

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026 – 6:10PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON – PRESIDING

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll:

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

TOTAL PRESENT 19

TOTAL ABSENT 0

2. **PRESENTATION:** Cynthia Webster Kanner (Via Zoom)—Executive Director of Prairie State Conservation Coalition

President Swanson stated, "Our guest was able to join us a little bit early tonight. Ladies and gentleman, via Zoom, we are going to be joined by Cynthia Kanner. Cynthia is the first Executive Director of the Prairie State Conservation Coalition. She is the former Executive Director of the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. Cynthia, while we would love to have you here in person, we're grateful for your time to be with us via Zoom, and I believe the floor and the co-hosting duties are yours."

Ms. Kanner stated, "Thank you so much, and greetings everyone! Good evening, I am physically in Algonquin, Illinois and would also love to be with you in person, because this is one of my favorite things to do. What would we do without Zoom? I am so very happy to be here and I appreciate the invitation. I want to start by thanking you all for being sponsors of our upcoming Land Conservation Conference. For those of you who are not familiar with Prairie State Conservation Coalition, we are a Statewide Association of Conservation Organizations. We were started by Land Trusts in Illinois, we have over 34 Member Land Trusts, and they started the organization 21 years ago. So, part of the purpose in hiring a first, Executive Director is to, first of all to have some staff, which is very helpful and incredibly well run for many years on volunteer energy. They pulled together some funding for a few years, hired me and I am over 3 years in, and I'm still here. Basically, we serve our Conservation Land Trusts, which is, they're our backbone of the organization. They work with private land owners on conserving land, and also expanding our network of people, and organizations who support us, and other conservation groups like yours—like state parks, park districts, the DNR etc. I am actually not going to give my PowerPoint, that is still in the works with another staff member, because I will be delivering that on Thursday at Starved Rock for the

Illinois Association of Conservation District. If anyone is going to that, you will definitely get to hear that on Thursday. So, Prairie State Conservation Coalition we're, as I said, statewide non-profit. One of our main missions is to support and serve through trainings and networking opportunities for all of our conservation organizations in the state. We're sort of a different model from other state associations of land trusts, in that our conference attracts, and always has, a lot of different players in the conservation world. So again, not just land trusts, but the whole breadth of organizations, whether public or private, that are working toward conserving land. It is a very unique opportunity for partnering. The more we connect with each other, and are with each other talking at our conferences, we try to build in that time to just have conversations. That is where a lot of the magic happens when people get the chance to sit down and talk. So, let's do a hand raise, has anybody been to our Land Conservation Conference before? It is traditionally always at Starved Rock."

(No hands raised)

President Swanson stated, "I am not seeing any hands, sorry."

Ms. Kanner continued, "That's ok this is part of my job, I am excited that we're on the same page together now. The conference, like I said, was at Starved Rock but last year we moved it to Pere Marquette State Park. I kind of felt that for a statewide organization, we were always holding it up north at Starved Rock. Which worked out great for me, I am less than 2 hours from there, but not so great for folks coming from Southern Illinois, and farther down. So, I moved it to Pere Marquette, and it was our 20th Anniversary last year, and it went really well. We are following that model this year in a couple of weeks, 2 weeks from tomorrow we will be at the I Hotel in Champaign. Then, next year, so mark your calendars, March 10th – March 12th, 2027 we will be in the Galena area at the Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa. So, with that, in addition, we also started Regional Conferences. Those are more day-like conservation gatherings, just a full day of in Southern Illinois. We were in Pembroke and East Central Illinois last year. This year we are focusing on Northern Illinois, and that's an additional opportunity to bring in partners, very focused on the communities that represent a certain region coming together. Also, thinking about folks who aren't normally in the room and we want to engage more with. We also have a Conservation Connector Webinar Series. We just had one today with the Conservation Fund and all that they do to help support funding for private, and public agencies. In addition, we have a monthly e-newsletter called "News from the Prairie." We are active with the Land Trust Alliance, so I am on monthly calls with them always learning new things, and participate in their National Conference called "Rally." Beyond that, I meet with our Executive Directors of Land Trust bi-monthly. I am always out and about as much as possible around the state. I have been all over the place just meeting people, and just making sure that all of our different organizations around the state, whether it's soil,

water conservation districts, or forest preserve districts all know who PSCC is. Part of what we do beyond connecting all of you with one another is, advancing Conservation Legislation in the state, so that together we can move more in the direction and get more support for conservation in Illinois. We have board members, about 15, and next month we're bringing in one new board member. I am a full-time staff, we have a grant program now. Last year the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation closed its doors and they awarded PSCC with their very last grant, which was \$47 Million. So, that was a surprise that that was coming 6 months in to my new job, and very exciting. It took us about a year, but we got set up and gave out our first grants by the end of the year for Land Acquisition. Right now, we are in our second Land Acquisition grant cycle, and also just kicked off our stewardship cycle. There will be one other grant making area that kicks off next year, that will launch in early 2027, and that is for capacity building. Along with that, with those funds we were very fortunate to hire staff who worked for the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, a Senior Grant Program Officer, Brad Hansel. We also had a Grant Administrator Krista Dimberg, and I am very sad to say that 3 weeks ago Krista Dimberg, a young woman, passed away. We will have a little moment of silence for her at our conference. So, Brad Hansel is our Grant Program Officer, and is doing Grant Administration as well. He will also be talking with me on Thursday at Starved Rock. We have 4 working committees, so we work on policy, board development, on our conference, and on advancement. We're always trying to figure out how to sustain the organization, and its operations. That big fund that we have is for grants—for giving funds out. We do that on the interest of that fund, and we're going to be working on trying to grow that fund. My dream would be to grow it by another \$50 Million, and be able to give out more grants every year. The Land Acquisitions Grants, the eligible organizations are 501C 3's and local government agencies. I am going to stop there and see if there are any questions, I'm happy to hear any stories about anyone in the room who has maybe connected with PSCC in the past. I'm just really looking forward to answering any questions and having conversation."

President Swanson responded, "Well Cynthia, we are very grateful to have you with us, I am going to look around the room for those but in the meantime, I wanted to let you know if you ever have any connections with the Prairie Rivers Network or the Bi-State Conservation Action Network, known as BICAN—they're going to be holding a Regional Summit at Augustana College this summer, I don't have those dates. Mr. Craver knows how to get me, so you could reach out to him for my contact information, and I'd love to see you connected with those folks."

Ms. Kanner responded, "Oh yeah, we're definitely connected. We've had Kim Pitcher did one of our Conservation Connectors almost 2 years ago, on Herbicide Drift. We're very much connected and on the same meetings with other folks, just a terrific group. I usually end up running in to them whenever I'm in Champagne."

President Swanson responded, "Oh great! I am looking around for any questions, thank you. Seeing no questions, I just want to express our gratitude to you for taking the time to be with us. Thanks for your advocacy across the Great Prairie State, and we look forward to opportunities to partner in the future. Mr. Craver anything from you?"

Ms. Craver responded, "No, thank you."

President Swanson stated, "Other than Mr. Craver's thanks, which is added to all of ours. So, friends, if you would join me in thanking Cynthia Kanner. Thank you!"

Ms. Kanner responded, "Thank you so much, and I'll see someone from there at our conference, I think, is Jeff going?"

President Swanson responded, "Jeff? Oh yeah, Mike Peterson who is the Superintendent of Illiniwek, Dorrance, and Amôwa Forest Preserves will be in attendance."

Ms. Kanner responded, "Well, I will look for you. Thank you so much, and again thanks so much for having me, and if there's anything interesting, shall I stay on?"

President Swanson responded, "Well listen, I think it's interesting but, you're welcome to stay on as long as you'd like but we are moving on to some other business matters now."

Ms. Kanner responded, "Thank you so much for having me."

President Swanson responded, "We appreciate your time with us."

3. Commissioner D. Adams moved to approve the January Commission Minutes, as presented. Commissioner T. Foster seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "I just want you to know that on your behalf, last month I attended the IAPD IPRA Conference in Chicago. If you would like to have a full report, I presented Mr. Craver with a written report, that will surely put you to bed



FM100E98:Forest Preserve Committee - AP by G/L

Invoice Due Date Range 01/01/26 - 01/31/26

Vendor	Invoice No.	Invoice Description	Status	Held Reason	Invoice Date	Due Date	GL Date	Received Date	Payment Date	Invoice Amount
Fund 133 - Forest Preserve Lib Ins										
Department 32 - Forest Preserve										
Object Detail 636.00 - Insurance										
104371 - CASH IN-TRES LIABILITY	QY4 2025	workers comp	Open		01/22/2026	01/22/2026	01/22/2026			32,204.72
INSURANCE	WCem	reimbursement								
					Object total 636.00 - Insurance Totals			Invoice Transactions 1		32,204.72
					Department 32 - Forest Preserve Totals			Invoice Transactions 1		32,204.72
					Fund 433 - Forest Preserve Lib Ins Totals			Invoice Transactions 1		32,204.72
					Grand Totals			Invoice Transactions 347		32,204.72

* = Prior Fiscal Year Activity

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at night but, I just want you to know, based on what others are passing as industry standards—we are exceeding all of them. You should be very proud of the work that our staff does in terms of conservation. You should also know that I found a hotel 200 meters away for \$150 less per night, and I took the Amtrak into Chicago, so I'm saving the taxpayers money baby. If you have any questions on that, you can absolutely chat with me later. As I said, Mr. Craver has a report of all the sessions I attended on your behalf.”

- Commissioner C. Enburg moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$306,114.27 as presented. Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner T. Foster moved to waive the reading and approve Transfers of Appropriation, Commissioner B. Perkins seconded.

(*Note-Transfers of Appropriation begin on next page.)

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, has adopted Annual Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, it now appears desirable and necessary that certain adjustments be made between Appropriation Items in the Forest Preserve Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund in said Annual Appropriation Ordinances, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, that the amounts set forth below are hereby transferred from the unexpended balance of certain appropriation items in the Forest Preserve Fund as contained in said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances to certain other such Appropriation Items within the same Fund, as follows, within the same Fund, as follows:

Amount	Appropriation #	Description	Revised
\$13,199.00 from	130-32-10 991.74	Transfer to Niabi Zoo	\$489,367.00
\$400.00 to	130-32-10 412.00	Overtime	\$400.00
\$1,000.00 to	130-32-10 631	Professional Services	\$18,085.00
\$30.00 to	130-32-10 636	Insurance	\$30.00
\$2,915.00 to	130-32-10 764	Machine & Equipment \$1000-4999	\$2,915.00
\$400.00 to	130-32-90 412.00	Overtime	\$1,400.00
\$370.00 to	130-32-90 414	Uniform	\$2,370.00
\$1,500.00 to	130-32-90 524	Small Tools & Equipment	\$2,700.00
\$400.00 to	130-32-91 412.00	Overtime	\$1,400.00
\$924.00 to	130-32-91 764	Machine & Equipment \$1000-4999	\$13,914.00
\$2,000.00 to	130-32-92 412.00	Overtime	\$7,000.00
\$100.00 to	130-32-92 412.10	Seasonal Overtime	\$100.00
\$511.00 to	130-32-92 635	Printing & Duplicating	\$861.00
\$2,453.00 to	130-32-92 764	Machine & Equipment \$1000-4999	\$2,453.00
\$196.00 to	130-32-93 638	Repairs & Maintenance	\$196.00
\$50,000.00 from	131-32-08 631	Professional Services	\$170,200.00
\$20,000.00 from	131-32-08 413	Employee Health Benefit	\$149,928.00
\$46.00 to	131-32-07 634	Publishing	\$46.00
\$15,000.00 to	131-32-08 411.00	Salaries & Wages	\$727,564.00
\$10,897.00 to	131-32-08 411.10	Seasonal Salaries	\$180,897.00
\$1,091.00 to	131-32-08 412.10	Seasonal Overtime	\$1,091.00
\$2,100.00 to	131-32-08 524	Small Tools & Equipment	\$8,100.00
\$87.00 to	131-32-08 527	Books & Periodicals	\$287.00
\$250.00 to	131-32-08 633	Travel	\$5,250.00
\$259.00 to	131-32-08 634	Publishing	\$259.00
\$700.00 to	131-32-08 644	Outside Contractual	\$700.00
\$263.00 to	131-32-18 632	Communications	\$263.00
\$39,307.00 to	131-32-18 768	Machine & Equipment over \$5000	\$95,091.31

Rock Island, Illinois on the 17th day of February, 2026
The Revised Appropriations shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Commissioner C. Enburg motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

- Commissioner J. Woods moved to waive the reading and approve the resolution regarding the Bike Path Grant Improvement. Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

(*Note-Resolution begins on next page.)

RESOLUTION
FY 2026 Bike Path Grant Improvements

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District was awarded grant funds to resurface portions of the Great River Trail in unincorporated Rock Island County near Cordova to the Rock Island County border along Route 84, and

WHEREAS, a grant award fee is required, and

WHEREAS, additional expenditures for the design and construction documents will be forthcoming, 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. Funds are available from unappropriated funds within Fund #335 Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$2,000.00	335-32-35 991.12- IBPG27	Transfer to Other Agencies

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 17th day of February, 2026.

Kar Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karon Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner D. Adams motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner D. Mielke seconded.

Roll Call:

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner D. Mielke moved to approve the RIC Forest Preserve District Housing Agreement. Commissioner B. Vyncke seconded.

**Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
Housing Agreement**

This Agreement made and entered into this 1st day of May, 2026 by and between the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, hereinafter referred to as "District" and the undersigned hereinafter referred to as "Employee."

WITNESSETH: That the District for and in consideration of the covenants, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth allow the Employee the use of premises and less than one acre of District-owned land situated at 13208 Niabi Zoo Road, Coal Valley, IL. 61240, County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, known and described as Niabi Zoological Preserve (the "Property") to be occupied as a residence and not otherwise. The parties to this Agreement understand and agree that Employee residing on the Property is not a permanent condition of the Employee's employment with the District.

Employee is to have and to hold the above-described premises and appurtenances thereto for the period of one (1) month to be renewed from month to month, up to a maximum term of thirty-six (36) months unless this maximum duration is extended by a separate, mutual, written agreement executed by the parties. This Agreement shall terminate after the last day of the thirty-seventh (37) month following the execution of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason. The party wishing to terminate this Agreement shall give thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the other in order to affect such termination. Notice from the Employee to the District shall be provided to the Forest Preserve President.

The Employee, for and in consideration of the covenants, conditions and restriction hereinafter set forth does hereby understand, covenant and agree with the District as follows:

1. Beginning with the first month following the execution of this Agreement, the above-described Property shall be provided to the Employee for the fee of **\$800.00 US Dollars**, on a month-to-month basis. The fee for each month shall be due and owing on the first day of that month. In return of the monthly fee of **\$800.00** to the District the employee shall receive and not be responsible for payment of the Property's utilities: gas, electric, water, sewer, or trash services or fees. The Employee is expected to pay for television service, internet service, local phone service, and/or long distance phone call service, and any other utilities or services the Employee desires which are not provided under this Agreement.
2. Beginning with the thirteenth (13) month following the execution of this Agreement, the monthly fee to be paid by the Employee to the District pursuant to the previous Section shall increase to **\$850.00 US Dollars**. Beginning with the twenty-fifth (25) month following the execution of this Agreement, the monthly fee to be paid by the Employee to the District pursuant to the previous Section shall increase to **\$900.00 US Dollars**.
3. The District shall furnish the Property with at least one range stove, one refrigerator, one washing machine, and one clothes dryer, which shall be selected by the District at its option. The Employee shall be responsible for furnishing the Property with any additional desired appliances. The Employee may replace any existing appliance if and only if the Employee first receives approval from the Forest Preserve President.
4. Employee shall not assign, demise, rent, let or sublet the whole or any part of the Property, or cause or suffer any alterations to be made on or to said Property, without first securing permission in writing from a duly authorized representative of the District to do so.

5. The District reserves the right to enter, view and inspect the Property at reasonable times.
6. The District shall, at its option, be responsible for all major maintenance and replacement for all major structural renovations on the Property.
7. Employee shall, in addition, be responsible for all regular and routine maintenance of the Property.
8. Should the Property need major repairs or be destroyed by fire or other casualty, the District shall have the option to replace the Property. Failure to exercise such option shall place no liability on the District.
9. Employee agrees to protect the Property, appurtenances and contents of the Property against fire, theft, vandalism and all other risks.
10. Employee agrees that upon termination of this Agreement for whatever reason or cause, said Employee will yield up and surrender said Property and appurtenances to the District in as good condition as when the same were entered upon by said Employee, ordinary wear and tear excepted.
11. Employee agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its agent, servants and all employees other than himself from any and all losses, expenses, damages, judgments, demands and claims arising from any incident which occurs on the Property as a result of any act or omission by Employee, his family, guests, licensees or invitees which occurs outside the scope of his employment as an employee of the District during the term of this Agreement or during such time as the Employee is in actual possession of the Property.
12. Employee shall keep said Property and appurtenances in a neat, clean, and orderly condition at all times.
13. Employee agrees to abide by such other rules and regulation as may be promulgated by the District. The Forest Preserve President, or his duly designated representative, shall serve as the District's agent.
14. If Employee violates any of the conditions or terms of the Agreement, it shall be lawful for the District to terminate this Agreement. This Agreement is to be deemed as a not-for-profit agreement, and all payments to be made by Employee to the District are intended to reimburse the District for expenses incurred in providing the Property as a place of residence for the Employee. This Agreement is not as a consumer transaction between the parties.
15. This Agreement is a successor Agreement to a previous Agreement between the parties concerning the same subject matter. The previous Agreement shall remain in full force and effect between the parties until the first day of the first month following the execution of this Agreement, at which point the previous Agreement shall terminate and this Agreement shall take effect.

Employee Signature

Date

Forest Preserve President
Kai Swanson

Date

Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director
Employee Name Printed

Commissioner J. R. Westpfahl was recognized, "Is that something new?"

President Swanson responded, "No sir, this is something we amend on a regular basis. This is the house that is at Niabi so that someone is there 24/7."

Commissioner J. R. Westpfahl responded, "Is this just for Niabi Zoo or Loud Thunder too?"

President Swanson responded, "This one just covers Niabi, but we do have a house there for Mr. Mills at Loud Thunder for the similar purpose."

Commissioner J. R. Westpfahl asked, "Who is living in the house at Niabi Zoo then? One of our employees?"

President Swanson responded, "Well, Lee Jackson the Director, he has chosen to live there."

Mr. Craver approached the podium, "Illiniwek and Loud Thunder, the Site Superintendents there, it is a part of their job requirement to live on site, so they do not pay rent. We did have a residence at Indian Bluff Golf Course, it was a decision of the board to remove that residence, rather than invest in that and make it a requirement of the golf course personnel, individual, whoever that may be, to live there. It was not a requirement for Mr. Jackson to live on site like it was for previous Directors, when the house became vacant an offer was made. This agreement has been in place for, I think this is the second renewal, so around 6-7 years, a good majority of his time here."

President Swanson responded, "Thank you very much, does that help with your question Mr. Westpfahl?"

Commissioner J. R. Westpfahl responded, "We're charging the Directors rent on this house then?"

President responded, "No, in the agreement it is part of his compensation package."

Mr. Craver responded, "It is not part of his compensation package, that is why he pays us rent."

President Swanson responded, "Oh he does pay us rent, well that answers that for Mr. Westpfahl."

Mr. Craver stated, "The Zoo Director, when he was hired, housing was not taken into his compensation package, so that is why we charge him rent. When we hired

the Site Superintendents, we said it is a job requirement that they have to live on site. With that being said, we do not charge them rent because it is a job requirement. It is not a paid benefit, it's not extra income that they can report, we have to pay IMRF, the IRS or the State, or any other taxing body that wants their dollars, it is a job requirement. Living at the Zoo for the Zoo Director is not a job requirement. Some of you may remember there was a time when the house sat vacant, and for security purposes so that we had somebody there 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. We have staff obviously 7 days a week, but we hired Per Mar Security to spend quite some time to be there and patrol the Zoo grounds in the evenings, and address any issues that might come up during those off hours when my staff is not present."

President Swanson responded, "So It has been handy to have the leader of the zoo that close."

Mr. Craver responded, "Yes, so obviously if there is an animal emergency, we have had some automobile accidents, there's been other issues of folks trying to do whatever folks want to do after hours to not be seen. It is kind of a reciprocal partnership there, obviously missing some rent, but we do have a staff member there to address issues when they come up."

Commissioner R. Simmer was recognized, "Yeah just one quick question, when he's gone, when he goes to South America or where ever he goes on vacation, do we still have Per Mar come out there when somebody isn't there?"

Mr. Craver responded, "No. Thanks for letting the public know that. Not that the public has his personal calendar. The Zoo has, Mr. Davis you may be able to help me with this, the Zoo has significantly invested in the security of the animal exhibits and some of the buildings. There's approximately how many cameras out there?"

Mr. Davis responded, "I believe 40."

Mr. Craver continued, "40 some odd cameras out there and, Assistant Director and the Zoo Director have access to those, as well as many of our primary keepers at the zoo. There are a lot of eyes going on the animals and on the grounds at various times throughout the day, even in the absence of Mr. Jackson."

President Swanson responded, "We can micromanage this question, but we can also remember that over the years it has been a net plus to have the Zoo Director out there 24/7 and paying rent, so that is why we review the agreement every couple of years, make sure it is still in our keeping and we'll move forward with that. Seeing no other requests for comment, did we get a motion and a second on this?"

Ms. Hauman responded, "Yes, Mr. Mielke and Mr. Vyncke."

President Swanson requested a motion for previous roll call.

Commissioner B. Vyncke motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

Roll Call:

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TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

- 10. Commissioner D. Mielke moved to approve the IMEG Proposal Bike Path Improvement, Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

(*Note-See packet for full proposal.)

Commissioner E. Dewith motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

Roll Call:

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner C. Layer moved to approve the Lake George Pier & Access, Commissioner J. Woods seconded.

(*Note-See packet for full proposal.)

Commissioner D. Mielke motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner B. Vyncke seconded.

Roll Call:

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

TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner B. Perkins moved to approve the Sikich proposal for audit services, Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

(*Note-See packet for full audit proposal.)

Commissioner R. Simmer motioned for previous roll call, Commissioner C. Layer seconded.

Roll Call:

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TOTAL YES 18

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner C. Layer moved to approve the Legat Architects proposal for Golf Simulator design, Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

LEGAT ARCHITECTS

Design with a Difference

February 6, 2026

VIA Email

Jeffery Craver
Forest Preserve District Director
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
19406 Loud Thunder Road
Illinois City, IL 61259

RE Indian Bluff Golf Simulator
Proposal to Provide Professional Architectural Services

Dear Mr. Craver:

Thank you again for giving Legat Architects the opportunity to become Architect of Record for the Indian Bluff Golf Simulator. Pursuant to your request, Legat Architects ("Architect") is pleased to submit this proposal to provide professional architectural services to Rock Island County Forest Preserve District ("Client"). The purpose of this letter is to summarize the professional services to be provided and the related fees.

1.0 Project Parameters

- 1.1 Project Objective: Conceptual design for a golf simulator space.
- 1.2 Locations:
 - 1.2.1 6200 78th Ave, Milan, IL 61264
- 1.3 Project Activities:
 - 1.3.1 Provide a visual assessment of the existing conditions in work areas identified; and
 - 1.3.2 Provide an estimate of probable cost; and
 - 1.3.3 Complete conceptual drawings and rendering of potential space.
- 1.4 Budget Parameters:
 - 1.4.1 \$275,000
- 1.5 Schedule Parameters:
 - 1.5.1 Conceptual Design 2-4 weeks.
- 1.6 Project Delivery Method:
 - 1.6.1 Floor plan drawing and rendering.

2.0 Architect's Scope of Services

- 2.1 Project Inception Phase (Schematic Design)
 - 2.1.1 The Architect will review the scope of work line items as proposed by the Client; and
 - 2.1.2 The Architect will provide a visual assessment of the existing conditions affected by the scope of work line items; and
 - 2.1.3 The Architect will provide an initial estimate of probable cost for the scope of work line items; and
 - 2.1.4 The Architect will attend two meetings to complete this phase and receive initial approval of the scope of work from the Client.

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3.0 Deliverables

- 3.1 Conceptual design drawings will consist of a floor plan and one rendering.

4.0 Project Schedule

- 4.1 The schedule for conceptual design will be approximately 2-4 weeks.

5.0 Compensation

- 5.1 The Client will compensate the Architect for the basic services outlined in AIA Document B101 on a Lump Sum basis in the amount of \$5,000. Legat Architects reserves the right to renegotiate the lump sum amount should the Scope of Work as currently defined be reasonably altered.
- 5.2 Reimbursable Expenses will be in addition to the Architect's compensation and shall be invoiced using the multipliers indicated below times the expenses incurred by Legat Architects.
- 5.2.1 Reproduction costs for drawings, specifications, addenda, reports, etc. required to be submitted at the end of each contractual phase and for bidding purposes shall be invoiced at 1.10 times.
- 5.2.2 Postage and delivery charges for bid documents and materials requested by the Client or required by authorities having jurisdiction shall be invoiced at 1.10 times.

6.0 Client's Responsibilities

- 6.1 The Client will provide access to the Project Locations and facilities and to all original construction drawings, as-built documents, etc. that document the existing conditions.
- 6.2 The Client will provide floor plans in a digital format compatible with either Autodesk AutoCAD software or Autodesk Revit software.

7.0 Miscellaneous Provisions

- 7.1 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, Legat Architects and Legat Architects' consultants will have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of or exposure of persons to hazardous materials in any form at the Project site, including but not limited to asbestos, asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or other toxic substances.

If you are in agreement with this proposal, you can authorize Legat Architects to proceed by signing below. Please note that Legat Architects will not begin work until written authorization to proceed is received.

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If you have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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We accept the terms of this Proposal.

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

15. Commissioner J. Woods moved to approve all routine reports from the Director and Department Heads to the Forest Preserve Commission, Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion Carried.

President Swanson stated, "The next meeting of The Forest Preserve Commission will be Thursday, March 19th 2026, following the County Board meeting in these chambers."

President Swanson declared the meeting in recess at 6:34pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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