

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2025**

PRESENT: Committee members – J. Woods, E. Sowards, D. Mielke, R. Simmer, K. Swanson, L. Moreno.

ABSENT: C. Layer.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; April Palmer, Auditor; Nick Camlin, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the second floor conference room in the County Building at 1504 3rd Ave, Rock Island, Illinois.

E. Sowards, D. Mielke, J. Woods, R. Simmer, K. Swanson, L. Moreno.

TOTAL PRESENT 6

C. Layer.

TOTAL ABSENT 1

President Swanson called for a motion approving the October Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the October Committee meeting minutes. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the old year and new year claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$613,649.92.

MOTION: Ms. Woods moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$613,649.92. Mr. Mielke seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation.

MOTION: Dr. Moreno moved to approve the transfers of appropriation. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolutions regarding the FY26 Niabi Zoo Fund Additional Appropriations, FY26 DFCI Fund Loan from the General Fund in the

amount of \$56,854.13, FY26 DFCI Fund – EV charging station grant improvements in the amount of \$21,500.00 in expenditures and revenues.

MOTION: Ms. Woods moved to approve the resolutions regarding the FY26 Niabi Zoo Fund Additional Appropriations, FY26 DFCI Fund Loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$56,854.13, FY26 DFCI Fund – EV charging station grant improvements in the amount of \$21,500.00 in expenditures and revenues. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson made three calls for public comment.

There were no requests for public comment.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer if there was anything she'd like to share in her report.

Ms. Palmer stated that there were some new public act pronouncements, so the office has setup an audit hotline. The audit is going well, and is on track to be presented next month. Want to comment on the Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund. The Committee may notice that the fund balance and cash balance look very strange. The balances look negative. That's because of the grant funds we're expending, which you just approved, but the District has not gotten the revenue in yet. The cash will be there when the expenses are actually paid out, but in the meantime they will look as they currently do.

President Swanson asked Mr. Camlin if there was anything he'd like to share from his report.

Mr. Camlin stated that there was nothing to share.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything further he'd like to share with the Committee.

Mr. Jackson state that Boo at the Zoo had a great turn out. Attendance was better than it has been in the last few years.

President Swanson asked Mr. Craver if there was anything he'd like to share from the District's routine reports.

Mr. Craver stated that the parks had a great season, and are prepping for the winter. The golf season is coming up to an end.

President Swanson asked if there were any questions on the routine reports?

There were no questions.

President Swanson stated that there was a program that ran on the local public radio station called Hidden Brain. It's all about neuro-science. The last episode is all about getting into

nature. Getting out and walking in the woods. The most intriguing thing was that some people just don't like to walk in the woods, but the research shows that even if people don't like being outdoors, they get the same health benefits.

President Swanson called the meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Submitted by: Cassie Sullivan
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