ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 6:07PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON – PRESIDING

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

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

   TOTAL PRESENT 17

   E. Dewith, C. Ramos

   TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. **PRESENTATION—** NONE

   President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much. We do not have a presentation tonight, Tom Flaherty from Rock Island Economic Development was going to do that, we're going to reschedule him for another date, so look forward to that."

3. Commissioner R. Simmer moved to approve the August 18, 2026 Commission Minutes as presented, Commissioner J. Woods seconded.

   A voice vote was taken.

   Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE** (3 calls made)

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

   President Swanson stated, "Not much for Presidents report at this time, though I will be available for questions later. I will say, for everyone within the sound of my voice, that Niabi Zoo's Pints for Preservation is coming up Friday night. This is our primary way, not only to support all the great education and outreach efforts that our children and grandchildren love so much, but to support all kinds of species survival programs, that are underway right now. There were some ridiculously cute pictures of the Pallas's Cat kittens on Facebook today. So, if you haven't gotten your tickets yet, what are you waiting for? Great food trucks, tasty brews, I'll take Dr. Moreno's word on that. We want to see you all out there Friday. If you're interested, you can go to www.niabizoo.com to buy those tickets. Again, if there's any questions later in the report section, I'll be happy to answer those."

6. Commissioner D. Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of $378,274.13 Commissioners B. Perkins seconded.

Forest Preserve District
Rock Island County, Illinois

FM100E98:Forest Preserve Committee - AP by G/L

Invoice Due Date Range 08/01/26 - 08/31/26

Vendor	Invoice No.	Invoice Description	Status	Hold Reason	Invoice Date	Due Date	G/L Date	Received Date	Payment Date	Invoice Amount
Fund 335 - Develop-Forests & Construct Impr										
Department 32 - Forest Preserve										
Object detail 631.00 - Professional Services										
108048 - IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	2400251905-2	Indian Bluff Golf Course Patching Overlay	Open		08/05/2026	08/05/2026	08/05/2026			6,719.00
108048 - IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	2400251906-2	Lake George Parking and Pier OSLAD Grant Application	Open		08/05/2026	08/05/2026	08/05/2026			2,754.00
Object detail 631.00 - Professional Services Totals								Invoice Transactions 2		$9,473.00
Object detail 765.00 - Construction in Progress										
106322 - QUAD CITY BANK AND TRUST	86C1FBCB-0029	Column Software;publication;7/20/26;card # 0312 1425	Open		08/20/2026	08/20/2026	08/20/2026			345.07
Object detail 765.00 - Construction in Progress Totals								Invoice Transactions 1		$345.07
Sub Department 35 - Grants										
Object detail 765.00 - Construction in Progress										
106322 - QUAD CITY BANK AND TRUST	86C1FBCB-0028	Column Software;publication;7/20/26;card # 0312 1425	Open		08/20/2026	08/20/2026	08/20/2026			318.69
108048 - IMEG CONSULTANTS CORP	2600246500-2	Great River Trail HMA Repairs & Overlay Phase 2	Open		08/26/2026	08/26/2026	08/26/2026			12,300.00
Object detail 765.00 - Construction in Progress Totals								Invoice Transactions 2		$12,618.69
Sub Department 35 - Grants Totals								Invoice Transactions 2		$12,618.69
Department 32 - Forest Preserve Totals								Invoice Transactions 5		$22,436.76
Fund 335 - Develop-Forests & Construct Impr Totals								Invoice Transactions 5		$22,436.76
Grand Totals								Invoice Transactions 480		$262,892.20

* = Prior Fiscal Year Activity

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FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND *

THE FP COMMITTEE 9/9/2026
SESSION

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT,

YOUR COMMITTEE ON **FOREST PRESERVE** REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED BEFORE THEM BY THE COMMITTEE TO PAY CLAIMS PRIOR TO COMMISSION ACTION.

55-ILCS 5/1-6005, 55-ILCS 5/1-6006 1996 ILLINOIS COMPILED STATUTES.

	APPROPRIATION NUMBER						
VENDOR	FUND	DEPT	BASIC EL.	OBJ.	DATE	CK#	AMOUNT
CardConnect	130	32	90	873.00	8/3/26	AWD	1,836.19
CardConnect	130	32	91	873.00	8/3/26	AWD	3,859.16
CardConnect	130	32	92	873.00	8/3/26	AWD	4,984.62
Petty Cash - Indian Bluff	130	32	92	631.00	8/7/26	ACH	60.00
Petty Cash - Indian Bluff	130	32	92	526.00	8/7/26	ACH	15,076.98
Illinois Department of Revenue	130		208.10		8/7/26	ACH	6,549.00
Morrow Brothers Ford	130	32	91	768.00	8/21/26	709520	33,155.00
CardConnect	131	32	10	873.00	8/3/26	AWD	14,958.84
Illinois Department of Revenue	131		208.10		8/7/26	ACH	3,785.00
Petty Cash - Niabi Zoo	131	32	10	631.00	8/21/26	ACH	300.00
VenuPlus Inc	131	32	10	644.00	8/28/26	709523	203.28
J Grafton - IMRF	132	32		413.20	8/20/26	ACH	38.59
							84,806.66

FOREST PRESERVE PRESIDENT

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FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND *

THE FP COMMITTEE [redacted]
SESSION

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	APPROPRIATION NUMBER						
VENDOR	FUND	DEPT	BASIC EL.	OBJ.	DATE	CK#	AMOUNT
JL Brady	130	32	90	638.00	8/7/26	709517	900.00
Camlin-Treasurer DFCI Fund	130	32	10	991.11	8/21/26	ACH	25,000.00
Iowa Golf Association	130	32	92	642.00	8/21/26	709519	750.00
Riverstone Group	131	32	18	522.00	8/21/26	709518	143.44
MWI Veterinary Supply Co	131	32	08	522.00	8/28/26	709521	227.31
VenuPlus Inc	131	32	10	644.00	8/28/26	ACH	857.52
State of IL-Dept of Employment Security	133	32		636.00	8/21/26	ACH	2,697.00
						Total	30,575.27

FOREST PRESERVE PRESIDENT

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A roll call vote was taken.

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

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner J. Woods moved to waive the reading and approve the old and new year transfers of appropriations, Commissioner R. Simmer seconded.

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
$4,275.00 from	130-32-91 413	Employee Health Benefit	$68,447.00
$325.00 to	130-32-10 632	Communications	$4,135.00
$50.00 to	130-32-10 634	Publishing	$7,925.00
$500.00 to	130-32-10 644	Outside Contractual	$150,857.00
$500.00 to	130-32-90 522	Operating Supplies	$25,991.00
$1,000.00 to	130-32-90 638	Repairs & Maintenance	$34,163.00
$500.00 to	130-32-91 637	Utilities	$25,845.00
$500.00 to	130-32-91 638	Repairs & Maintenance	$36,720.00
$300.00 to	130-32-92 524	Small Tools & Equipment	$9,393.00
$600.00 to	130-32-92 631	Professional Services	$21,664.00
$25,000.00 from	130-32-10 991.74	Transfer to Niabi Zoo	$524,325.83
$25,000.00 to	130-32-10 991.11	Transfer to Other Funds	$25,000.00
$2,918.00 from	131-32-10 411.10	Seasonal Salaries & Wages	$167,082.00
$11,637.00 from	131-32-10 411.00	Salaries & Wages	$250,137.00
$75.00 to	131-32-07 522	Operating Supplies	$4,980.00
$55.00 to	131-32-08 414	Uniform & Clothing	$9,355.00
$1,225.00 to	131-32-08 524	Small Tools & Equipment	$17,558.00
$1,600.00 to	131-32-08 528	Zoo Animals	$4,755.00
$2,800.00 to	131-32-10 522.GS	Operating Supplies-Gift Shop	$106,821.00
$50.00 to	131-32-10 529	Employee Rcognition Supplies	$50.00
$100.00 to	131-32-10 631	Professional Services	$102,958.00
$1,100.00 to	131-32-10 632	Communications	$21,349.00
$600.00 to	131-32-10 635	Printing & Duplicating	$3,925.00
$250.00 to	131-32-18 524	Small Tools & Equipment	$10,200.00
$5,000.00 to	131-32-18 637	Utilities	$126,788.00
$1,700.00 to	131-32-18 638	Repairs & Maintenance	$58,805.20
$6,000.00 from	133-32 636	Insurance	$322,750.00
$6,000.00 to	133-32 631	Professional Services	$6,000.00
$500.00 from	131-32-08 413	Employee Health Benefit	$139,242.00
$500.00 to	131-32-08 522	Operating Supplies	$364,631.00

ADOPTED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois on the 15th day of September, 2026.
The Revised Appropriations shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

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Transfers of Appropriation

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, has adopted Annual Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027, 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
$10,000.00 from	335-32 767	Infrastructure > $15,000	$590,000.00
$10,000.00 to	335-32 631	Professional Services	$10,000.00

Rock Island, Illinois on the 15th day of September, 2026.
The Revised Appropriations shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Motion for previous roll call by Commissioner R. Morthland, Commissioner R. Brunk seconded.

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

TOTAL YES **16**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner D. Mielke moved to waive the reading and approve the resolutions regarding the FY26 Bike Path Grant Improvements, FY26 Niabi Zoo Fund Generator Grant Appropriations. Commissioner R. Brunk seconded.

(*Note—Resolutions begin on next page.)

RESOLUTION

FY 2027 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, expenditures pertaining to the design, bidding and survey services have been received, 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 in the amount of $12.618.69 are available from unappropriated funds within Fund #335 Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements until the grant award is received to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
$12,618.69	335-32-35 765.00 IBPG27-50-76500	Construction in Progress

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of $12,618.69 shall be increased from grant funds to be received to the Development of Forests & Construction Fund #335 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
$12,618.69	335-32-35 334.70 IBPG27-00-33470	State Grant – Bike Path Grant

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 15th day of September, 2026.

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Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

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Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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RESOLUTION

FY 2026 Niabi Zoo Fund Generator Grant Appropriations

WHEREAS, the Niabi Zoo Foundation was awarded funding from the Hubbell Waterman Foundation to support a portion of the installation of generators at Niabi Zoo, and

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District will be reimbursed for the generators and supporting infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, construction work 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 $12,325.93 shall be increased from unencumbered funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
$12,325.93	131-32-35 768.00 HWFG24	Machine & Equipment over $5000

SECTION 3. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 15th day of September, 2026.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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Motion for previous roll call by Commissioner L. Burns, Commissioner C. Enburg seconded.

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

TOTAL YES **16**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

8. **Comments from Commissioners —** NONE

9. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to approve all routine reports from the Director and Department Heads to the Forest Preserve Commission, Commissioner T. Foster seconded

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Well friends, it's not quite a land speed record, but we are going to adjourn this meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission. On that note, the next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, October 20th in these chambers following the County Board meeting. Friends, thank you for your service."

President Swanson declared the meeting in recess at 6:14 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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