

**MEMBERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION  
ORGANIZATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 -- 5:46 P.M.**

The County Clerk, Karen Kinney, called the Organizational 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)

S. Ballard, J. Brandmeyer, R. Brunk, L. Burns, M. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, S. Meersman, D. Mielke, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, G. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL PRESENT 25**

**TOTAL ABSENT 0**

Ms. Kinney stated, "We have a quorum."

2. 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.

I make a first call...

Commissioner Ballard moved to nominate Steve Meersman as Temporary Forest Preserve President. Commissioner Jacobs seconded. Board Member Meersman accepted the nomination.

I make a second call...

I make a third and final call...

County Clerk Kinney stated, "I declare nominations for Temporary Forest Preserve President closed. I need a motion to approve by acclamation." Motion by Maranda seconded by Vyncke.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

County Clerk Kinney stated, "Steve Meersman is Temporary Forest Preserve Commission President."

3. Temporary Forest Preserve President Meersman stated that the first order of business is to elect the Forest Preserve Commission President.

I will make three calls for nominations for Forest Preserve Commission President.

I make the first call for any nominations...

Commissioner Brunk nominated Commissioner Ballard. Commissioner M. Burns seconded. Commissioner Ballard accepted the nomination.

I make a second call for any nominations...

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

Temporary Forest Preserve President Meersman stated, "I declare nominations for Forest Preserve President closed. I need a motion to approve by acclamation." Motion by Maranda seconded by Johnston."

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            25**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

Temporary Forest Preserve President Meersman declared Commissioner Ballard as the new Forest Preserve Commission President. (Applause)

Forest Preserve President Ballard stated, "Thank you, Mr. Meersman and make sure everyone gets their certificates signed. I want to thank everybody for their support for the next two years for Forest Preserve. I really appreciate the support I got from everyone in this room tonight and I look forward to doing great things with the Forest Preserve. Thank you, folks."

4. Forest Preserve President Ballard declared the Forest Preserve Commission Organizational Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 16, 2014, following the regular meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

KAREN KINNEY  
CLERK OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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