

**MEMBERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
ORGANIZATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 -- 5:55 P.M.**

The County Clerk, Karen Kinney, called the Reorganizational Meeting of the County Forest Preserve Commission to order, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Board Members' Room, Rock Island, IL.

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT 24**

L. Boswell-Loffin

**TOTAL ABSENT 1**

Ms. Kinney asked, "Okay, let's go back to Lauren Loftin. Ms. Boswell-Loffin? Lauren, are you with us?"

Ms. Winstead stated, "She is not...she's not online."

Ms. Kinney stated, "No? Okay...we have a quorum."

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (NONE)**

3. County Clerk Kinney stated, "The first order of business is to elect a Temporary Forest Preserve Commission President. I will make three calls for nominations for a Temporary Forest Preserve Commission President.

Nominations are now open...

Commissioner Swanson moved to nominate Brian Vyncke as Temporary Forest Preserve President. Commissioner Dave Adams seconded.

Are there any other nominations...

I will make a third and final call...

Are there any other nominations...

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "Hearing none, I declare the nominations for Temporary Forest Preserve President closed."

Madam Clerk Kinney asked, "Can I get a motion to accept the nominations?"

Board Member Swanson stated, "I move the nomination be accepted by acclamation."

Board Member Adams seconded.

Ms. Kinney stated, "Motion made and seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "I forgot this important fact, um, Mr. Vyncke do you accept the nomination?"

Board Member Vyncke stated, "I do."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "Okay, thank you."

The Ayes have it and is so ordered.

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "Will you approach the podium, Mr. Vyncke? Congratulations."

Temporary President Vyncke stated, "This will be the shortest term I will ever have."

4. Temporary President Vyncke stated, "I will now make three calls for nominations for Forest Preserve President."

I make the first call for Forest Preserve President...

Commissioner Normoyle nominated Commissioner Kai Swanson.  
Commissioner Simmer seconded.

I make a second call for Forest Preserve President...

I make a third and final call for Forest Preserve President...

Hearing no further, Mr. Swanson, do you accept the nomination?

Commissioner Swanson answered, "I do."

Temporary President Vyncke stated, "Thank you very much."

(nominations are closed)

Temporary President Vyncke stated, "And with that, do we have a motion to approve?"

Commissioner D. Adams moved and Commissioner L. Moreno seconded.

Temporary President Vyncke stated, "Motion by Adams and Moreno seconded all signified by saying Aye."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Temporary President Vyncke stated, "Welcome, Mr. President. Congratulations."

(Group Applause)

5. President Swanson stated, "Thank you. As I noted, my daughters' contractions are now two to four minutes apart so we are going to go very quickly here, if that's alright. And, Mr. Noyd to answer your question. We have just a couple of items of business.
6. President Swanson stated, "The next order of business is to appoint the District's Auditor, Secretary and Treasurer. If there is no objection, I would entertain a motion to appoint April Palmer as the District's Auditor for a two-year term, Karen Kinney as the District's Secretary for a two-year term and Louisa Ewert as the District's Treasurer for a two-year term."

Moved by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioners Burns.

President Swanson asked, "Is there any objection to this omnibus measure? Hearing none, I move to approve by acclamation. Motion by Commissioner Adams and seconded by Commissioner Burns."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Forest Preserve President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Commission Organizational Meeting recessed.

The next meeting of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020, following the regular meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson stated, "I just want to express my thanks to all of you. The Commission's gain is at or on as high a level as it's ever been and we have

some exciting things coming in the year ahead. Thank you for your trust and confidence but I have a baby watch to go on. We are adjourned."

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

KAREN KINNEY  
CLERK OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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