

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Committee members - L. Moreno, K. Swanson, D. Cremeens(via phone), A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, K. Maranda, E. Sowards.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek ranger; Lee Jackson, Zoo Director; Kurt Davis, IT; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder ranger(via phone); April Palmer, Auditor.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:59 AM on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in the Rock Island County Building in the third floor chambers, Rock Island, Illinois.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the July Committee meeting minutes. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards.

**TOTAL YES           6**  
**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Fiscal year 2020 claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$133,196.35; the fiscal year 2021 claims in the amount of \$212,162.26; and the fiscal year 2020 transfers of appropriation in the general fund.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the Fiscal year 2020 claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$133,196.35; the fiscal year 2021 claims in the amount of \$212,162.26; and the fiscal year 2020 transfers of appropriation in the general fund. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards.

**TOTAL YES           6**  
**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendments for the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the FISSA and IMRF Funds.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the Ordinance Amendments for the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the FISSA and IMRF Funds. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES**            **7**  
**TOTAL NO**             **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve to lay on display for thirty days the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, and Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve to lay on display for thirty days the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, and Development of Forests and Construction of Improvements Fund. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES**            **7**  
**TOTAL NO**             **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Fund Fiscal Year 2021 – Appropriations amendments for various Funds Resolution.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Fund Fiscal Year 2021 – Appropriations amendments for various Funds Resolution. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES**            **7**  
**TOTAL NO**             **0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer if there was anything from the Auditor's reports that she would like to bring attention to.

Ms. Palmer stated that the District still had until the end of August to back date expenses and revenues into fiscal year 2021. Staff at the Auditor's Office has begun the audit work papers that the external auditors will need. In September the outside auditors will be in the office. There will be some corrections to the Fund Balances report that will be in the Commission packet. The five-month reserve numbers were off.

President Swanson asked Mr. Mills if there was anything from the Loud Thunder report that he wanted to bring attention to.

Mr. Mills stated that there is a lot of storm damage that staff is working on clearing up from the storm yesterday.

President Swanson asked Mr. Petersen if there was anything from the Illiniwek report that he wanted to bring attention to.

Mr. Petersen stated that through the conservation efforts put forth by the District, staff has discovered an endanger species of bumble bee. The Rusty Patched Bumble Bee. It's good to see that the efforts staff has put into restoring prairies has given this endangered species a habitat that it can live, and hopefully thrive, in. There is also a possibility that staff has spotted another bumble bee that is on the threatened list.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything from the Niabi Zoo report.

Mr. Jackson stated that the Foundation has been established, and is looking for members. William Nelson, who has been the Chairman of the Community Advisory Board, is the first President of the Foundation. If you can think of anyone who would be a good fit for the Foundation's board, please contact either Mr. Nelson, or myself.

President Swanson asked Mr. Craver if there was anything from the Director's report that he wanted to bring attention to.

Mr. Craver stated that there is a more detailed breakdown of the IMRF numbers and savings included in the Director's report. Congratulations to Mr. Petersen and staff on the Bumble Bees. There was an injury to a visitor at the Loud Thunder Boat Rental last week. That incident is a potential liability claim, so wanted to make the Committee aware of that.

A brief explanation of the events of the incident was related to the Committee.

Mr. Craver continued stating that some of the improved camp sites at Loud Thunder have been opened to the public. It looks like a seeding window is opening up, so staff should be

seeding the other sites soon. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and the grass will grow and get established before the winter hits.

Ms. Normoyle asked if there is any funding potential in relation to the Rusty Patched Bumble Bees.

Mr. Petersen stated that there may be in a year or two. The colony must be well established, and have evidence of additional colonies being formed as well.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve all routine reports for the District.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES**            **7**

**TOTAL NO**            **0**

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:32 AM.

Submitted by:

Cassie Sullivan

Forest Preserve Administrative Assistant