

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek Ranger; Jay Verstraete, Golf Course Superintendent; Kurt Davis, IT; April Palmer, Auditor; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the Rock Island County Building in the third floor chambers, Rock Island, Illinois.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the November Committee minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the November Committee minutes. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

<b>TOTAL YES</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>TOTAL NO</b>	<b>0</b>

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$802,912.47.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$802,912.47. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Sowards seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriations in the Niabi Zoo Fund.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to approve the transfers of appropriations in the Niabi Zoo Fund. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Designation of Banks or other Depositories Resolution.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve Mr. Jeffrey Craver as the District's FOIA officer for calendar year 2021.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve Mr. Jeffrey Craver as the District's FOIA officer for calendar year 2021. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Ms. Normoyle moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the 2021 meeting dates of the District, and holidays.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the 2021 meeting dates of the District, and holidays. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the 2021 fee schedule of the District facilities and services.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the 2021 fee schedule of the District facilities and services. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve Amendment #3 to Mr. Lee Jackson's employment agreement.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve Amendment #3 to Mr. Lee Jackson's employment agreement. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the URICRA Concessions and Ball Diamond Agreement.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the URICRA Concessions and Ball Diamond Agreement. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Ms. Normoyle asked if there were any significant changes from the previous agreements with URICRA.

Mr. Petersen answered that there were no changes from the previous agreements with URICRA.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

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 draft of the audit will be ready to present to the board on Tuesday night. It was not quite ready for this meeting. Still working with RSM on making a few changes to the draft for final consideration of the board. Am hoping to send out the final draft on Monday to give Commissioners some time to go over the audit. The current fiscal year is half over. On the trial balance report the budget standing are looking as they should.

President Swanson asked Mr. Verstraete if there was anything from the Indian Bluff reports that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Verstraete stated that the golf course stayed pretty busy during the latter part of the season. The cart path project has been completed, and the course is already seeing some of the benefits from that project. Annual winter maintenance has begun.

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

Mr. Petersen stated that staff has finished addressing a drainage issue out at the Dorrance Ball Diamonds. Trees and prairie seed are being planted. Assistant Ranger Ross Smith has accepted a job with the State of Illinois Park System, and we wish him well.

President Swanson asked Mr. Mills if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Mills stated that he wanted to highlight the great work of staff in getting thirty-five acres burned in preparation for prairie planting. There has also been a lot of preparations at the new equestrian sites.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Jackson stated that fundraising is progressing. So far \$9,500.00 have been raised. There's still a long way to go, but it's a good start. Work on the renovations is ahead of schedule.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to go into closed session as per ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to go into closed session. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Motion carried.

Closed session began 10:03 AM

Closed session ended 10:19 AM

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the recommended settlement option in the workers' compensation case 20WC06060 from Attorney Tionn Frambro-Carter, pending approval from the full Commission.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the recommended settlement option in the workers' compensation case 20WC06060 from Attorney Tionn Frambro-Carter, pending approval from the full Commission. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Submitted by:  
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