

**THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE  
JANUARY 17, 2012 -- 6:07 P.M.**

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve met in the Board Members' Room: President Thomas Rockwell Reporting.

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)  
S. Ballard, P. Banaszek, J. Brandmeyer, N. Camlin, V. Dueysen, G. Freeman,  
K. Harmon, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, L. Loffin, J.M. McColl,  
S. Meersman, P. Moreno, H. Perez, S. Sallows, F. Schultz, V. Shelton, R. Simmer,  
J.R. Westpfahl, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack

**TOTAL PRESENT 22**

W. Armstrong, V. Mayberry, K. Maranda

**TOTAL ABSENT 3**

2. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the December 20, 2011, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Sallows moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims at \$34,767.48, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims at \$39,968.73 and late claims at \$19,130.24. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 20**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner McColl moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve and Niabi Zoo Funds. Commissioner Banaszek seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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Simmer,  
J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES            21**

**TOTAL NO             0**

Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Harmon moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution transferring \$10,000 in the Liability Insurance Fund. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2011-2012 Fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133, 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. An amount of \$10,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Liability Fund #133 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$10,000.00	133-32 636.00	Insurance

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 January, 2012.

A roll call vote was taken.

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G. Freeman, K. Harmon, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, L. Loftin, J.M. McColl, S. Meersman, P. Moreno, H. Perez, S. Sallows, F. Schultz, V. Shelton, R. Simmer,

J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Langdon moved to remove from display and approve the updates and revisions of the Forest Preserve District Policies and Procedures and the revised purchasing policies. Commissioner Bohnsack seconded.

Commissioner Johnston was recognized.

Mr. Johnston stated he has several questions...

President Rockwell stated, "Before you continue, there were no changes in this to how we've done things in the entire time that I have been here... it's either language or statute."

Mr. Johnston asked, "In no way does the committee act on its own?"

Mr. Rockwell, stated "Yes."

Mr. Johnston stated, "The only other thing, which I mentioned last month....was, there is nothing I could find that says that the President of the Forest Preserve has to come from the committeemen, eventhough it always has..."

Mr. Rockwell, stated, "Its State Statute."

Mr. Johnston stated, "No, I don't think it is."

Mr. Rockwell stated, "Yes it is...this has been reviewed by our State's Attorney's Office."

Mr. Johnston asked, "Can we just add a sentence that states the commissioners shall elect a President from among their members?"

Mr. Rockwell stated, "I'll tell you what we'll do...we'll have the State's Attorney's Office review it and if it's necessary, we'll change that."

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 19**

**TOTAL NO 0**

D. Johnston

**TOTAL ABSTAINED 1**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Banaszek moved to remove from display and approve the Outside Audit. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 21**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve Jeff Craver as District FOIA & EEO Officer. Commissioner Freeman seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the appointments of the following persons to represent the Forest Preserve Ethics Commission: Advisor, John Malvik and Commissioners, Stan Engstrom, Mary Jo Curless and Jim Hass. Commissioner Jacobs seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Bohnsack moved to approve the Routine Reports of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Banaszek seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Rockwell declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

Commissioner Westpfahl was recognized.

Mr. Westpfahl stated, "I attended the last Forest Preserve committee meeting and was asked to leave a closed session when I am a Forest Preserve Commissioner?"

Mr. Rockwell stated, "It depends...it's up to whoever was holding the meeting and that the closed session was in. Closed Sessions need to be held only by those that need to be there. There was a situation with East Moline School Board where they had several individuals in there and the Dispatch took them to court and the court ruled that since these persons didn't have a need to be in the meeting then they shouldn't be allowed to be in. You won't find that at every meeting."

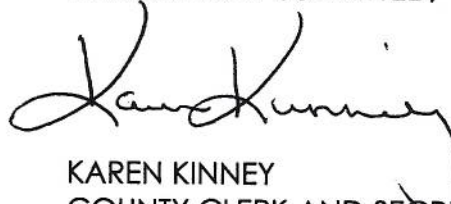
Commissioner Johnston was recognized.

Mr. Johnston stated, "As many times as I've been told that if we want to know something to go to these committee meetings and, in this case, if we attended, we're asked to leave. All Commissioners should be able to attend these meetings...I think it's wrong."

Mr. Rockwell stated, "That was my ruling, you'll need to take it up with the State's Attorney's Office. We are in recess."

The next Forest Preserve Commission meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2012, following the Regular County Board meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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