

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 – 7:21 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, K. Swanson

TOTAL PRESENT 22

S. Noyd, R. Reagan

TOTAL ABSENT 2

2. President Swanson stated, "Mr. Maranda reminded us of something very important for the commission. Chairman Brunk."

Commissioner Brunk stated, "Yes, Rock Island County and the Forest Preserve Commission were recognized by the Illowa Labor Council recently for working with them on impact agreements for various projects that both bodies have worked on this past year. So, there is a copy of that plaque in the office for the county and I actually have it downstairs for Mr. Swanson for the Forest Preserve for display at Loud Thunder."

(Group applause)

3. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the October 15, 2019, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None)**

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Our parks are now closed for the season. The archery hunt out at Loud Thunder is going very well. As we all know, the weather has hit a little bit early this year, so scheduled maintenance projects are likely be affected and I give the staff kudos. They have really been planning over the horizon. A couple of additional things, it is important for you to know that one of our staff members...speaking of awards, Ross Smith, was a part of the team out at Illiniwek, has been honored by the Illinois Parks Leadership Academy with a special invitation to be there. He's also been selected as an Illinois representative to the

National Association of Interpretations. So when you see Ross, give him kudos. If you are looking to buy for that hard to buy for person, Niabi is now selling its fundraising ornaments. This year's animal is the Snow Leopard. So there are still a few left and if you go to the website and you can do that and give some support for a great cause with the proceeds. And with that, one final thing...it is the height of the hubris to assume that your privilege as a hobby is, of course, costing the county tens of thousands of dollars; more important than the bees...which we rely on to eat. So, I would just note that I am grateful to Mr. Brunk for allowing our pollinator presentation to be when it was otherwise we knew it would be 7:30pm and you would lose the professor to the road. So, I am grateful for your indulgence and patience in hearing that. But that's one of the good news stories of our county, is that we are doing the right things and providing for our ecological sustenance. Get off the pulpit."

6. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Forest Preserve General Fund claims in the amount of \$232,926.09, Niabi Zoo claims in the amount of \$107,943.13, Liability Fund claims in the amount of \$424.98, Loud Thunder Improvements Fund claims in the amount of \$3,184.14, as presented. Commissioners Deppe and Sowards seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursement in the amount of \$26,405.63, as presented. Commissioners Burns and Cremeens seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner L. Moreno moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund, as presented. Commissioners Cremeens and Normoyle seconded.

(Note** The Resolution is in a .pdf format and begins on the next page)

RESOLUTION

Designation of a primary signatory for the application and permits associated with the Mississippi River Boat Ramp Access and Dock project at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve

WHEREAS, the District desires to rehabilitate and improve access to the boat launch to the Mississippi River at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, and

WHEREAS, the District intends to apply for a Boat Access Area Development grant from the IL DNR at a future date, and


WHEREAS, the area in which the District desires to make improvements is leased from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and


WHEREAS, the District must secure permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before applying for funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Forest Preserve Commission designates the Director to be the primary signatory for the application and permits or permissions from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in order to construct an improved access area and boat ramp and dock system at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 19th day of November, 2019.


Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission


Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Morthland moved to approve the Resolution regarding the Designation of a primary signatory for US Army Corps of Engineers applications and permits, as presented. Commissioner O'Brien seconded.

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CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

I, Karren Kinney, certify that I am the
(name of certifying officer)

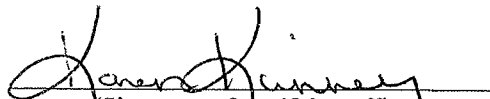
Secretary of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission of the company named as lessee
(official capacity of certifying officer)

herein; that Jeffrey D. Craver who signed this lease on behalf
(name of signer of lease)

of the company, was then Director of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of
(official capacity of signer of lease)

the company, that said lease was duly signed for and in behalf of the company by authority of its
governing body, and is within the scope of its legal authority.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2019.


(Signature of certifying officer)

Karen Kinney, Secretary

Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission

(CORPORATE SEAL)

President Swanson stated, "Essentially, this is a formality need to take care of in order for Mr. Craver to be empowered to represent us in negotiations with the Corps of Engineers."

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the Abatement Certificate for Ordinance #2016-0401, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

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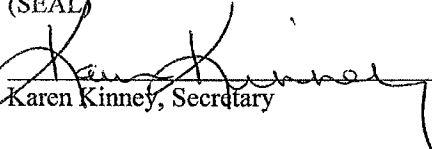
ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE


Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-0401, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on April 19, 2016, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 2016-0401, adopted April 19, 2016, collectively, the "Bond Ordinance", the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2019 (to be received in 2020) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on June 29, 2016, with such County Clerk), as follows:

<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year 2018,</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u> <u>To Continue After Abatement</u> <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$353,887.50	-0-	\$353,887.50

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2019, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 2016-0401 shall be given effect according to its terms.

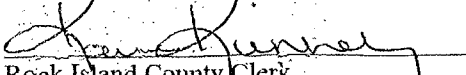
The Issuer has complied with the Bond Ordinance requirements preliminary to the execution and filing of this Abatement Certificate.

(SEAL)

 Karen Kinney, Secretary


 Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 19th day of November, 2019 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance, as shown above) the taxes as therein provided.


 Rock Island County Clerk
 Karen Kinney

A roll call vote was taken.

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D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno,
R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke,
J.R. Westpfahl

TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Deppe moved to approve the Abatement Certificate for Ordinance #11-01-17, as presented. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

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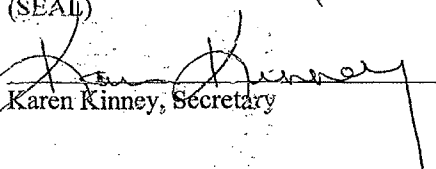
ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

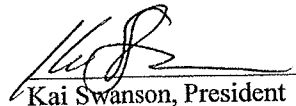
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Tax Levy	New Levy Amount	
<u>For the Year 2019,</u>	<u>To Continue After Abatement</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
<u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>		
\$154,602.50	-0-	\$154,602.50

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2019, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 11-01-17 shall be given effect according to its terms.

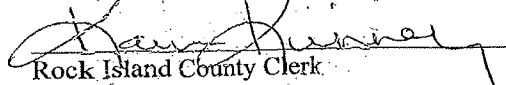
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Kai Swanson, President

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Karen Kinney

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TOTAL YES 21

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Sowards moved to approve Design Homes as the manufacturer of the cabins for Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, as presented. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

President Swanson added, "This is not going ahead with them, this is as the continuing project unfolds as continuing funds are available. Basically, it's giving Mr. Craver what he needs for the next step."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

13. **Comments from Commissioners:** (None)

Commissioner Normoyle was recognized.

Ms. Normoyle stated, "Since I am new here, and you said that the Parks were closed, but somebody could go out and use the park as long as they were respecting that there just won't be facilities available during the off season."

President Swanson stated, "Yes. Thank you, that is a great point because a lot of people like to be out in the winter snow shoeing, cross-country skiing...the Superintendents of the parks, Mr. Mills, Mr. Peterson etc...they will let you know if the trails are closed due to immediate conditions. They will post that. Otherwise, thank you. I would actually issue you a challenge, if you get out and enjoy these parks or even go hiking in the golf course, take a picture on your social media and #ricoutside and it will get shared all across the community. So, thank you, Ms. Normoyle for that timely reminder."

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "Out at the Zoo, we have a business that likes to give away free passes for Christmas. Will they be open to be able to?"

President Swanson answered, "Oh yes, there is staff at the zoo to care for the animals but that includes the office staff. You will want to talk to Ms. Scarlett Behrens."

Mr. Deppe replied, "Okay."

14. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Maranda seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

15. Commissioner Maranda moved to approve the Community Advisory Board, Mr. Jason Gilliland, Davenport, Iowa and Ms. Vicky Thornton also of Davenport, Iowa. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

Commissioner Simmer was recognized.

Mr. Simmer stated, "I just wanted to make sure that everybody read this. I wanted to point out to everybody that they are from Davenport, Iowa. We are trying to diversify a little bit more and get more from the community involved. I think it's great idea."

President Swanson added, "Well the strategy here is a multi-part strategy. And we are in the process of filing for our 501c-3 status for a foundation that will raise funds across our region. They are not only going to raise money from Coal Valley and (we are expecting a big gift from Mr. Mielke)...so all of the Quad Cities region with have people supporting the zoo. So, thank you for bringing that up, Dr. Simmer. Are there any other comments?"

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, December 17, 2019, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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