed information as these projects...as more information is gathered there. Also, just to let you know, we will be voting a little bit later in the agenda on the Local Efficiency Report. I had a chance to take our two volunteers to lunch and get their input. I know you can see by all of the members of the public who are here tonight that sometimes it feels like our work is in a vacuum. But these two committed community volunteers have become dedicated ambassadors for the work that you do in stewarding these public lands for the benefit for all Rock Island County citizens, just so you are aware of that. If you have any questions for me, that can happen a little bit later."

6. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$347,072.81, as presented. Commissioner Foster 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, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Woods moved to waive the reading and approve the FY24 Resolutions RE: Niabi Zoo Fund donation Appropriations and Niabi Zoo Fund Generator Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund Donation Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Niabi Zoo received donations to fund the construction of a storage shed, and

WHEREAS, the staff have begun construction of such shed, 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 \$4277.96 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:


AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$4277.96	131-32-18 766.00	Building & Remodeling over \$5000

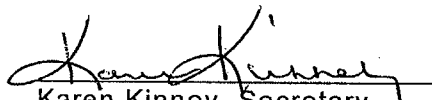
SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$5000.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$5000.00	131-32 364.10	Contributions from Private Sources

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of November, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund Generator Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Niabi Zoo Foundation was awarded funding from the Hubbell Waterman Foundation to support the installation of generators at Niabi Zoo, and

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District will be reimbursed for the generators and supporting infrastructure, 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 \$5840.43 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

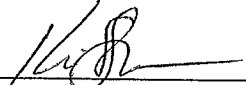
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$5840.43	131-32-35 768.00HWFG24	Machine & Equipment over \$5000

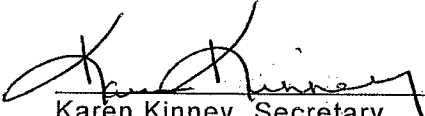
SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$5840.43 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$5840.43	131-32-35 364.10HWFG24	Contributions from Private Sources

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of November, 2023.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Adams moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution RE: Defining a Responsible Bidder for Improvements, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

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

Resolution

Re: Defining a Responsible Bidder for improvements

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District seeks to ensure best practices are adopted and maintained in all of its operations, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Commission wishes to put forth a standard which defines a responsible bidder, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, that the following definition be adopted:

Defining Responsible Bidder

A responsible bidder shall be defined, in the case of bidders, for construction projects of new facilities or renovation of current facilities, infrastructure and road projects over \$30,000 under the jurisdiction of the Forest Preserve District. The Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County may consider the following in its determination:

- A. Certificate/proof to transact business within the State of Illinois per 805 ILCS 5/13 of the Business Corporation Act of 1983.
- B. Evidence of compliance with:
 1. Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number (for individuals) through the submission of a W-9 to the District.
 2. Provisions of Section 2000(e) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code and Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 (known as the Equal Opportunity Employer provisions).
- C. Certificate of insurance indicating the following coverages with each project bid which include general liability, worker's compensation, completed operations, automobile, hazardous occupation, product liability and professional liability.
- D. Compliance with all provisions of 820 ILCS 130 Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance, and retirement for those trades as covered in the Act.
- E. Participation in apprenticeship and training programs applicable to the work performed on the project which are approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Apprenticeship and Training.
- F. The provisions of this Resolution shall not apply to federally funded projects, Illinois Department of Transportation, any grants or awarded funds to the District if such application would jeopardize the receipt or use of funds in support of such a project.
- G. Disclosure of the names and address of each subcontractor from whom the contractor has accepted a bid and/or intends to hire on any part of such project put forth to bid.
- H. A copy of the contractor's written program for the prevention of substance abuse.

- I. Certification from the bidder that all employees expected to perform work on the project have completed a 10-hour or greater OSHA safety program in the last 5 years. Only workers who have satisfactorily completed a 10-hour or greater OSHA safety program will be allowed to participate in the project. The bidder must have copies of employee OSHA cards on file and the Forest Preserve District may request that the bidder provide copies of employee OSHA cards. Failure to produce an employee's OSHA card may result in a determination that a bidder is not a responsible bidder.
- J. Compliance with any bid or performance bond as required with such project. In addition, under the Illinois Public Construction Bond Act 30 ILCS 550/1 et seq., the District shall receive a surety bond for any contract for public work in excess of \$50,000 to protect material suppliers and subcontractors.
- K. Any other factors which are relevant to the determination of a bidder's ability to carry out the requirements of the project in accordance with what may be expected or demanded under the terms of the contract.


It shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor to comply with all the submission requirements stated in such bid documents at the time of submittal of a bid to the Forest Preserve District.

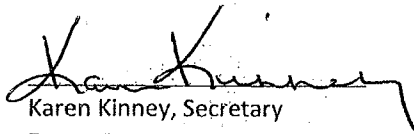
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED all ordinances or resolutions or parts of such in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they do so conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nothing herein hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights accrued, or liability incurred or cause or causes of action accrued or existing under any prior Resolution. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st ~~17th~~ day of November ~~January~~, 2023~~2~~.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Moreno-Baker moved to waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17 in the amount of \$344,202.50, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

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

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

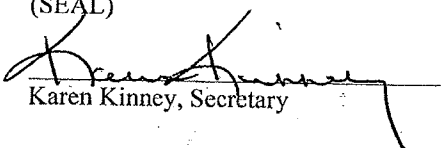
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-01-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on November 21, 2017, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 11-01-17, adopted November 21, 2017, collectively, the "Bond Ordinance"), the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2023 (to be received in 2024) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on November 30, 2017, with such County Clerk), as follows:

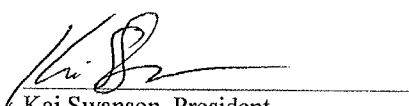
<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year 2023,</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u> <u>To Continue After Abatement</u> <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$344,202.50	-0-	\$344,202.50

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2023, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 11-01-17 shall be given effect according to its terms.

The Issuer has complied with the Bond Ordinance requirements preliminary to the execution and filing of this Abatement Certificate.

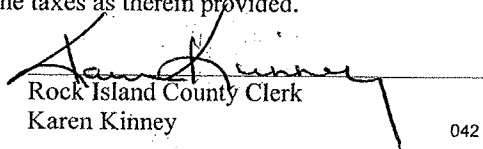
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Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 21st day of November, 2023 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance, as shown above) the taxes as therein provided.


Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Layer moved to waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance Pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401 in the amount of \$356,175.00 as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

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ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

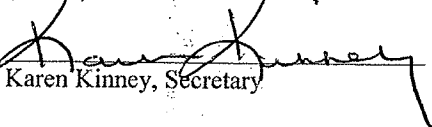
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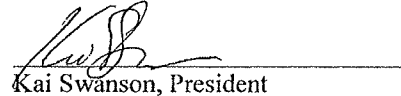
Tax Levy For the Year 2023,	New Levy Amount To Continue After Abatement A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,	(Amount Abated)
\$356,175.00	-0-	\$356,175.00

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2023, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 2016-0401 shall be given effect according to its terms.

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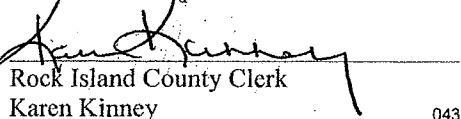
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Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

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Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the modification to the Purchasing Card Policies & Procedures, as presented. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

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

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, P. McNeil,
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K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the purchase of a walk-in freezer for Niabi Zoo in the amount of \$43,508.00 from A & A Refrigeration, as presented. (This was damaged due to a vehicle accident and so, we hope to recoup some of this from insurance.) Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

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D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, R. Simmer, E. Sowards,
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TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Agreement from Klingner & Associates in the amount of \$33,500.00, as presented. Commissioner Foster seconded.

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

15. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the final report from the Efficiency Committee, as presented. Commissioner Morthland seconded

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

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

President Swanson asked, "At this point, it's an opportunity for questions or comments from Commissioners on anything you see in the reports or anything else? Are there any comments? Alright...alright, well that's great that our staff put in such great reports. There was one thing I was looking at, Jeff, and I am going to kick myself later when...huh...well anyway, as was mentioned, take a look at the stuff that you are seeing there, especially from IMEG. These are things we are going to be looking in the future. So, if you get a chance, take a look at that. We don't want to take anybody off guard when we get there. So, please if you would do that...and seeing no other comments from Commissioners..."

17. Commissioner Adams moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented.
Commissioner Moreno-Baker seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Friends, I wish you and your families the very best Thanksgiving. Our next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 5:30pm, 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 7:03pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", written over the printed name.

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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