

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 20, 2016 – 5:55 PM**  
**PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON PRESIDING**

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

R. Brunk, L. Burns, K. Callaway-Thompson, N. Camlin, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, P. Moreno, R. Morthland, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, V. Shelton, R. Simmer, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, K. Swanson

**TOTAL PRESENT      24**

M. Steffen

**TOTAL ABSENT      1**

2. Commissioner Terry moved to approve the November Commission minutes. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the December 5, 2016, Organizational meeting minutes. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Camlin stated, "Point of order, Mr. President you might want to explain how the Commissioners access their agendas off of the internet on the Forest Preserve Website."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Camlin. It is a separate structure. A little bit later in our time together, I will tell you about the orientation of your meeting materials on the Forest Preserve website, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Website. There is a tab 'About the Forest Preserve', underneath there are sub tabs that say 'Commission' and 'Committees'. You, of course, are welcome to see anything that the committee does, which is a smaller group made up of some of our Commission here. And under 'Commission', you can find your meeting materials for our monthly meetings which always follow the monthly County Board meetings by tradition."

Ms. O'Brien stated, "I did get a nice email from staff with a link directly to the minutes."

President Swanson stated, "Cassie does a great job getting those out there. But thank you, Mr. Camlin, for bringing that to our attention and for getting those out there."

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (none)**

5. Commissioner Langdon moved to approve the FY 2017 Forest Preserve Fund claims at \$29,659.74, and the Niabi Zoo Fund claims at \$39,719.98. Commissioner Shelton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            21**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the Treasurer's Disbursements at \$474,840.84. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            21**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Brunk moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve General Fund. Commissioner Shelton seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, M. Mayberry, D. Mielke, L. Moreno,  
P. Moreno, R. Morthland, S. Noyd, C. O'Brien, R. Oelke, R. Reagan, V. Shelton,  
R. Simmer, S. Terry, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner O'Brien moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding Designation of Banks or Other Depositories. Commissioner Shelton seconded.

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

## Resolution

Rock Island County Forest Preserve District  
Re: Designation of Banks or other Depositories.

WHEREAS, Louisa A. Ewert, County Collector and County Treasurer, of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, and being appointed Treasurer, of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District by the Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of the County of Rock Island, State of Illinois has pursuant to the terms of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, 70 ILCS 805/8b, requested this Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of Rock Island County to designate a Bank or Banks or other Depository in which the Funds and Public Monies in the custody of the County Treasurer and monies received by her in the collection of taxes may be kept, and

WHEREAS, the following designated banks have furnished copies of the sworn Statements of Resources and Liabilities, as furnished to the Comptroller of currency or to the Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies of Illinois.

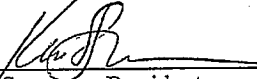
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONERS OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, aforesaid, that the following named Banks are hereby designated as Depositories in which the funds and monies received by Louisa A. Ewert, County Collector and County Treasurer and in the collection of taxes may be deposited to-wit:

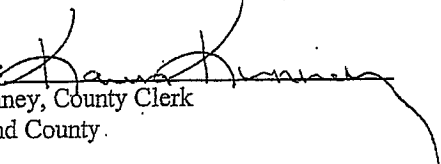
*Bank of Orion; Moline, Illinois*  
*US Bank; Rock Island, Illinois*  
*Wells Fargo Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Quad City Bank and Trust; Moline, Illinois*  
*First Midwest Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Triumph Community Bank; East Moline, Illinois \*(fka The National Bank)*  
*First Trust and Savings Bank; Hillsdale, Illinois*  
*Reynolds State Bank; Reynolds, Illinois*  
*CBI Bank & Trust; Milan, Illinois*  
*Southeast National Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Blackhawk State Bank & Trust; Milan, Illinois*  
*American Bank of Rock Island; Rock Island, Illinois*  
*First National Bank; Moline, Illinois*  
*Andalusia Community Bank; Andalusia, Illinois*  
*Kone Employees Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*Moline Municipal Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
~~*QC Postal Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*~~  
*Service Plus Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*  
*DuTrac Community Credit Union; Moline, Illinois*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each bank herein designated as a depository for such funds or monies shall furnish the said Board of Forest Preserve Commissioners of Rock Island County with a copy of all Statements of Resources and Liabilities which it is required to furnish to the said Comptroller of Currency or Director of Financial Institutions of the State of Illinois while acting as such Depository and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if such funds and monies are deposited in a bank herein designated, as Depository, the amounts of such deposits shall not exceed sixty-five (65%) of the Capital Stock and Surplus of such Bank and such County Treasurer shall not be discharged from responsibility for any such funds or monies deposited in any bank in excess of such limitation.

**ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF FOREST PRESERVE  
COMMISSIONERS OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS,**  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Kai Swanson, President  
Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission

ATTEST:   
Karen Kinney, County Clerk  
Rock Island County

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 22**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Maranda moved to lay on display for 30 days the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2016. Commissioner Mayberry seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 23**

**TOTAL NO 0**

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve Mr. Craver, who is the FP District Director, as the District's FOIA Officer. Commissioner Callaway-Thompson seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

11. Commissioner Maranda moved approve the Annual salary of the Zoo Director at \$62,000.00. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

Mr. L. Moreno asked, "Was the previous amount \$50,000? Is that correct?"

President Swanson answered, "Correct, this does represent an increase but includes an increase of responsibilities. This person will be the curator for conservation and education efforts and be a strategic partner to the Director, Mr. Jackson in moving forward. But that's a great question. It does represent an increase. Thank you, Mr. Moreno."

Commissioner Mayberry was recognized.

Ms. Mayberry asked, "So, are those new responsibilities or did they come from some other position?"

President Swanson answered, "Um, what I believe is the case is...Mr. Jackson is looking at the case of what needs to be done in his management responsibilities and sees this as a vital role for an assistant and I think this recrafts what might have earlier been. Thank you, Ms. Mayberry."

Mr. Simmer stated, "This was a consolidation of two jobs, am I correct?"

President Swanson answered, "That's correct."

Commissioner Westpfahl was recognized.

Mr. Westpfahl asked, "Is this a completely new hire or just the same man doing more?"

President Swanson answered, "I understand that an offer will be made to a person and pending approval here, quite frankly, I am not privileged to who that person is."

Mr. Noyd asked, "Do we know how much we saved by consolidating?"

President Swanson asked, "Mr. Craver, do you know that off hand? ...the savings of consolidating of previous positions?"

Mr. Craver answered, "As we discussed in committee, this is really...we are just taking the aggregate of three salaries and readjusting them. We have some savings from the vacancy of the current director...uh, assistant director, excuse me. We have some savings with the vacancy of our curator of education, so we kind of gave a small increase to the guest service manager two months ago. We told the committee that we would like to bump up the current salary of the assistant director to attract more qualified candidates, much like what we did with the Zoo Director's position and try to get more towards the industry standard for this position to garner more experience because we were looking at getting somebody that was trying to make a lateral move instead of somebody trying to climb the ladder. And, at this point in time, it is in the best interest of the Zooto have a more experienced individual to assist Mr. Jackson in the goals that have been put in place. So that is essentially what we did. We just took the existing salaries in FY 2017 and FY 2018 and averaged those and we readjusted them."

Mr. Noyd asked, "But those positions don't exist and you are not creating a new position, you are taking the savings off the back of those that we have so in the future so you can have those salaries plus to have a true savings at the end of the year."

Mr. Craver answered, "It might be, it just depends. There might be a little bit of savings but at this point in time we are using an interim individual for our education position and that person is going to be leaving us here shortly, the family is relocating and that will save us some money for FY 2018, depending on what we hire that individual at and we also discussed that this will allow a little bit of flexibility in advertising the salary range for the individual that will take the place of the interim. And, again, with the ability of having a salary range, depending on the applicants that the Zoo Director chooses, that individual can be offered the lower end of the range or the middle or the higher end of the range."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, Mr. Craver. And, for the record, the committee has recommended approval."

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES 21**

J.R. Westpfahl

**TOTAL NO 1**

L. Moreno

**TOTAL ABSTAINED 1**

Motion carried.

12. Commissioner Vyncke moved to approve the Niabi Zoo Design Build Water Treatment Project Bids. Commissioner Noyd seconded.

Commissioner Mayberry was recognized.

Ms. Mayberry asked, "Mr. President, can you give just a brief overview of the project?"

President Swanson stated, "Yes and I ask Mr. Craver to weigh in at any time. Water treatment is currently handled by an obsolete water treatment system at the Zoo. The Zoo uses well water and it is purified through a chlorination process involving 3 tanks involving an aggregate of 3,000 or 4,000 gallons...one of those, which is going to take care of the animals and the others have been used for human consumption. The problem is they have outlived their lifespan. And, those of us who have taken them up on this to take a tour can see that it is in substandard condition. We are very hopeful that at some time in the future, we



can work on an agreement with a public water source with the Village of Coal Valley...however; we have reached a point where we simply can't wait. The well is not just being for the animals...but also for our guests and the people who rely on the public water source. So, I don't know that there has ever been an issue where we are putting any animal at risk, but this is a necessary improvement that has come with the recommendation of staff and outside endorsements by our partners in the private sector."

Ms. Mayberry asked, "How much is the upgrade?"

President Swanson answered, "We came in a little lower than we were thinking....it's in the..."

Ms. Mayberry stated, "I've got it."

President Swanson added, "Mr. Craver, Estes went out as the construction manager and contracted several bids, did they not?"

Mr. Craver answered, "Yes, we did receive two bids. If you turn the page to the recommendation letter, the bids are from Yale Brady and Ryan and Associates."

President Swanson asked, "Are there any other questions or comments?"

A roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            23**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

13. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve all the Routine Reports from the Director and Department Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Brunk seconded. (Record)

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

14. Commissioner Simmer moved to accept the President's appointment of the County Auditor, April Palmer, as the District's official Auditor. Commissioner Deppe seconded.

A voice vote was taken

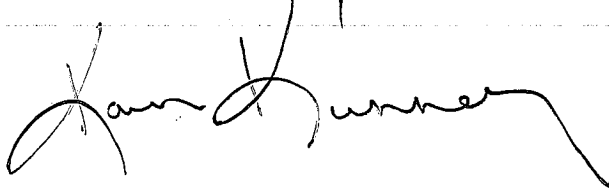
Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "On that note of orientation, I think most of you have received an email from Mr. Craver. If you have not been on one of those orientation tours, you do not know what you are missing, you are missing out. I strongly recommend that you accept the invitation to take an orientation of our incredible facilities."

The next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission is January 17, 2017, immediately following the meeting of the Rock Island County Board.

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", written in a cursive style.

KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY  
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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