

**MEMBERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
REORGANIZATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 -- 5:50 P.M.**

The County Clerk, Karen Kinney, called the Reorganizational Meeting of the County Forest Preserve Commission to order, 3rd floor, County Board Chambers, Rock Island, IL.

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."

Madam Clerk Kinney asked, "I have to seek permission for Mr. Vyncke, just like we did for the County Board. Motion to approve Mr. Vyncke's remote attendance. Motion by Commissioner Brunk, Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Vyncke stated, "Thank you, everybody."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "You are welcome."

2. Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "The first order of business tonight is to elect a Temporary Forest Preserve Commission President. I will make three calls for nominations for a Temporary Forest Preserve Commission President."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "I make the first call..."

Commissioner Westpfahl nominated Rod Simmer. Commissioner Adams seconded.

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "I made a second call...are there any other nominations for Forest Preserve President? Temporary President, yes."
Ms. Kinney made a third call and final call for nominations for Temporary Forest Preserve President...

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "There are no other nominations and I declare nominations for Temporary Forest Preserve President closed. Rod, do you accept the nomination as Temporary Forest Preserve President?"

Commissioner Simmer answered, "Yes, I appreciate it."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "A motion was made and seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Ms. Kinney stated, "Okay, Mr. Simmer."

3. (Temporary President Simmer opened the floor for nominations for Forest Preserve President.)

Temporary President Simmer stated, "Okay, I will make three calls for nominations for Forest Preserve President."

Temporary President Simmer stated, "I'll make the first call for Forest Preserve President..."

Commissioner McNeil stated, "I would like to nominate someone who will continue to meet the challenges of the Forest Preserve, Kai Swanson."

Commissioners Mielke seconded.

Temporary President Simmer stated, "I make a second call..."

Temporary President Simmer stated, "I make a third and final call for nominations for Forest Preserve Commission President..."

Temporary President Simmer stated, "I declare nominations for Forest Preserve Commission President closed. Call for a vote Ms. Kinney?"

Ms. Kinney asked, "Approve by acclamation?"

Ms. Oberbroeckling stated, "We must ask Mr. Swanson if he accepts the nomination."

Temporary President Simmer asked, "Mr. Swanson, do you accept the nomination?"

Commissioner Swanson stated, "I very gratefully accept and thank you for your collegiality."

Temporary President Simmer stated, "Thank you, for your kind words, Mr. Swanson."

(Group laughter)

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "Now, we will call for a roll call."

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 19

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Alright. Well, thank you, friends. I know that there is a wonderful celebration awaiting."

4. President Swanson stated, "The next order of business...and I thank you all very much for your support; is to appoint the District's Auditor, Secretary and Treasurer."

President Swanson asked Ms. Oberbroeckling, "Rebecca, would there be any bar assuming there are no objections in front of the house...to take all three as one appointment? To do all three?"

Ms. Oberbroeckling answered, "As long as all three accept their nomination."

President Swanson reiterated, "Alright, and as long as there are no objections from the house, if that's alright. So, I would move to appoint April Palmer as the District's Auditor for a two-year term...I would move to appoint Karen Kinney as the District's Secretary for a two-year term...and to appoint Nick Camlin as the District's Treasurer for a two-year term. First, seeing no objection to the omnibus...Mr. Adams, please."

Commissioner Adams stated, "I was going to second."

President Swanson states, "Okay, thank you. I see no objection and Mr. Adams seconds. I will now ask the three appointees if there are any objections to their appointments being suggested?"

President Swanson asked, "First, Ms. Palmer, do you accept the appointment?"

Ms. Palmer answered, "I graciously accept and thank you so much."

President Swanson asked, "Thank you. Ms. Kinney, do you accept?"

Madam Clerk Kinney answered, "I accept and thank you very much."

President Swanson asked, "Mr. Camlin, do you accept?"

Mr. Camlin answered, "Yes, Mr. President."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you all for that. I would ask for a vote by acclamation, if that's acceptable?"

A voice vote was taken.


Motion carried.

5. (Due to an oversight, Public Comment was not listed on the agenda and no one was present for Public Comment.)

Friends, the next meeting of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 17, 2024, immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting of the Rock Island County Board, and a great thanks for the chance to work on this important endeavor with all of you."

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Commission Reorganizational Meeting adjourned (recessed) at 5:58pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

KAREN KINNEY
CLERK OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY
FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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