

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 17, 2020 – 6:27 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, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, L. Sargent, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL PRESENT      24**

M. Moreno

**TOTAL ABSENT      1**

2. Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the October 20, 2020, Forest Preserve Commission minutes, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

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, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, L. Sargent, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (None) Three calls were made to the public for comments.**

4. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "Just a couple of things on the President's Comments. First for the District, the camping and zoo seasons have now closed. There are still opportunities to enjoy our fine facilities. Indian Bluff will stay open as long as weather permits. This has been an extraordinarily good year for golf for Indian Bluff. We are grateful for everyone's patronage. Now, if I can tell you something about my day job. The American College Health Administration says you can be in a room like this for about 90 minutes before there starts to be a viral load that can cause spread. So, we will monitor that closely in the classrooms. That is only if everyone maintains to wear masks above the nose and below the chin assiduously. On a personal note, one of my best friends is in this room. He has overcome Covid and I am very grateful and thank God that he is doing better. Also, the Governor has ordered today that funerals can only be attended by 10 people. I had to advise a family today that as of Friday, they can only have 10

family members. So, I encourage all of us as leaders in this community to be leaders and model appropriate behavior and stand in solidarity for people like Mr. Deppe and people that have funerals to arrange. Also, people like Mr. Oelke whose employer has implored us to maintain whatever ICU capacity we can because another friend's dad has died after going to Peoria because there wasn't adequate space here. So, I encourage all of you to be role models. Thank you for that indulgence."

5. Commissioner Adams moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$158,202.36, as presented. Commissioners Vyncke seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

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**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

6. President Swanson stated, "I am going to ask if there is any objection to taking the next four items on the Agenda: Waive the reading to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund, down to a motion to waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401, on block, meaning put them together. Do we have any objection to entertaining a motion to that effect? Is that an objection Mr. Burns?"

Commissioner Burns stated, "I am making the motion."

President Swanson stated, "I do want to read that so that it is clear for Rebecca. Where Mr. Burns has moved the following:"

- \* To waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Niabi Zoo Fund.
- \* To waive the reading and approve the Resolution pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations.

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**RESOLUTION**

**FY 2021 Niabi Zoo Appropriation Amendment**

**WHEREAS**, due to state guidelines and operating restrictions put forth on zoological parks in the State of Illinois from the COVID-19 pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, the District increased from the prior year's Niabi Zoo Fund property tax levy dollars to be received in 2021 to the Niabi Zoo Fund to supplement the loss of earned revenues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Preserve Commission has approved a transfer of appropriation from the General Fund to the Niabi Zoo Fund, and

**WHEREAS**, hotel-motel taxes received are expected to be improved than previously thought, and

**WHEREAS**, the District received a bequest from Phyllis Depaola, and

**WHEREAS**, the zoo management team has accepted salaries reductions to off-set a portion of lost earned revenues, 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. Revenues in the amount of \$419,750.00 shall be increased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

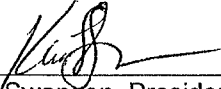
| AMOUNT       | APPROPRIATION | DESCRIPTION                                |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| \$244,750.00 | 131-32 311.10 | Property Taxes                             |
| \$65,000.00  | 131-32 391.62 | Hotel-Motel Fees                           |
| \$40,000.00  | 131-32 391.60 | Transfer from Forest Preserve General Fund |
| \$70,000.00  | 131-32 364.10 | Contributions from Private Sources         |

SECTION 3. Expenditures in the amount of \$24,000.00 shall be decreased from the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

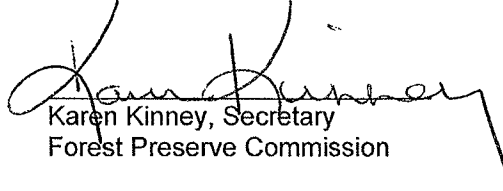
| AMOUNT     | APPROPRIATION    | DESCRIPTION      |
|------------|------------------|------------------|
| \$2,500.00 | 131-32-07 411.00 | Salaries & Wages |
| \$3,000.00 | 131-32-08 411.00 | Salaries & Wages |
| \$5,000.00 | 131-32-10 411.00 | Salaries & Wages |
| \$7,500.00 | 131-32-10 411.10 | Seasonal Wages   |
| \$1,500.00 | 131-32-18 411.00 | Salaries & Wages |
| \$4,500.00 | 131-32-18 411.10 | Seasonal Wages   |

SECTION 4. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

**ADOPTED** by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.



Kai Swanson, President  
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

- \* To waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17.

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**ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE**

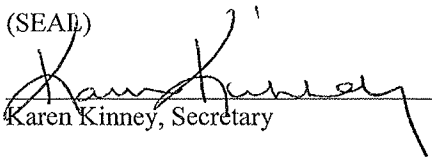
Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-01-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES 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 November 21, 2017, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 11-01-17, adopted November 21, 2017, 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 2020 (to be received in 2021) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on November 30, 2017, with such County Clerk), as follows:

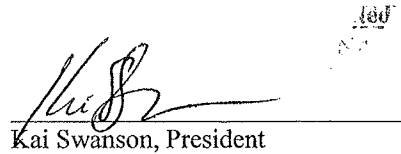
| <u>Tax Levy</u><br><u>For the Year 2020,</u> | <u>New Levy Amount</u><br><u>To Continue After Abatement</u><br><u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u> | <u>(Amount Abated)</u> |
|--|--|------------------------|
| \$319,052.50                                 | -0-  | \$319,052.50           |

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.

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

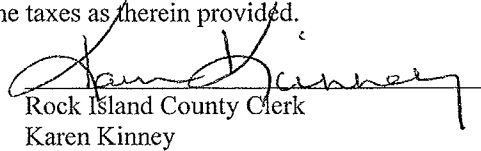
(SEAL)

  
Karen Kinney, Secretary

  
Kai Swanson, President

**Receipt**

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 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

\* To waive the reading and approve the Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #2016-0401.

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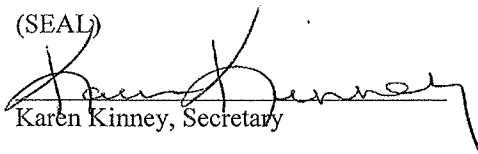
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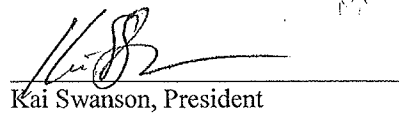
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|---|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>For the Year 2020,</b>                             | <b>To Continue After Abatement</b> | <b>(Amount Abated)</b> |
| <b><u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u></b> |                                    |                        |
| \$356,175.00  | -0-                                | \$356,175.00           |

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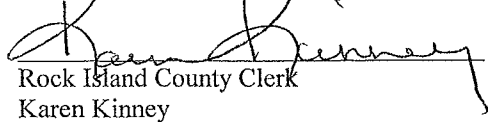
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Rock Island County Clerk  
Karen Kinney



President Swanson asked, "Do we have a second?"

Commissioner Langdon and Ms. Sowards seconded.

Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the previous roll call vote.  
Commissioner Burns seconded.

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E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the improvements to the camel yard and building at Niabi Zoo in an amount up to \$50,000.00, as presented.  
Commissioner Simmer seconded.

Commissioner Brunk moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioners Oelke and Burns seconded.

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E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

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

9. Commissioner Adams moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented.  
Commissioner Burns seconded.

Commissioner Deppe was recognized.

Mr. Deppe stated, "The plaque that was left there that was donated...was that donated by the group that does the horses?"

President Swanson asked, "Which plaque was that?"

Mr. Deppe reiterated, "The plaque out at Loud Thunder. It was on the reports that there was a plaque left there."

President Swanson stated, "There are a couple of equestrian groups that are very active out there."

Mr. Deppe stated, "Okay. The other question I have do these kids not know that HyVee and Jewel toilet paper is like gold? They are just burning it... in our bathrooms."

President Swanson stated, "Our priorities change as the years go by don't they, Mr. Deppe?" (Laughter)

Mr. Deppe stated, "Yes. I was curious because I just wanted to know who donated it?"

President Swanson stated, "Thank you very much and I don't know. Mr. Craver is on the line. I don't think that Mr. Mills was able to join us this evening but we will make sure that your appreciation is extended."

Mr. Deppe stated, "Yes. Anytime we can get donors, that's good."

President Swanson asked, "Mr. Craver? No? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Deppe. Are there any other questions or is there anyone on the line who is staff that would like to make any relevant announcements? Okay, it's been moved and seconded. Is there anyone moving to adopt the previous roll?"

Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the previous roll call vote.  
Commissioners Brunk and Reagan seconded.

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**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Beck moved to approve the Appointments of Dave Herrell and Jennifer Miller to the Community Advisory Board. Commissioner Normoyle seconded.

President Swanson stated, "In anticipation of the question, many of you know Dave Herrell is the Executive Director of Visit Quad Cities. I think that is quite a

coup. I think Dr. Miller is the Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Blackhawk College and has experience at a famous zoo in Ohio, where she helped as a volunteer. Any further questions or discussion? I would entertain the motion to adopt the previous roll?"

Commissioner Oelke moved to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Adams seconded.

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**TOTAL NO            0**

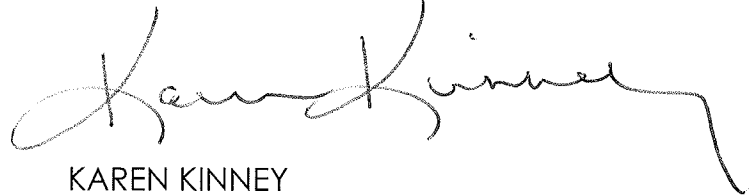
Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 5:30pm, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

The reorganizational meeting will be held Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:30pm.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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