

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**  
**MARCH 22, 2016 – 7:40 PM**

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

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

**TOTAL PRESENT      25**

**TOTAL ABSENT        0**

2. Commissioner Mayberry moved to approve the February 16, 2016, Commission Minutes. Commissioner Steffen seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (none)**

3. Commissioner Swanson moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims at \$155,564.45, Niabi Zoo claims at \$112,569.55 and Forest Preserve Liability Fund claims at \$6,590.25. Commissioner Steffen seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

**TOTAL YES            24**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Doye moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements at \$88,261.82. Commissioner Langdon seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO             0**

Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Simmer moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioner M. Burns seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            24**

**TOTAL NO             0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Shelton moved to waive the reading and approve the Ordinance regarding Governing the Construction and Alteration of All Buildings and Structures and Parts and Appurtenances thereof as Adopted by the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County. Commissioner Doye seconded.

\*\*Note (The Ordinance is in .pdf format and begins on the next page.)

**RESOLUTION**

RE: Support of Creating a Separately Elected Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the residents of Rock Island County in 1941 through referendum approved the creation of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District; and

WHEREAS, the members of the County Board of Rock Island County, Illinois, are ex-officio members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners of Rock Island County Forest Preserve District support local control of units of government; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners of Rock Island County Forest Preserve District desire to establish a representative, efficient and effective governing body for the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District desire of such governing body for the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County to be non-partisan and elected by the residents of the District; and

WHEREAS, the members the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District desire the governing body of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County shall serve solely as Forest Preserve Commissioners with no compensation or benefits; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District desire the size of a the Board of Commissioners shall be no larger than seven (7) elected Commissioners with terms that shall not exceed a maximum of six (6) years;

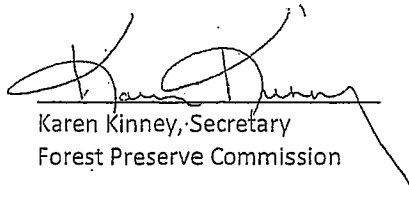
WHEREAS, the members of a separately elected Board of Commissioners for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District shall hold no other elected or appointed office in the County of Rock Island, Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District hereby support the efforts of State Representatives and Senators of Illinois to amend the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, 70 ILCS 805, for the establishment of such Board of Commissioners to govern the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.



Steve Ballard, President  
Forest Preserve Commission



Karen Kinney, Secretary  
Forest Preserve Commission

A roll call vote was taken.

R. Brunk, M. Burns, L. Burns, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, S. Doye, C. Filbert, D. Jacobs, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, P. Moreno, R. Oelke, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, M. Steffen, K. Swanson, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Jacobs moved to remove from display and approve the changes to the Forest Preserve Procedure Manual regarding Indian Bluff. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 23**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve the Forest Preserve District to join the Quad Cities Chamber at the \$1,650.00 membership level. Commissioner Swanson seconded.

Ms. Mayberry asked, "What do we get out of that, Steve, for \$1,000.00?"

President Ballard stated, "I believe there is something at the table that is an entry level or something participation. We get, obviously, a voice at the table. We are not a part of the Board, a Member of the Board and are not officers. It's...we've talked about it, hopefully, it will pay its dividends...obviously, the Chamber supporting us and all their endeavors and helping us get our initiative accomplished with the Forest Preserve. So, as far as I know...the Forest Preserve has never been a part of the Chamber individually. The County Board was for several years. The County Board, financially, budget-wise decided it wasn't the way they wanted to go.

Mr. Simmer stated, "It's also good, cheap advertising. They are going to put us all over the place. So, it will give us good insight to do in spending that money."

President Ballard added, "Mr. Craver and I, we talked about it and thought the \$1,650.00 level was where the Forest Preserve afforded to be at."

Mr. Camlin stated, "But, the Forest Preserve is going independent, right?"

President Ballard replied, "No matter what happens. You know...that will be up to the future Board to continue on if they want to participate. It's an annual renewal, so, the future Board, whenever that happens...I mean our goal is to let it happen. But, that's something the future Board would decide at that time. Right now, this Board is a governing body of the Forest Preserve and this body, here, is either going to authorize or not authorize the membership to the Chamber."

Mr. Camlin stated, "Okay. Thank you."

Mr. Johnston stated, "What? You've never heard it's cheap the first year?"

President Ballard replied, "Hopefully, that's all it should be, Mr. Johnston, but you know what...I won't be around the next go around, so we'll see what happens. It's like anything else, they tell you one thing, today, and you don't know what it's going to be tomorrow. You know...you gotta play the game."

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            22**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

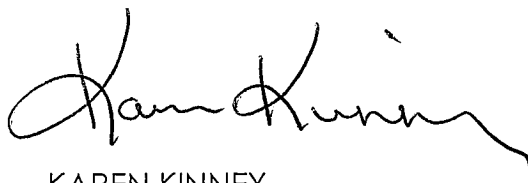
9. Commissioner Swanson moved to approve the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Terry seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Ballard declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

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  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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