

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

APRIL 16, 2024 – 6:22PM

PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON - PRESIDING

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

D. Adams, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, P. McNeil, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods  
**TOTAL PRESENT 15**

R. Brunk, C. Layer, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland

**TOTAL ABSENT 4**

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much. At this time, I call Dan Breidenstein to the podium. And, if you are not aware, Mr. Breidenstein is the Vice-President of Living Lands & Waters; which has not only been a tremendous partner to the Forest Preserve District, but also to the county in helping to bring some nice hearty-named species to the courthouse. Mr. Breidenstein, the floor is yours."

Mr. Breidenstein stated, "Awesome. Thank you very much. Alright, I am happy to be here and honored to be here. I see a lot of familiar faces too. So, I am just gonna kind of skim through. I just want to give you guys an overview of Living Lands & Waters. Those that are unaware, this man right here, (shows slide) Chad Pregracke, he founded Living Lands & Waters back in 1998. Before that, he grew up on the Mississippi River. It was his back yard as a kid and commercial shell diving as a High Schooler and a commercial fisherman with his brother Brent. He saw a problem and decided that if no one is gonna do it, he's gonna do it. (shows slide) That's Chad and his first boatload. And after realizing all the State and City and County people here in the Quad Cities...nothing could be done. They all said no one could get funding for something like this. He took matters into his own hands and started picking up. Boatload after boatload...it ended up being undeniable that there was a big problem at the end... (Shows slide) and this is a picture of his back yard. So, his mom and dad were not super pumped with the idea of him leaving all this trash at their house. But, getting it out of the river...that's the first step. A quick little video here...if the audio works, otherwise, I will go past it. (Plays video) Then you fast forward 15 years...The 2013 CNN Hero of the Year, is Chad Pregracke. So, a little play up for you guys to see, but anyone who knows me and Chad, know that he's not speechless until this moment. This is the only time I have ever seen him speechless in my life...but it was such an honor. He was the second American to ever win the award, CNN Hero of the Year. But he was the first for environmental reasons. It is quite an honor to have him be a part of our community and I am really honored to be a part of the situation that he has built up. Starting from a house boat. (Shows Slide) This is what he lived off of...picking up all this trash. (Show Side) Boatloads turned into Barge loads. And now he's been all over and to the White House with both present and past Presidents and

received the honor CNN's Hero of the Year. There is a small crew of us...ten of us are full-time, and we spend most of our time living on this thing right here. (Shows Slide) Right now, it's in Tennessee working his way up to Cairo and then we'll be in Nashville coming in the middle of May. But, we go up and down and traveled now over 25 rivers in 21 states and cleaned up over 13 and a half million pounds of trash with over 130,000 volunteers. (Shows slide) So, this is where I like to say, one man can make a difference. I thought this a lot and everything but it's a testament right there. (Shows slide) Real quick, that's the barge we live on. Like I said, we travel all up and down the Mississippi, the Ohio and the Missouri. But, not only do we pick it up, because that's just being reactive to a problem, but we can also be proactive by educating along the way. We get local kids out and tell them about how the river is important and why it's important. And, not that garbage is being thrown there littered physically and directly, but about water sheds. We show them what they can do in their back yards to make a difference. (Shows slides) I am gonna fast forward through some of this stuff here. We ended up getting help from John Deere excavators. They can break it down to smaller pieces such as this. (Shows slide) And, then everything that we pull out, we try to recycle as much as possible. We do recycle lots of stuff and a lot of that has been done here in the Quad Cities. After CNN Hero of the Year was won, we ended up building this nursery over in Davenport. (Shows slide) That's right off of Eastern and 53<sup>rd</sup> St. right by the library. We grow a lot of our Oak seedlings and right now are about a million trees and this year we will be planting over 2 million trees. Totals haven't been like this since 2007. We do about 175 seedlings each year in about 25 different states. That's where I am spending a lot of my time right now. But, what really brought me here today was the Rock Island County Forest Preserve we not only planted trees, but we help remove the invasives. (Shows slide) So, a lot of this right here is Japanese Bush Honeysuckle...you may have seen this before. We did it in groups and have been doing this since 2014, and it was really heavy over at Illiniwek Forest Preserve. We get groups of volunteers all ages from High School on up. We show them what it is and help them identify what it is to help make a positive change in a quick amount of time. Again, going back to education because we can't just reactive to a problem, you got to be proactive and showing youth at a young age that just because it's green doesn't mean it's good. (Shows slide) Showing you this overlook, what a beautiful spot at Illiniwek. (Shows slide) And, another shot here...there is Mike Petersen, right there, kind of educating too about prairies at Illiniwek. We do different activities, not only books and literature and stuff. (Shows slide) This one, right here, is about pollinators...they start in a line and go to different cones and we start removing cones. These cones represent pollinator zones. So, removing pollinator zones, its showing that they don't have enough room for the number of kids there are and they start dying off. And then, what is really cool...is our new partnership with AMÔWA. We've been bringing out not hundreds, but thousands of people out there. Our biggest event last year, we did over a hundred boats, total of over 400 volunteers, all from John Deere interns. They brought all of their interns down there from all across the country. (Shows slide) This is in June and we had half of them go over to AMÔWA

and half go and do some arbor restoration. So, I know it was quick but I really appreciate your time because I rolled though it there pretty fast, but I appreciate everything that you guys have done and allowed us to do in the area."

President Swanson stated, "Dan, we all appreciate your partnership if any of my colleagues have any questions, go ahead and ring in and I will get you on. A quick question for you...I understand you are going to be helping Mike Petersen at AMOWA with a series of Honeysuckle pulls in April. Do you have those April dates by any chance?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "April 25<sup>th</sup> is our first one and it's the Uniteds Way campaign and we will have a hundred volunteers coming out."

President Swanson asked, "Okay, and then are there some other ones at AMOWA?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "The next one is set for June 5<sup>th</sup>, I believe...it's whatever that first Saturday is right around there. That's with Modern Woodman."

President Swanson stated, "Okay. I know some of us have not had a chance to get out to AMOWA and would like to. Could we go to the website and maybe sign up for one of those?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "A thousand percent. So, we haven't put out any dates for the public. We usually do those through Extreme Cleanup...through their website...they are always open to anyone who wants to come out, one person, five people or 105 people...we can do it."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you. Mr. McNeil."

Commissioner McNeil was recognized.

Mr. McNeil asked, "Great presentation. Thanks for all that you all do and Chad Pregracke has been amazing. I'm just curious, thirteen million pounds of garbage that you pulled out of...that's the Mississippi and the other rivers, right?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "That's right."

Mr. McNeil asked, "So, what are the top three things that you pulled out of the Mississippi? I am just curious?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "Yeah, plastics are number one and probably number two and number three. That's what we find the most of...we were just down in Memphis, TN, for three weeks with spring-breakers...so, college kids would join us for their spring break and in three weeks, we got 93,000 pounds and the majority of

that being plastic. So, individual, single-use plastic...Styrofoam, and a lot of those things were one and done. When you find tires and cars, barrels and other stuff that you would see in a local dump and everything, but by sheer numbers of the individual pieces and stuff, its plastics for sure."

Mr. McNeil stated, "Thank you."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you. Mr. Dewith."

Commissioner Dewith was recognized.

Mr. Dewith asked, "I wanted to ask...am just curious if you... A lot of the colleges have help groups or help fraternity's...I imagine you use those too?"

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "Yes, 100%. We've done that with Augustana and St. Ambrose is going to be over doing that on Friday. We are doing a tree-wrapping event."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer asked, "I cleaned out some stuff the other day...well, it's been a few months ago now...but, I found a picture of myself with a couple of other guys with I think your second annual year here. And there was a water (inaudible) for your guys to come access to use our boats to haul people around. I didn't expect tires or junk, but we found a dang commercial size freezer front door that was...ya know...8 ft. by like 7 1/2 ft. or whatever it was...a whole door, the front of it still filled with foam on an island just below Len Brown's...yeah, Len Brown's down there. We were like where in the hell? Some of this stuff, it's just crazy...the crap that ends up in the river. Ya know...and then, the batteries and stuff we would see along the river. We'd pick them up too because like you said no one else will. Like I said, it was back in the mid-70's but we were just doing our own little part and you talk about with seven kids, it would be better that we found it. There is still junk out there, but it is so much better. All in all, if you go down there, it is not like the early '80's when there was so much junk floating out there. You don't see that anymore. So, it is nice...you can see the difference."

Mr. Breidenstein answered, "Like you said... I mean, we used to be here at full force...we used to do these hundreds people events in the Quad Cities that individuals that would volunteer. In the Quad Cities is really where Living Lands got its name. Unfortunately, or fortunately enough, we don't have to be here because there is not enough trash to ya know...warrant our resources to be spent here and so, that's why we spend more time on land working with the Forest Preserve District and other places like that in the area. But, yeah, the community definitely asks often if they can come out and help out. We value everybody's time so, we do

more of that stuff and send supplies like more bags, gloves and other resources and that so, individuals can have their own smaller clean-ups."

President Swanson stated, "Seeing no other questions, and we want to make sure our guest also gets home safe, I would say that I speak on behalf of everyone on the Commission in Rock Island County is incredibly proud to be your home county, not only of Chad Pregracke but also Living Lands & Waters. Thank you, sir, so very much."

Mr. Breidenstein stated, "Thank you."

(Group applause)

3. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the March 21<sup>st</sup> Commission Minutes, as presented. Commissioners Vyncke and Perkins seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the March 21<sup>st</sup> Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner McNeil.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

6. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Just an update on the land acquisition possibility as we discussed in March. Unfortunately, the District was not able to purchase the land; which was discussed. However, your action as a commission was invaluable for our professional staff to do what it needed to do to be prepared. So, we didn't get it. The golf course and Loud Thunder is open for the season. I ask all Members of the Commission, to please talk up the opening of the Zoo. I know it will not be what it should have been and so, we are reducing the prices because some of the big cats are not going to be on display, but so much more will be on display. If you read Mr. Jackson's report, the bobcats and prairie dogs...for the first time in my lifetime will be a part out at Niabi...and so, please talk it up with your friends and hopefully, they will want to get involved with that. We will have time for discussion during staff reports."

7. Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$1,103,460.25, as presented. Commissioners L. Moreno and Mielke seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES 15**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Enburg moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriations as enumerated in your packets. Commissioner Burns seconded.

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

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

**TOTAL YES 15**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolutions RE: FY24 Illiniwek Recreation Trail Grant Appropriations, FY24 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog & ARPA Grant Appropriations, FY24 Niabi Zoo Improvements ARPA Grant Appropriations, Niabi Zoo Fund Receipt of Grant Funds-Woodward Community Grant Fund and Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund Loan from the Forest Preserve General Fund, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
RE: FY 24 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**, while construction of phase 2 has begun with the design and installation of the lift station, construction of the restroom and site modifications, and

**WHEREAS**, construction continues on phase 2 that addresses the water, sewer and restroom, and

**WHEREAS**, payment is required for work completed, and

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

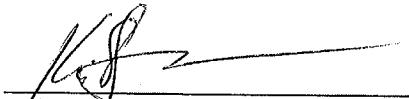
SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

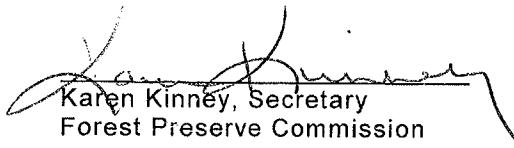
SECTION 2. Expenditures in the amount of \$192,128.40 shall be increased partially from grant revenue to be received & the balance from unencumbered funds to provide the required matching funds in the Development of Forests and Construction Improvement Fund #335 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$192,128.40	335-32-35 767 RTP 23	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
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Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

## RESOLUTION

### FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Fund Prairie Dog & ARPA 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 Department of Natural Resources allocated an additional \$174,440 in grant funding to the District bringing the total grant award to \$610,540, which now has been expended in full with remaining expenses to be reimbursed from Rock Island County ARPA granted funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Public Museum Grant program is a reimbursable grant, and

**WHEREAS**, construction on the project has been performed and completed, 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 \$11,700.00 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received to provide the necessary funds to complete the project in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

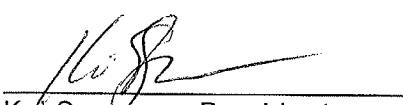
AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$11,700.00	131-32-35 767 MCPD24	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$11,700.00 shall be increased from Rock Island County ARPA funds granted to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$11,700.00	131-32-35 331.10 ARPA	Federal Grants-General Govt.

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**RESOLUTION**  
FY 2024 Niabi Zoo Improvements ARPA Grant Appropriations

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve District was granted funds from Rock Island County for improvements at Niabi Zoo, and

**WHEREAS**, design and engineering for the improvement projects 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 \$13,487.30 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

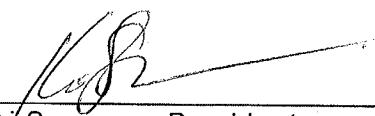
<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$13,487.30	131-32-35 767 ARPA24-60	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$13,487.30 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
\$13,487.30	131-32-35 331.10ARPA24-00	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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

## RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Receipt of Grant Funds-Woodward Community Grant Fund

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to increase the budget for the purchase of observational equipment and increase security throughout Niabi Zoo, and

**WHEREAS**, (WCGF23) Woodward Community Grant Fund in the amount of \$16,000 was awarded to Niabi Zoo in October of 2022, and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available from grant funds already received in 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:

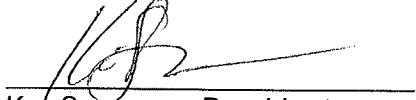
**SECTION 1.** An emergency exists as outlined above.

**SECTION 2.** An amount of \$4,398.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds within the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$4,398.00	131-32-35 524.00-WCGF23	Small Tools & Equipment

**SECTION 4.** This resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



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Kaf Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RE: Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund Loan from the Forest Preserve General Fund

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 for the necessary expenses incurred in the 2024 Fiscal Year, and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the District's General Fund #130 to loan to the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund #335, 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 \$20,000 be loaned from the District's General #130 to the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund #335.

SECTION 3. The above amount to be repaid to the District's General Fund #130 as funds become available.

SECTION 4. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission

  
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Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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

**TOTAL YES**      **15**

**TOTAL NO**      **0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Foster moved to approve the Ordinance RE: Establishing the Compensation of Members and Officers of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve, as presented. Commissioner Perkins seconded.

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

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION  
OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND  
COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, members of the County Board for Rock Island County, Illinois, are ex-officio members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District as the boundaries of the District are co-extensive with the boundaries of the county as stated in the Downstate Forest Preserve Act 805 ILCS 805/3a, and

WHEREAS, in service as a Forest Preserve Commissioner, Commissioners will be compensated by means of a salary established by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission in the manner provided by the Downstate Forest Preserve Act 70 ILCS 805/et. seq., and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of 50 ILCS 145/2, the compensation of elected officers of units of government, which compensation is to be fixed by units of local government, shall be fixed at least one hundred eighty days before the beginning of the terms of the officers whose compensation is to be fixed, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 805/3a authorize the Forest Preserve Commission to establish an annual salary for such positions that shall be payable from the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Treasury, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 805/8 provides that the person exercising the powers of the president of the board shall have power to appoint officers and such employees as may be necessary, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 70 ILCS 805/3a state that no Forest Preserve Commissioner shall file for a per diem payment for services rendered on the same day for which he filed for a per diem payment as a county board member, and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, in open meeting this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, as follows:

1. That members of the Rock Island County Board, who are ex-officio members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, shall receive no other compensation than that provided for them as members of the Rock Island County Board, unless otherwise herein set forth.
2. That the person elected by the Board of Commissioners to serve as President thereof shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The Commission President shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2024, the salary for the first year of the term shall be four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00). Effective December 1, 2025, the salary for the second year of the term shall be four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00).

Payments shall be equally disbursed monthly from the Forest Preserve District Treasury. This salary is in addition to whatever compensation is provided for members of the Rock Island County Board.

3. That Forest Preserve Commissioners assigned by the President to serve on the Forest Preserve Executive Committee shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2024, the salary for the first year of the term shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). Effective December 1, 2025, the salary for the second year of the term shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00). Payments shall be equally disbursed monthly from the Forest Preserve District Treasury. This salary is in addition to whatever compensation is provided for members of the Rock Island County Board.
4. That the President of the Commission upon the first meeting of the Commission after his/her election as President of the Commission on the first Monday of December in even numbered years shall appoint the District's Officers. That the person(s) appointed by the President of the Commission and approved by a majority vote by the Board of Commissioners shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

The Treasurer of the District shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2024, the salary for the first year of the term shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Effective December 1, 2025, the salary for the second year of the term shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00).

The Secretary of the District shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2024, the salary for the first year of the term shall be two thousand dollars (2,000.00). Effective December 1, 2025, the salary for the second year of the term shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

The Auditor of the District shall be paid as follows effective December 1, 2024, the salary for the first year of the term shall be three thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$3,860.00). Effective December 1, 2025, the salary for the second year of the term shall be three thousand eight hundred sixty dollars (\$3,860.00).

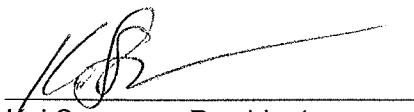
Payments shall be disbursed monthly or a lump sum from the Forest Preserve District Treasury.

5. That the President of the Commission may at any time appoint any additional officer(s) deemed necessary for the operation of the District. These officers shall serve under the term of the President and shall serve at the pleasure of the President.
6. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will receive a per diem of thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for meetings involving Forest Preserve business, not including regularly scheduled committee meetings, commission meetings or inspections. Payment shall be

disbursed from the Forest Preserve District Treasury.

7. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will receive mileage for meetings and inspections involving District business.
8. That members of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission are subject to the District's Reimbursement Policy pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Travel and Expense Control Act.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve  
Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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**TOTAL YES 15**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

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

**12.** Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner Sowards seconded. (Record)

President Swanson stated, "I do note that Ms. Palmer is here this evening. Is there anything you want to lift up for discussion on this motion?"

Ms. Palmer answered, "No, thank you."

President Swanson asked, "Mr. Craver, is there anything in particular you would like to lift up?"

Mr. Craver answered, "No."

President Swanson stated, "Okay, thank you."

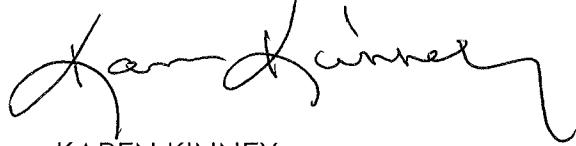
A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Friends, the next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 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 Chambers. Please get home safe. Ladies and gentlemen, we are in recess."

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed at 6:40pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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