

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 6:05PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON - PRESIDING**

1. President Swanson stated, "Now, folks before we go into our main meeting. I want to open the Truth-In-Taxation Public Hearing on the Ordinances providing for the Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes for Rock Island County Forest Preserve District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. Publication of such hearing did occur on the 8th of November, 2024, in the Rock Island Argus/Daily Dispatch; being a newspaper of general circulation in the County. The only order of business here is to conduct a "Truth-in-Taxation" Hearing, as provided by Statute for the 2025-2026 Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Levy Assessment Ordinances. I will now ask the Clerk to please call the roll."

Madam Clerk, Karen Kinney, 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 19

TOTAL ABSENT 0

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "We have a quorum."

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Madam Clerk."

President Swanson stated, "I will now make three calls to the public if anyone wishes to address the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission with regard to the 2025-2026 Levy Assessment Ordinances."

President Swanson stated, "I will now make a first call to the public for anyone wishing to address the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission with regard to the 2025-2026 Levy Assessment Ordinances."

President Swanson stated, "I will now make a second call."

President Swanson stated, "I will now make a third and final call."

President Swanson stated, "Let the record state that I made three calls to the public with regard to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Levy Assessment and Collection of Taxes Ordinances and that all those wishing to address the Commission have had an opportunity to do so. I therefore ask for a motion to close the public hearing."

Board Member Adams moved and Brunk seconded.

President Swanson stated, "It indicates here that I would need a roll call, but nothing has changed, and so, I would like a motion to adopt the previous roll?"

Board Member Mielke moved to approve the previous roll call vote and Board Member McNeil seconded.

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TOTAL YES **19**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

The Public Hearing is now closed.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Public Hearing closed at 6:07pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 6:08PM
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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 19

TOTAL ABSENT 0

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "We have a quorum."

2. President Swanson stated, "Thank you...and, at this time it is my great pleasure to welcome to our Chambers, Mr. Lincoln Oliver from the United States Fish and Wildlife service. You can see that he has something cute up on the screens. Mr. Oliver, the floor is yours."

Mr. Oliver stated, "Okay, sounds great. Thank you to everyone for having me. My name is Lincoln Oliver. I am a wildlife biologist at the US Fish and Wildlife Service. And, I am here today to talk about bats. Our office has partnered with the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District for a number of years. Most recently, we did some bat surveys at Illiniwek Forest Preserve this summer. I am here to share some of those results. I guess first off, to put that into context a little bit of background. And so, I work for the US Fish and Wildlife Service...I, specifically, work at an office in Moline and I am a part of the Illinois/Iowa Ecological Services Field Office. That's a mouthful...but, long story short, I work in the Division of Fish and Wildlife Service called Ecological Services and our main purpose is to implement the Endangered Species Act. So, our mission is to restore and protect healthy populations of trust resources and their hot paths. Whenever I say, 'trust resources'...I am talking about species that are within the Federal Trust, mainly in our jurisdiction would be Federally listed plants and animals. So, we do conservation. We achieve that mission through three primary pathways: 1. Regulatory Protection, where there are certain regulations that Federal Agencies have to comply with...pepper garden Federally listed species. 2. Recovery. So, we are actively trying to recover or conserve populations with the ultimate goal of getting them off the Endangered Species List. 3. Partnerships. What we primarily do is work with people. And, that's the way we get recovery on the ground...and, that's sort of why I am here today. Um, park priority species in our region, the Midwest Region of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, federally listed bats, mussels and listed pollinators...and those are our priorities for our office as well. So, the bats in Illinois...there are 13 bat species in Illinois. Around nine, give or take, are in our area here in Northwest Illinois. All of our species are forest obligates, they all

live in forests and need forests to survive. They are all insectivores, meaning they all eat insects and they use that location to catch insects. That location is used to send high frequency sounds that they can emit that will bounce off objects and they have very acute hearing and so, they are able to hear and tell where the insects are. It also helps them navigate through the forests and helps them communicate through that location. Bats are in big trouble...by a non-native disease called 'White-nose Syndrome', and its caused by a fungus that grows in caves. So, for our bats that winter in caves, it has had some serious negative implications for their populations since it was introduced in this area around 2012 or 2013. So, in Illinois, we have several bat species listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Those being the Indiana Bat, the Long-Eared Bat and the Tri-Colored Bat is proposed as endangered right now and may soon become officially endangered. We also have the Little Brown Bat; which is currently under review for listing and the Hoary Bat; which is proposed for listing. The Hoary Bat is the darker colored Bat on the bottom there (Screen Picture) and the one on top, that is a photo of an Eastern Red Bat...one of our more common species. I like including that photo in our bat presentations because it shows how cute bats actually are. They are not the blood-thirsty, demonic creatures that they are made out to be. So, we have done bat surveys at Illiniwek for several years. Most recently, we've done acoustic surveys there for the past four years. But, this year we really liked what we had seen from the acoustic results...and I'll share some of those later, so we wanted to get out there and actually mis-net or capture bats. Our objectives for that were presence/absence...so, what species are actually there and more specifically, what Federally Listed Bat species are there and some younger biologists wanted to gain experience in handling bats. Just a side-note...all surveyors, myself included have our vaccinations; which are required per our guidelines and we have all necessary State and Federal permits to do these activities. Mis-netting...so, mis-netting is the act of capturing bats or birds in a mis-net; which is shown in that top photo there. You can see those different tiers. A mis-net is a very fine mesh diameter that bats and birds can't see very well and they unknowingly fly into it. So, we set it up in fly-ways or corridors where we would expect to catch bats and then they fly into it, we take the net down and take them out and you got your bats. So, we had two nets set up on August 9, 2024, and you can see those, there...both of these were set up along the same creek near the parking lot shown by those two red lines in that lower image. That's Illiniwek next to the river. Those were our two nets set up by us and our results in three hours of surveying, we caught 15 bats. Twelve were Big Brown Bats; which are our most common species not really impacted by White-nose Syndrome...so, not very surprising. Two Eastern Red Bats that I had shown previously...also one of our common species...and one Hoary Bat and one Little Brown Bat. I'll talk more about those more in a little bit. (Shows Picture) This is what fieldwork looks like. Whenever we catch bats, we put them in bags and we begin the process to weigh them, get measurements, identify them and in some cases, folks will attach radio transmitters on them to their back using glue to go and find them the next day. That's called Radio Tracking. (Shows Picture) So, here, you can just see

myself and one of my co-workers processing a few bats there. (Shows Picture) These are some close-ups from that night. So, species of conservation concern...these are photos of Little Brown Bat, being the brown bat on the outside photos there...and the Hoary Bat in the middle. This was pretty special, we were thrilled to catch these guys...these are species of conservation concern across the range. Little Brown Bats because of White-nose Syndrome and Hoary Bats; which are very susceptible of dying from collisions with wind energy, specifically. So, that is the primary reason that they are proposed for Endangered Species Listing...with more wind, it is very hard on that species for reasons that are not exactly known, probably due to their migratory habits. I love that photo of that Hoary Bat there...they are our most beautiful bat, in my opinion. They have this pretty tan fur around their face, black skin and these white frosty-tipped hairs on the rest of their body. So, next is acoustics. So, acoustic survey's for bats is essentially a recorder that is shown here, set up on that tree. (Shows Picture) That is connected to a microphone just on the end of that PVC pole. (Shows Picture) That is some of my fellow co-workers standing up on the acoustics when we surveyed Illiniwek out there. So, I mentioned earlier all of our bats use echo location to find insects. An acoustic bat recorder can pick up those calls through the microphone and then, we can run those calls through state-of-the-art software that identifies each of those files to a species. So, there is a known library of bat calls, similar to bird calls that are unique to each species. And, there is a known library software that you can run those calls through and it will assign them to a species. So, we have done surveys at Illiniwek...acoustic surveys for the past four years from what I could tell from our data. (Shows Picture) So, that data is showing...so, that is a total from two different acoustic set-ups on the same property. I think this was back in 2020, and those were set out for a long duration across the entire summer. (Shows Picture) So, you can see there, for instance, that Big Brown Bat...we had 20,000 Big Brown Bat calls recorded that summer between both of those sites. So, the species we know were there from the acoustic surveys...Big Brown Bats, Eastern Red Bats, Hoary Bats, Little Brown Bats and Tri-Colored Bats. Possibly present...uh, acoustics is useful but it is not perfect, and so, although it said that several more species were present at the site, it didn't have very high confidence that those were actually present and some we believe were probably not. So, possibly present...Silver-Haired Bat, Northern Bat, Indiana Bat and Evening Bat. So, I just...what does all this mean? Our surveys this year confirm that Illiniwek supports the very first Bat community. You would not expect to catch Little Brown Bats and Hoary Bats everywhere on our landscape. So, having those high priority pieces of conservation present at the property is a very good indicator that the property is great for bats, specifically, Federally Listed bats that are a very high priority right now. So, why is that? There are a few reasons: 1. It's a great habitat. Mike and Jeff have done a lot of fantastic restoration work at the property. At its core, it was originally a great habitat itself...it has mature Oak and (Inaudible) trees that bats thrive on...and the insects they eat thrive on. And, again, they have done all of that great restoration work; which is very beneficial to the location. It's on the forested bluff of the river and that landscape supports kind of a matrix of forested

agriculture...more forest than I would say a straight agriculture landscape. So, those areas are where you will find the best bat communities in our area. We do have a more thorough survey planned for 2025. Now, that we confirmed that Little Brown Bats are there, we would like to go out and find an Eternity colony. So, our bats...many of them, not a lot of them, but many of them reproduce together. All the females come pick a tree they all like and they all go in and have their offspring together. (Shows Picture) And so, that photo on top...those naked, hairless things there, those are all baby bats. That's what a maternity colony would look like inside whenever all of the females are away foraging. So, if I am being those maternity trees, where those are...is very important. You know, obviously, you can conserve those trees...you can identify characteristics to try and make more of those trees on a landscape. So, those trees are very important. So, we would like to get out and catch another Little Brown Bat and then, attach a radio transmitter on its back and go out the following day and track them to their night roosts to find those trees. Another objective would be presence/absence for other Listed species. As I mentioned, other Federally Listed species include Indiana Bat and Long-Eared Bat have been detected with acoustics, but I am skeptical that they are there. The Long-Eared Bats were very hard-hit by White-nose Syndrome. We very rarely see them anywhere on a landscape right now. Two Indiana Bats were above Southern/Midwestern species...we are getting here, that the (inaudible) are for redistribution. So, those two species calls sound a lot like the Little Brown calls and are commonly mixed up with them. But, if we found them, that would be a really big deal. So, we would like to get back out and see if we can catch those guys. And then, lastly, continue to do training for myself and others and outreach to the public...you know, we have had members of the public come up that night and asked what we were doing. We got to show them a few bats...it was really great. And then, obviously, extending that invite out to the Forest Preserve District Staff as well. So, with that...that's all I got. Again, thank you for the opportunity. I just want to say, it's been a fantastic partnership between our office and the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District for a number of years...well before my time. We have done lots of things like create habitat together, planned surveys and things like that. Rusty-patch Bumble Bees; which is another Listed critter that is found out there. So, we really appreciate that partnership and a lot of the work that we do would not be possible without that. So, we appreciate that and we look forward to the future. So, with that...I will take any questions."

President Swanson stated, "We certainly appreciate your time and attention. Mr. Mielke, do you have a question?"

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "I do. I have a question, but first off...this was very fascinating. I grew up in Coal Valley as a kid and I know we still have them because I can still see them at twilight. Is that partially because of the train and we have maybe

Niabi Zoo Forest is out that way and, of course, Indian Bluff Forest Preserve. I mean...is that something...are those other areas where or are you just focusing on Illiniwek or would you be focusing on those other areas too?"

Mr. Oliver answered, "No. We actually have done surveys in the past at Niabi Zoo. I would really like to get out there and either do mis-netting or additional acoustic work out there. So, we do survey other properties as well. We do have another survey planned in the Milan bottoms this upcoming year on the Rock Island County Parks and Rec land that we are really excited about. So, ya know...we have a somewhat limited capacity for field work, but we do have other (inaudible) in the area."

President Swanson stated, "Dr. Simmer and then Mr. Morthland."

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer asked, "You said mold causes White-nose problem. Is that the same stuff they had in the Maquoketa Caves a number of years ago?"

Mr. Oliver answered, "I think that it happened...I would be shocked if it hadn't been detected at Maquoketa Caves."

Mr. Simmer asked, "What stops it...just time?"

Mr. Oliver clarified, "What can stop it?"

Mr. Simmer answered, "Yeah."

Mr. Oliver answered, "Nothing has been identified to, at present, to be able to stop it. Biologists are working on a few exploratory things that they could add into that environment, that could lessen its effects. But, yeah...to date, nothing has been identified as being able to do that. It spreads...it can spread from cave to cave by bats. It's spread by bats themselves...so, they can carry spores on themselves and can spread it to each cave they go to. Then, it's introduced there. I am optimistic though...our bats have shown some, although, it has caused some huge declines greater than 95% for any of those species Listed...they have shown some resilience and over time, we have seen an up-tick in populations. So, I think there is some adaption going on to the White-nose Syndrome."

President Swanson stated, "Mr. Morthland and then, Mr. McNeil."

Commissioner Morthland asked, "A quick question...as I was reading the map earlier, its kind of looked like it was the newer, younger, forest area where you were catching the bats and not the mature stuff on the hill?"

(An overlapping comment was inaudible between Mr. Oliver and Mr. Morthland)

Mr. Oliver answered, "So, it's in a (inaudible) corridor there...it wasn't what I would classify as a mature part of that area. Really close by, it looks like there was a tree planting done. That was the immature area you were talking about...that was really close by."

Mr. Morthland stated, "Thank you."

Commissioner McNeil was recognized.

Mr. McNeil asked, "You know, Hollywood has portrayed bats as invulnerable, but your presentation says they are vulnerable...and what I would like to know is, what animals prey on bats? And also, what parts of Illinois are they...along the Mississippi and the Illinois River...is it the river valleys that they are concentrated in or are they spread out across the state?"

Mr. Oliver answered, "Yeah, so...what preys on bats? So, a lot of different things prey on bats. Birds of prey would be number one. So, bats are active at night for a few reasons: 1. That's when the most insects are out; which is what they eat. 2. To avoid diurnal birds of prey such as raptors and hawks. Those birds prey on them and if bats come out too early, one of those birds can see them and they can get taken. Also, they can be taken by snakes and owls and in some instances...this is kind of wild, but we have a record of it that I would like to share, is Barbados Bat species have actually been documented of preying on our smallest bat, the Tri-Colored Bat; which is kind of interesting. As far as bat distribution on the landscape, I would say in our area...those river bluffs and racoon corridors, along waterways are the areas where we have the best bats and it supports the bat summer habitat that we have right now. So, only a few of our species will winter in caves. A lot of those species have to winter in caves or mines. So, some of them that have to winter in mines along the Illinois River like limestone mines, but a lot of them go very far to the south in southern Illinois in migration for Spring and Fall into the areas where they have caves to use over winter."

President Swanson stated, "This is fascinating...are there any other questions for our guest? I really want to thank you for our partnership on this and all of the work that you do. I am grateful that you've got great teammates and the staff of the Forest Preserve District wouldn't mind joining you. Please, let's say thanks to our guest."

(Group Applause)

President Swanson added, "Alright to transition on here, I would say that many years ago in the parks, we would love to see bats because it meant fewer mosquito bites."

Mr. Oliver added, "Yep."

President Swanson stated, "Mr. Oliver, thank you so much for all that you do. We appreciate it very much."

Mr. Oliver answered, "Thank you."

3. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the October 15, 2024, Commission Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Just a couple of quick President's Comments. The campgrounds and zoo are closed for the season. The Golf Course will be closing up soon. If you look at those notes, 2024 season was a very good year. We saw the upticks, especially, for Loud Thunder. So, I salute you, Commissioners, for foresight in making the investments that we did there...they are paying off. And, on behalf of all the team at Niabi, I would say thanks to all Members of the County Board for the work just a few moments ago in approving the ARPA settlement. Mr. Mielke, you weren't here for that part, but you were with me when we toured the damage and you can attest that the damage was extremely extensive and I was able to say thanks and didn't know if there were any comments that you would like to add about the ARPA funds."

Commissioner Mielke was recognized.

Mr. Mielke stated, "Well, I was in attendance for the Executive Committee and we definitely appreciate having that money...it's better for the county overall. We look at it as far as the quality of life in Rock Island County that benefits everyone in the county and all the people who use the zoo."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you. And, we know for our friends who visit the Quad Cities that Niabi is one of the attractions...there aren't a ton of them, (inaudible) is another, but it is one of the attractors that brings people across that wide Mississippi (River) into Rock Island County. So, thanks to everyone for that. We will have time for more questions during the reports from District staff, but for now we are going to move on."

6. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$444,621.15 as presented. Commissioners Brunk and Perkins 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation, as enumerated in your packet. Commissioner Foster seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moved 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Mielke moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding FY25 Niabi Zoo Improvements ARPA Grant Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Dewith seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

FY 2025 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 \$35,649.50 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$35,649.50	131-32-35 767 ARPA24-60	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$35,649.50 shall be increased from grant revenue to be received in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$35,649.50	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 19th day of November, 2024.



Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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

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D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno- Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Layer moved to waive the reading and approve the FY 2024 Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Audit Fund, and Development of Forests and Construction of Improvement Fund, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

(Note** The Ordinances are in .pdf format at 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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 the sum of **TWO MILLION TWENTY-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	\$1,282,413	\$-0-	\$1,282,413
Personal Benefits	261,003	261,003	-0-
Supplies	376,465	376,465	-0-
Other Services & Charges	441,744	441,744	-0-
Capital Outlay	102,575	102,575	-0-
Debt Service	378,828	378,828	-0-
Transfers	780,072	37,485	742,587
TOTAL	\$3,623,100	\$1,598,100	\$2,025,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025 **\$1,231,761**

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$2,025,000
OTHER INCOME	\$1,598,100

\$3,623,100

TOTAL

\$4,854,861

Estimated Expenditures

\$(3,623,100)

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2026

\$1,231,761

2024 Taxes Hereby Levied \$2,025,000

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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.

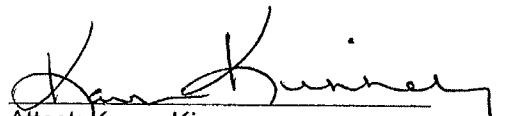
SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.



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	\$1,800,001	\$-0-	\$1,800,001
Personal Benefits	296,282	71,283	224,999
Supplies	634,585	634,585	-0-
Other Services & Charges	625,892	625,892	-0-
Capital Outlay	20,000	20,000	-0-
Debt Service	399,625	399,625	-0-
Transfers	180,072	180,072	-0-
TOTAL	\$3,956,457	\$1,931,457	\$2,025,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025 \$(80,085)

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy	\$2,025,000
OTHER INCOME	<u>\$2,724,100</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$4,749,100</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2026 \$(3,956,457)

\$712,558

2024 Taxes Hereby Levied \$2,025,000

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.

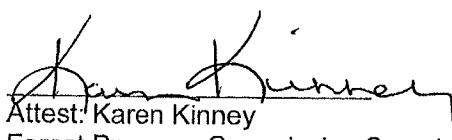
Forest Preserve Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 the sum of **ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIX 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 **IMRF RETIREMENT 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
Personal Benefits-Retirement	<u>\$166,338</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$146,000</u>
Total	\$166,338	\$3,100	\$146,000
 Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			
Other Income			
\$146,000			
\$3,100			
\$149,100			
TOTAL			
Estimated Expenditures			
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			
\$266,283			
\$(166,338)			
\$99,945			

2024 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.

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

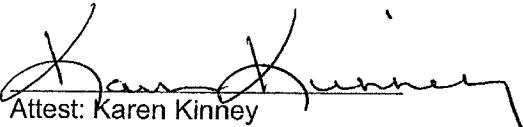
Forest Preserve District Retirement Fund
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 the sum of **TWO HUNDRED TWENTY 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 **LIABILITY INSURANCE 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
Liability Insurance	<u>\$244,288</u>	<u>\$5,100</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
Total	\$244,288	\$5,100	\$220,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			\$241,484
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy			\$220,000
Other Income			<u>\$5,100</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$225,100</u>
Estimated Expenditures			\$466,584
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			<u>\$(244,288)</u>
			\$222,296

2024 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.

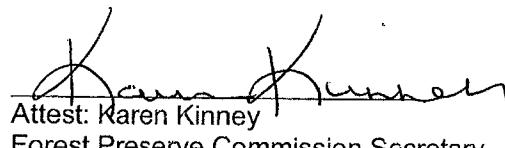
Forest Preserve District Liability Fund
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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

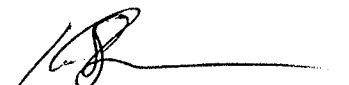
SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 the sum of **TWO 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>\$240,232</u>	\$3,100	<u>\$240,000</u>
Total	\$240,232	\$3,100	\$240,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			\$72,252
Estimated Cash Income:			
	Real Property Tax Levy	\$240,000	
	Other Income	<u>\$3,100</u>	
TOTAL			\$243,100
Estimated Expenditures			\$315,352
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			(\$240,232)
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied	\$240,000		\$75,120

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 FISSA Fund
2024 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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 the sum of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN 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	\$300,718	\$0	\$300,718
Total	\$300,718	\$0	\$300,718
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			\$21,850
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy	\$300,718		
Other Income	\$0		
TOTAL			\$300,718
Estimated Expenditures			\$322,568
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			\$300,718
			\$21,850

2024 Taxes Hereby Levied \$300,718

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.

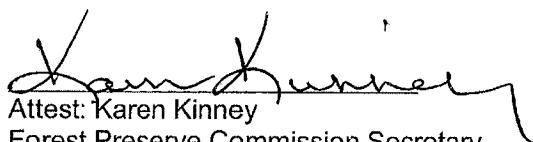
Forest Preserve District Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements Fund
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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 2025 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2026.

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 2025 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2026 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>\$45,000</u>	\$0	<u>\$45,000</u>
Total	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025 \$5,090
Estimated Cash Income:

Real Property Tax Levy	\$45,000	
Other Income	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>

TOTAL	\$45,000
Estimated Expenditures	\$50,090
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026	<u>\$(45,000)</u>
	5,090

2024 Taxes Hereby Levied \$45,000

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.

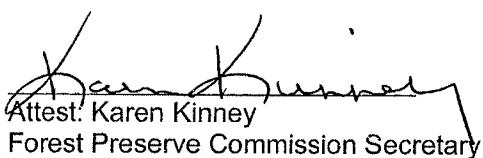
Audit Fund
2024 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance



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

Passed

Effective

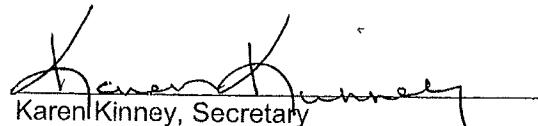


Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY) SS

I, Karen Kinney, Forest Preserve District Secretary for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinances, is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinances passed by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, at a meeting duly convened and held on the 19th day of November, 2024, and executed by the President of said District thereafter the passage at such duly convened meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, this 20th day of Nov, 2024.



Karen Kinney, Secretary
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District

Commissioner Vyncke moved 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, L. Moreno, M. Moreno- Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Dewith moved to waive the reading and approve the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Tax Anticipation Warrant in Anticipation of Tax Levied for the Niabi Zoo Fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN
ANTICIPATION OF TAXES LEVIED FOR THE
NIABI ZOO FUND OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT,
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
JULY 1, 2024 & ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, there is not sufficient money in the District Treasury to meet and defray all general expenses and liabilities of the Niabi Zoo Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, deem it advisable, necessary and in the best interest of Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County that funds be borrowed for the purpose of meeting and defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District and in evidence thereof to issue tax anticipation warrants, in anticipation of taxes for said Forest Preserve District for the purposes of operation and maintenance of its Niabi Zoo Fund, levied for the year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of 50 ILCS 430/2 authorize Rock Island County Forest Preserve District to provide a fund for Niabi Zoo to meet and defray expenses and liabilities by issuing tax anticipation warrants,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN
OPEN MEETING THIS 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That money is borrowed from time to time, as needed, to meet and defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District for purposes of operation and maintenance of Niabi Zoo, against and in anticipation of the tax levy set for the year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 for the Niabi Zoo Fund, said tax anticipation warrants to bear interest not to exceed the greater of nine per cent (9%) per annum, or such other interest rate permitted by 30 ILCS 305/2, from this date until paid or until notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper or otherwise that the money for their payment is available and will be paid on presentation, such warrants to show upon their face that they are payable in numerical order of their issue and solely from such taxes when they are collected, and shall be received by the District Treasurer, the Rock Island County Collector as payment of the tax against which they are issued. Such tax anticipation warrants shall not be issued in excess of eighty-five percent (85%) of the total amount of the tax so levied, which said tax is hereby assigned and pledged to the payment of said warrants, and such tax, when collected, shall be set apart and held for their payment.
2. That said tax anticipation warrants shall be substantially in the following form, to wit:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND
TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANT
NIABI ZOO FUND PURPOSE

No. NZ 2024-

\$ 1,000,000.00

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT the Forest Preserve Commission, in the County of Rock Island, Illinois, will pay to the bearer at the office of the County Treasurer of said county, in the City of Rock Island, Illinois, the sum of ONE MILLION and no/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) with interest thereon

at the rate of four percent (4%) per annum, or best rate available, from the date hereof until paid or until notice shall be given by publication in a newspaper or otherwise that money for its payment is available and that it will be paid upon its presentation.

Principal hereof and interest hereon will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America from the proceeds, when received, of taxes levied upon all taxable real property in Rock Island County, Illinois, for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025, for the Niabi Zoo Fund of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, for purposes of operation and maintenance of Niabi Zoo.

This warrant is issued in anticipation of such taxes as levied, for the year and purpose as aforesaid to provide a fund to meet and defray the ordinary and necessary expenses and liabilities of the Forest Preserve District in the County of Rock Island in the operation and maintenance of Niabi Zoo, and both principal and interest are payable solely from said taxes when collected and not otherwise, which taxes are hereby pledged and assigned to payment of this warrant and of all warrants issued against and in anticipation of such taxes, the total of which warrants so issued does not exceed eighty-five per cent (85%) of the tax levy made therefore, and shall be received by the District Treasurer, Rock Island County Collector in payment of the taxes against which it is issued.

This warrant and all other warrants issued in anticipation of collection of the levy for Niabi Zoo in Rock Island County, for operation and maintenance of Niabi Zoo, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 are payable in the numerical order of their issuance.

Principal hereof and interest herein shall not be payable until after December 1, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done pursuant to and in the issuance hereof have been properly done, have happened and have been performed as authorized by an Ordinance of said County, adopted pursuant to applicable provisions of law, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS, by its County Board of Commissioners, has caused this warrant to be signed by its District President and its County Clerk, and its corporate seal to be affixed hereto, and to be registered, numbered and countersigned by its District Treasurer and Rock Island County Treasurer, who receives the taxes for said County, as of the 19th day of November, A.D. 2024.

Do not sign

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Karen Kinney District Secretary

Kai Swanson-President, Forest Preserve Commission

Registered, Numbered & Countersigned

Do not sign

Nick Camlin District, County Treasurer

3. That the Forest Preserve District President, District Secretary, District Treasurer, the Rock Island County Treasurer and Rock Island County Forest Preserve District be and hereby are authorized to execute, issue and dispose of said tax anticipation warrants at not less than par and accrued interest, from time to time, as funds are needed to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of this Forest Preserve District, and that said warrants be of such dates and in such denominations as they deem advisable and agreeable to the purchaser thereof.

4. That the total amount to be borrowed in anticipation of the hereinabove described levy shall not exceed \$1,000,000.00.

5. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are thereby repealed.

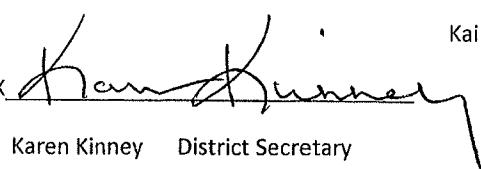
6. That this ordinance is effective immediately upon its adoption.

Done in open meeting this 19th day of November, 2024

X 

Kai Swanson-President, Forest Preserve Commission

ATTEST:

X 

Karen Kinney District Secretary

Commissioner Dewith moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Simmer 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Perkins moved to waive the reading and approve the Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17 in the amount of \$342,827.50, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

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ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

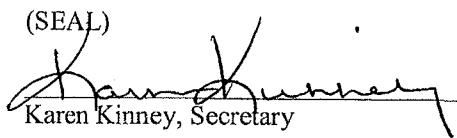
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-01-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES 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 2024 (to be received in 2025) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on November 30, 2017, with such County Clerk), as follows:

	New Levy Amount	
Tax Levy	To Continue After Abatement	
<u>For the Year 2024,</u>	<u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$342,827.50	-0-	\$342,827.50

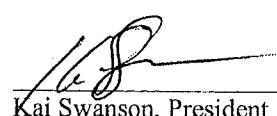
No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2024, as shown above to be levied, and to extend 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.

(SEAL)


Karen Kinney

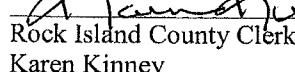
Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson

Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 19th day of November, 2024 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

11-20-24
Date

Commissioner Burns moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Simmer 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner McNeil moved to waive the reading and approve the Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401 in the amount of \$355,250.00, as presented. Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

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

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-0401, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016, 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 April 19, 2016, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 2016-0401, adopted April 19, 2016, 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 2024 (to be received in 2025) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on June 29, 2016, with such County Clerk), as follows:

	New Levy Amount To Continue After Abatement	
<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year 2024,</u>	<u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$355,250.00	-0-	\$355,250.00

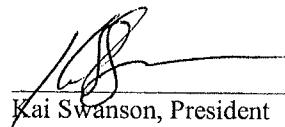
No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2024, as shown above to be levied, and to extend 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.

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

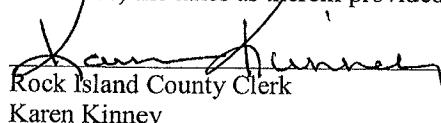
Karen Kinney, Secretary


Kai Swanson

Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 19th day of November, 2024 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

11-20-24
Date

Commissioner Layer moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Simmer 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Mielke moved to approve the changes to RICFPD Benefits Policy, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

Commissioner Adams moved 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,
D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno- Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the proposed IMEG Agreement, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

Commissioner Burns moved 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, B. Perkins, R. Simmer,
E. Sowards, B Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

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

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

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be an Organizational meeting Monday, December 2, 2024, and the next regular meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 5:30pm, in these chambers, following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board in the Rock Island County Office Building, 1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois. Friends, we are in recess. Thank you very much for your time and attention."

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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