

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 21st, 2025 – 6:31PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON – PRESIDING

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, called the roll:

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer D. Mielke,
L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K.
Swanson, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL PRESENT 18

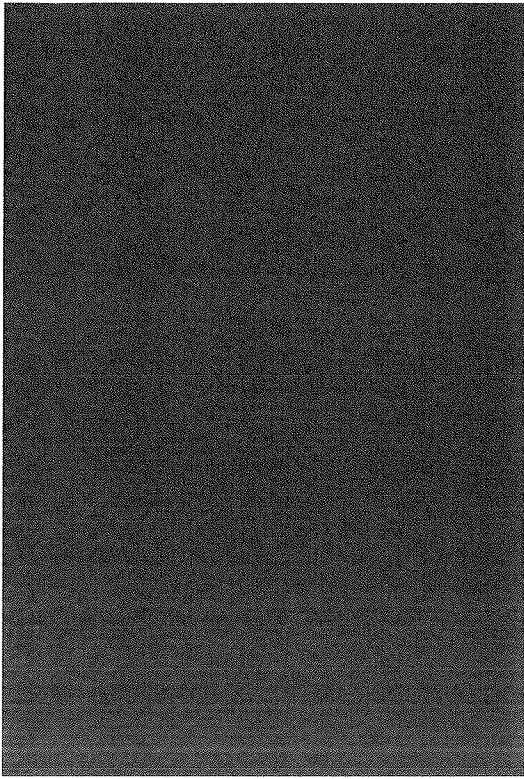
TOTAL ABSENT 0

PRESENTATION:

President Swanson stated, "With that, it is my great pleasure to bring before us tonight, a return visitor, but under a slightly different rubric tonight, Nina Struss and Susana Aguilar with the Clean River Advisory Council (C-RAC). The floor is yours."

Nina Struss and Susana Aguilar with the Clean River Advisory Council began their presentation:

(Note** The presentation begins on the next page)



WHAT TO EXPECT

- Who we are: C-RAC mission and vision
- Background on the when, where and how this work began
- Why we're connecting with stakeholders
- Grantmaking in the region
- Mississippi River Equity Vision
- Ensuring Alignment



WHO WE ARE

ABOUT

The Clean River Advisory Council (C-RAC) is a diverse group of local Quad Cities environmental experts and community advocates committed to advancing clean water, equity, and environmental inclusion in the Mississippi River Basin. Through collaboration, education, and inclusive leadership, C-RAC works to build healthier ecosystems and stronger communities across the Quad Cities.



OUR MISSION

To elevate community voices, particularly from BIPOC and disproportionately impacted populations, in shaping local environmental solutions that improve water quality, expand natural infrastructure, and deepen connections between residents and the Mississippi River.

OUR VISION

Guided by the Mississippi River Equity Vision (MREV), we envision a future rooted in shared stewardship, where culture, wellness, and a clean, accessible river drive environmental resilience and regional prosperity.



Nature-Based Solutions Education

C-RAC champions natural infrastructure, including tree canopies, green spaces, and flood mitigation, as tools to address local climate and water challenges.



Hands-On Stewardship:

Regional participation in National Mississippi River Cleanup Day engaged five cities and promoted collective action through a unified proclamation.



Empowered Action:

Residents are taking steps to conserve water, reduce runoff, and support

WHERE IT ALL STARTED

WFF MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROGRAM

Consultant Clare Lindahl (Also CEO for Soil and Water Conservation Society) hired by WFF Mississippi River Program.

The purpose was to understand the landscape of the Quad Cities related to:

- Community Engagement
- Water Quality
- Natural Infrastructure Project

Ultimately, the goal was to use grantmaking to increase



BIPOC ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGES (LINDAHL, 2022)

The assessment highlighted disparities in Black, Indigenous Communities other People of Color (BIPOC) and challenges organizations serving these populations encounter, such as:

- Establishing trust within the community + history of mistrust
- Overgeneralization of being a “diverse community”
- More intensive engagement efforts required
- Having less representation, which means less influence
- Language barriers & cultural barriers
- Lack of translations for services that help people gain access to resources

EXAMPLES OF SOLUTIONS



CLARE’S ASSESSMENT IDENTIFIED FOUR EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS:

1

Inclusion in the context of environmental work

- Meet people where they are at.

2

Shared planning effort and Shared language or curriculum

- Convene stakeholders to build relationships and trust while implementing action.
- Implement a functional relevance learning model (make learning relevant to the personal experience of learners and the

3

Co-created action

- Convene Stakeholders to design and implement a simple shared project.

4

Dialogue activities

- Enable higher levels of community engagement as to achieve greater degrees of community empowerment.

These findings were the motivation behind creation of the Clean River Advisory Council

YEAR 1 & YEAR 2



1

Inclusion in the context of environmental work

- Developing an Inclusive Grant Program
- Connecting the Community to Funding and Learning Opportunities

2

Shared planning effort and Shared language or curriculum

- Community Education Workshops
- Learning by Doing
- Site Visits (St. Paul, New Orleans)
- Study Philanthropy Practices

3

Co-created action

- Community Projects
- 2023 Clean-UP
- 2024 GIS Story Map
- 2024 Tree Project
- Awarding \$368,000 in Grant Funds
- Environmental and Enthusiasts' Committee

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Dialogue activities

- Relationship Building
- Networking Opportunities
- Cross Cultural Connection Sessions

MISSISSIPPI RIVER EQUITY VISION (MREV)

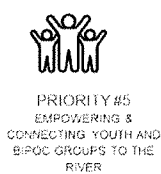
WHAT IS THE MREV?

It's a big idea to help the Quad Cities keep the Mississippi River clean and safe. This vision helps people and groups work together to take care of the river so it can stay healthy for future generations.

WHY IT MATTERS

We all use and enjoy the river—for play, peace, and even learning. The river connects our communities. This vision makes sure everyone's voice is heard, especially people who haven't always been included in the past.

MREV PRIORITIES



YEAR 3

- 1 Inclusion in the context of environmental work**
 - Developing 2025 Grant Program
 - Connecting the Community to Funding and Learning Opportunities
 - Environmental Inclusion 101 Training
- 2 Shared planning effort and Shared language or curriculum**
 - Community Education Messaging
 - Learning by Doing
 - Site Visits (Dubuque, IA)
 - Best Practices in engagement and outreach

- 3 Co-created action**
 - Community Projects-tree and native planting
 - Neighborhood level impact
 - Participation in IL & IA Community events
 - 2025 Community Survey
 - Launch of GIS project
 - May 2025 Proclamations with 5 cities
- 4 Dialogue activities**
 - Relationship Building
 - Networking Opportunities
 - Cross Cultural Connection Sessions

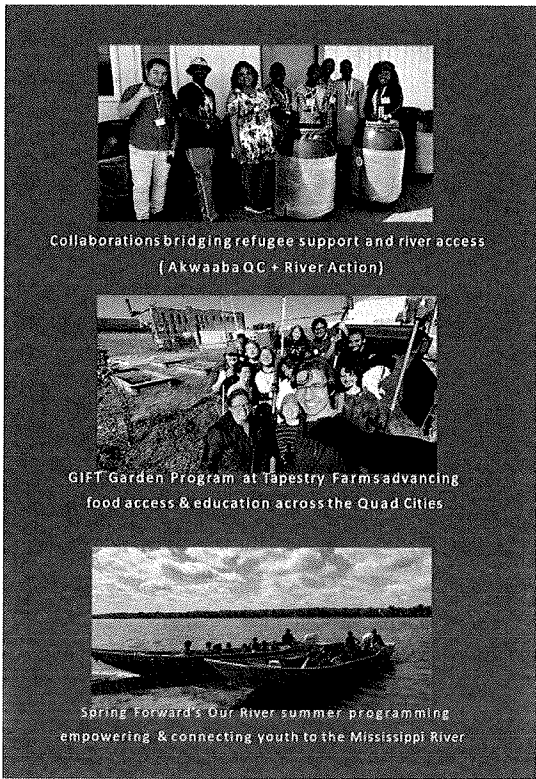


QC River Connections Grants

Walton Family Foundation Funded \$368,000 Grant Program



- East Moline Main Street: Learning Outside Together-River Neighborhood Unification Project—\$5,500
- NEST Cafe: Responsibly Nourishing our River Community—\$10,000
- Together Making a Better Community (TMBC): Plastics for Good—\$12,000
- Palomares Social Justice Center: Clean-Up Floreciente; Floreciente Community Garden; Beautification of Floreciente—\$18,635
- AKWAABA QC: River Connection to Immigrant Population—\$32,462
- Putnam Museum and Science Center: Building Cultural Bridges to Protect the Mississippi River—\$34,000
- St. Ambrose University/Project Renewal: Mississippi River Explorers—\$34,000
- Great Plains Action Society: Mississippi River Rights Coalition—\$40,000
- STEAM on Wheels: Growing Together: Community Garden Expansion for Sustainable Living—\$40,538
- Spring Forward Learning Center: Our River-Spring Forward Summer Enrichment Camps—\$45,000
- Tapestry Farms: Gardening as Healer—\$45,865
- Azubuike African American Council for the Arts: River of Resilience: African American Voices in Mississippi River Conservation—\$50,000



GRANTMAKING IN THE REGION

33 QC River Connections 2024 grant applications received
16 funded organizations

94% of funded groups were BIPOC-led;
100% were non-traditional environmental orgs

250+ trees planted across the Quad Cities

91% of grantees reported increased knowledge of environmental and inclusive engagement strategies
New collaborations formed through grantee networking and events



Purpose of Stakeholder Connections

Prioritize Regional Understanding of the Vision

The Quad Cities region does not have a unified action plan for the Mississippi River. Some communities have river plans while others do not have publicly available river plans. With this in mind, it is recommended that year 3 include educating the environmental sector and local government on how its existing efforts should align with the overarching Mississippi REV.



“People closest to the
problem are closest to
the solution, but furthest
from power and
resources”

-Glenn E Martin

MISSISSIPPI RIVER EQUITY VISION (MREV)

Equity, inclusion and belonging are paramount to the success of sustainable solutions for our community, specifically as it relates to clean river initiatives.

Our biggest hope is to inspire all community members to consider those whose experiences are different from their own as we seek to create a more inclusive conservation community and more dynamic conservation systems.



Thank you!



The ladies thanked the Forest Preserve Commission for their time and directed them how to complete the C-RAC's 2025 Community Survey.

President Swanson asked, "I've got two questions for you. Off the top of your heads, what are potential partnerships you see with the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District? Secondly, are you working with River Action because a lot of their goals seem to be very consonant with these goals? Either one, in any order."

Susana stated, "So, River Action-yes. They have been a part of some of this action that we have been doing and they've also collaborated with (inaudible) association on some goals as well. They are definitely in the mix."

Nina stated, "Yeah, I think in terms of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve, part of the initiatives with the Clean Water Advisory Council is just kind of getting the word out; about who we are, and what we are doing. So, if there are ways that you all think that there is potential collaboration, we're open to that. A big focus, so far, at C-RAC has been focusing on Tree Equity-ways that we can look at areas that have lower Tree Equity scores and increase those. So, things like tree planting and partnerships with that, finding ways to do that is really important to the group right now. So, if there are ways to partner and support those initiatives, those would be helpful. I think too, as Susana mentioned, the survey. Being able to take it yourself if you can, and share it with people you network with in your communities would be really helpful. The survey is designed to collect responses from the community, in terms of their perceptions of the river and how important it is for the communities in the Quad Cities as a whole, to work together to protect our resources here. We're trying to get to 500 (responses) here. If we get more than that, it would be great. I think the sharing part of that, and helping to get that out for us, having friends and family members take the surveys, it takes about five minutes. That is really helpful for the work that we are wanting to do, and moving forward with it."

Commissioner Brunk was recognized, "Where-you said you brought flyers, if you'd like to pass them out."

They passed out the flyers for the survey, explained the use of the QR code, and stated that they would follow up with an e-mail as well.

President Swanson thanked them for their time and led a round of applause for the presentation.

2. Commissioner Mielke moved to approve the September Commission and Public Hearing minutes, as presented. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - (NONE)** (Three calls were made.)

4. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "We've got a couple of interesting things going on. I hope you get a chance to read the entire report in the back of your book. One thing I'd like to lift up is that Loud Thunder and Lake George is benefiting from an Eagle Scout project by a Rock Island County resident. His name is Kaleb Cox. I don't think those get enough publicity. Dr. Simmer, if you actually catch a fish at Lake George, I hope you'll publicly thank (him). It happened once, it could happen again. If you get a chance in your ways and means to thank Kaleb Cox, the Eagle Scout project created fish habitats which will help create a more vibrant aquatic ecosystem, and hopefully more fish for Dr. Simmer's grandkids to catch. We'll of course entertain questions later on in the meeting."

5. Commissioner Burns moved to approve the FY2025 and FY2026 Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$867,118.32, as presented. Commissioner Dewith seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Perkins moved to approve the FY2025 and FY2026 Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

(Note** Transfers of Appropriations begin on the next page.)

Transfers of Appropriation

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, has adopted Annual Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, it now appears desirable and necessary that certain adjustments be made between Appropriation Items in the Forest Preserve Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund in said Annual Appropriation Ordinances, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, that the amounts set forth below are hereby transferred from the unexpended balance of certain appropriation items in the Forest Preserve Fund as contained in said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances to certain other such Appropriation Items within the same Fund, as follows: within the same Fund, as follows:

Amount	Appropriation #	Description	Revised
\$1,268.59 from	130-32-90 526	Food	\$3,231.41
\$1,860.36 from	130-32-90 632	Communications	\$5,124.64
\$199.32 from	130-32-90 639	Rentals	\$6,940.68
\$3,328.27 to	130-32-90 638	Repairs & Maintenance	\$23,657.99
\$1,426,408.37 from	131-32-35 767	Infrastructure over \$15,000	\$0.00
	ARPA24-60-767		
\$1,418,849.43 to	131-32-35 765	Construction in Progress	\$1,418,849.43
	ARPA24-60-765		
\$11,228.62 from	131-32-35 765	Construction in Progress	\$1,407,620.81
	WCGF23-50-765		
\$10,776.15 to	131-32-35 524	Small Tools & Equipment \$1000	\$10,776.15
	WCGF23-50-524		
\$452.47 to	131-32-35 522	Operating Supplies	\$572.43
	WCGF23-40-522		
\$7,558.94 to	131-32-35 631	Professional Services	\$7,558.94
	ARPA24-20-631		
\$5,000.00 from	335-32 765	Construction in Progress	\$486.25
\$5,000.00 to	335-32 631	Professional Services	\$9,513.75
\$1,047.31 from	130-32-10 630	Training & Education	\$3,010.30
\$2,216.60 from	130-32-10 632	Communications	\$1,390.12
\$2,370.84 from	130-32-10 635	Printing & Duplicating	\$79.16
\$1,589.27 from	130-32-10 644	Outside Contractual	\$104,072.56
\$1,145.12 from	130-32-91 522	Operating Supplies	\$23,519.09
\$3,396.65 from	130-32-91 522.BR	Operating Supplies-Boat Rental	\$1,878.35
\$2,036.63 from	130-32-91 523	Repair & Maintenance Supplies	\$15,865.21
\$6,461.32 from	130-32-91 524	Small Tools & Equipment	\$5,085.68
\$879.78 from	130-32-91 526	Food	\$4,220.22
\$21,143.52 to	130-32-10-991.74	Transfer to Niabi Zoo	\$495,967.90

Rock Island, Illinois on the 21st day of October, 2025.

The Revised Appropriations shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Transfers of Appropriation

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WHEREAS, it now appears desirable and necessary that certain adjustments be made between Appropriation Items in the Forest Preserve Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund in said Annual Appropriation Ordinances, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, that the amounts set forth below are hereby transferred from the unexpended balance of certain appropriation items in the Forest Preserve Fund as contained in said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances to certain other such Appropriation Items within the same Fund, as follows: within the same Fund, as follows:

Amount	Appropriation #	Description	Revised
\$5,693.00 from	131-32-08 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5000	\$39,307.00
\$5,693.00 to	131-32-10 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5000	\$40,693.00
\$14,091.86 from	131-32-18 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5000	\$25,908.14
\$5,001.14 to	131-32-08 766	Building & Remodeling over \$5000	\$5,001.14
\$9,090.72 to	131-32-18 638	Repairs & Maintenance	\$43,690.72
\$2,915.00 from	130-32-10 991.74	Transfer to Niabi Zoo	\$517,786.00
\$2,915.00 to	130-32-10 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5000	\$3,265.00

Rock Island, Illinois on the 21st day of October, 2025.

The Revised Appropriations shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Commissioner Burns moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Enburg seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES **17**

TOTAL NO **0**

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Adams moves to waive the reading and approve the resolutions regarding FY25 Appropriations to be transferred to Niabi Zoo, Niabi Zoo Fund Additional FY25 Appropriations, FY26 DFCI Fund – EV Charging station grant improvements, FY26 DFCI Fund – Bike path grant improvements, and FY26 DFCI Fund Additional Appropriations, as presented. Commissioner Mielke seconded.

(Note** Resolutions begin on the next page.)

RESOLUTION

RE: FY 25 Appropriations to be transferred to Niabi Zoo

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Forest Preserve Fund #130 to be transferred to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the Forest Preserve Fund #130, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$223,841.17 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve General Fund #130 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$223,841.17	130-32-10 991.74	Transfer to Niabi Zoo

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of October 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Additional FY 25 Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for ARPA project expenses in the Niabi Zoo Fund # 131 for FY 25, and

WHEREAS, revenue has been collected over budget including a transfer of funds to be received from the Forest Preserve General Fund & DFCI Fund to the Niabi Zoo Fund #131, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$223,841.17 be transferred from unappropriated additional revenue funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$223,841.17	131-32-35 391.60 ARPA24-00-39160	Transfer from General Fund

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$223,841.17	131-32-35 765.00 ARPA24-60-765	Construction in Progress

SECTION3: This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2026 Development of Forests & Construction Fund-Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Improvements

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District was awarded grant funds to install electric vehicle charging stations at District facilities, and

WHEREAS, claims and expenditures for the design and construction documents have been received, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 are available from unappropriated funds within Fund #335 Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements until the grant award is received to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$12,500.00	335-32-35 765.00 CCFI31-00-765	Construction in Progress

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$12,500.00 shall be increased from grant funds to be received to the Development of Forests & Construction Fund #335 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$12,500.00	335-32-35 331.70 CCFI31-00-33170	Federal Grant – Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

FY 2026 Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund-Bike Path Grant Improvements

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District was awarded grant funds to resurface a portion of the Great River Trail in unincorporated Rock Island County, and

WHEREAS, claims and expenditures for the design and construction documents have been received, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. Funds in the amount of \$290,400.12 are available from unappropriated funds within Fund #335 Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements Fund until the grant award is received to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$290,400.12	335-32-35 767.00 IBPG26-50-765	Infrastructure over \$15,000

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$290,400.12 shall be increased from grant funds to be received to the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$290,400.12	335-32-35 334.70 IBPG26-00-33470	State Grants-IL Bicycle Path Grant

SECTION 4. This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

RESOLUTION

RE: Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund -
Additional FY 26 Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for professional services provided for a grant application for bike path improvements in the DFCI Fund #335 for FY 26, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the DCFI Fund #335, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Rock Island, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. An emergency exists as outlined above.

SECTION 2. An amount of \$8,921.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the DFCI Fund #335 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$8,921.00	335-32 631	Professional Services

SECTION3: This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

Commissioner Sowards moves to approve the previous roll call vote.
Commissioner Perkins seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke,
L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards,
B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Layer moved to approve the 2025 Levy Ordinances for the General Fund, Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund, IMRF Retirement Fund, Liability Fund, FISSA Fund, Audit Fund, And Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund, as presented. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

(Note** Levy Ordinances begin on the next page.)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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ROCK ISLAND COUNTY) SS

I, Karen Kinney, Forest Preserve District Secretary for the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, County of Rock Island, State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinances, is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinances passed by the Forest Preserve Commission of Rock Island County, Illinois, at a meeting duly convened and held on the 21st day of October, 2025, and executed by the President of said District thereafter the passage at such duly convened meeting held on the 21st day of October, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the corporate seal of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, this 21st day of October, 2025.

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **FOREST PRESERVE GENERAL FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification	Estimated	Amount From	Amount Raised
Objects & Purposes	Expenditures	Other Sources	From Taxation
Salaries & Wages	\$1,307,440	\$-0-	\$1,307,440
Personal Benefits	245,935	103,375	142,560
Supplies	360,524	360,524	-0-
Other Services & Charges	466,470	466,470	-0-
Capital Outlay	267,483	267,483	-0-
Debt Service	384,228	384,228	-0-
Transfers	125,072	125,072	-0-
TOTAL	\$3,157,152	\$1,707,152	\$1,450,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2026			\$1,336,424
Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$1,450,000	
OTHER INCOME		<u>\$1,710,500</u>	
			<u>\$3,160,500</u>
TOTAL			\$4,496,924
Estimated Expenditures			\$(3,157,152)
Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2027			\$1,339,772

2025 Taxes Hereby Levied \$1,450,000

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SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

Kali Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **ZOOLOGICAL PRESERVE FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Salaries & Wages	\$1,757,916	\$-0-	\$1,757,916
Personal Benefits	310,360	-0-	310,360
Supplies	706,019	649,295	56,724
Other Services & Charges	624,318	624,318	-0-
Capital Outlay	195,500	195,500	-0-
Debt Service	400,575	400,757	-0-
Transfers	161,572	161,572	-0-
TOTAL	\$4,156,260	\$2,031,442	\$2,125,000

Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2026 \$736,869

Estimated Cash Income: TAXATION

Real Property Tax Levy \$2,125,000
OTHER INCOME \$2,040,242

\$4,165,242

TOTAL

\$4,902,111

Estimated Expenditures

\$(4,156,260)

Estimated Cash On Hand as of June 30, 2027

\$745,851

2025 Taxes Hereby Levied \$2,125,000

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

050

Forest Preserve Niabi Zoological Preserve Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

000

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **IMRF RETIREMENT FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt Raised From Taxation
Personal Benefits-Retirement	<u>\$168,921</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$156,000</u>
Total	\$168,921	\$3,100	\$156,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2026			\$94,661
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$156,000	
Other Income		<u>\$3,100</u>	
			<u>\$159,100</u>
TOTAL			\$253,761
Estimated Expenditures			\$(168,921)
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2027			\$84,840

2025 Taxes Hereby Levied \$156,000

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

061

Forest Preserve District Retirement Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

002

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
Liability Insurance	<u>\$306,788</u>	<u>\$5,100</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total	\$306,788	\$5,100	\$300,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			\$79,394
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$300,000	
Other Income		<u>\$5,100</u>	
			<u>\$305,100</u>
TOTAL			\$384,494
Estimated Expenditures			\$(306,788)
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			\$77,706

2025 Taxes Hereby Levied \$300,000

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

003

Forest Preserve District Liability Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kari Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

064

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **FISSA FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amt. From Other Sources	Amt. Raised From Taxation
FISSA	<u>\$235,438</u>	<u>\$3,100</u>	<u>\$230,000</u>
Total	\$235,438	\$3,100	\$230,000
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2026			\$79,394
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$230,000	
Other Income		<u>\$3,100</u>	
			<u>\$233,100</u>
TOTAL			\$334,302
Estimated Expenditures			\$(235,438)
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2027			\$98,864
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied	\$230,000		

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

005

Forest Preserve District FISSA Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$935,000</u>
Total	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$935,000</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2025			\$(18,396)
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$935,000	
Other Income		<u>\$1,000</u>	
			<u>\$936,000</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$917,604</u>
Estimated Expenditures			<u>\$600,000</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2026			<u>\$317,604</u>
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied	\$935,000		

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

0817

Forest Preserve District Development of Forest and Construction of Improvements Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2026 AND ENDING THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2027.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE: That there be levied, assessed and collected upon the real property within the corporate limits of the Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for and during the fiscal year beginning the first day of July 2026 and ending the thirtieth day of June 2027 the sum of **FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS**, being the total of the appropriated sum heretofore made which is to be raised by taxation for the above stated fiscal year. The specific amounts as levied for the various purposes are being placed in the separate column designated "Amount To Be Raised By Taxation" which item appears in the right hand column of this Ordinance. The said tax so levied is for the above stated fiscal year of said Forest Preserve District of Rock Island County, Illinois, for the **AUDIT FUND** and for the said appropriated sum to be raised from taxation. Whereas, the total of which has been ascertained as aforesaid and being as follows:

Classification Objects & Purposes	Estimated Expenditures	Amount From Other Sources	Amount Raised From Taxation
DFCI Fund	<u>\$47,450</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>
Total	<u>\$47,450</u>	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$55,000</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance July 1, 2026			\$13,426
Estimated Cash Income:			
Real Property Tax Levy		\$55,000	
Other Income		<u>\$850</u>	
			<u>\$55,850</u>
TOTAL			<u>\$69,276</u>
Estimated Expenditures			<u>\$(47,450)</u>
Estimated Unencumbered Cash Balance June 30, 2027			\$21,826
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied	\$55,000		

SECTION TWO: That forthwith upon passage and approval of this Ordinance, a copy thereof, properly certified by the Secretary as to its passage, approval and recordation, shall be by said Secretary filed in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Rock Island, Illinois.

SECTION THREE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after passage.

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Audit Fund
2025 Taxes Hereby Levied Ordinance

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission of
Rock Island County, Illinois

Passed

Effective

Attest: Karen Kinney
Forest Preserve Commission Secretary

070

Commissioner Burns moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Simmer seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. Commissioner Mielke moved to a motion to approve the Abatement Ordinance pursuant to Ordinance #11-01-17 in the amount of \$346,227.50 and Abatement Ordinance #2016-0401 in the amount of \$350,575.00, as presented. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

(Note** Abatement Ordinances begin on the next page.)

ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 11-01-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF . GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2017, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on November 21, 2017, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 11-01-17, adopted November 21, 2017, collectively, the "Bond Ordinance"), the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2025 (to be received in 2026) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on November 30, 2017, with such County Clerk), as follows:

<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year 2025.</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u> <u>To Continue After Abatement</u> <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of.</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$346,227.50	-0-	\$346,227.50

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2025, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 11-01-17 shall be given effect according to its terms.

The Issuer has complied with the Bond Ordinance requirements preliminary to the execution and filing of this Abatement Certificate.

(SEAL)

Karen Kinney, Secretary

Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 18th day of November, 2025 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance, as shown above) the taxes as therein provided.

Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

Date

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ABATEMENT CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2016-0401, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2016, OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCES AND THE LEVY OF DIRECT ANNUAL TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "Issuer") on April 19, 2016, with respect to which undefined terms herein shall have the meanings therein, as supplemented and amended, by Ordinance No. 2016-0401, adopted April 19, 2016, collectively, the "Bond Ordinance", the undersigned, as President and Secretary of the Issuer hereby certify to the Rock Island County Clerk that it is appropriate to reduce by abatement the tax levy for 2025 (to be received in 2026) as provided in Section 13 of the Bond Ordinance (filed on June 29, 2016, with such County Clerk), as follows:

<u>Tax Levy</u> <u>For the Year 2025,</u>	<u>New Levy Amount</u> <u>To Continue After Abatement</u> <u>A Tax Sufficient to Produce the Sum of,</u>	<u>(Amount Abated)</u>
\$350,575.00	-0-	\$350,575.00

No other tax levy year is to be affected by this Abatement Certificate. The County Clerk is hereby directed to abate taxes as set forth above and to ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinabove provided to be levied in 2025, as shown above to be levied, and to extend the same for collection on the tax books in connection with other taxes levied in such year, in and by the Issuer for general corporate purposes of the Issuer, and in such year levied and collected in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for such year is levied and collected and, when collected, such taxes shall be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds herein described as the same become due and payable. The tax levy shall be abated as parenthetically shown above. Otherwise Ordinance No. 2016-0401 shall be given effect according to its terms.

The Issuer has complied with the Bond Ordinance requirements preliminary to the execution and filing of this Abatement Certificate.

(SEAL)

Karen Kinney, Secretary

Kai Swanson, President

Receipt

The Rock Island County Clerk hereby acknowledges receipt of the above Abatement Certificate this 18th day of November, 2025 and agrees to abate (and continue to extend with respect to the Bond Ordinance, as shown above) the taxes as therein provided.

Rock Island County Clerk
Karen Kinney

Date

103

Commissioner Perkins moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Sowards seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

10. Commissioner Simmer moved the purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit Connect Passenger Van at \$39,977.00, and a 2023 Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van at \$39,977.00 as presented. Commissioner Layer seconded.

(Note** Purchase Quotes begins on the next page.)



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October 2, 2025

Jeffrey Craver
Forest Preserve District Director
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
O: (309) 795-1295
jcraver@ricfpd.org

We propose the following for your consideration.

1-NEW 2023 FORD Transit Connect Passenger Van

To include the following optional equipment:

Exterior Color TBD, SB Vinyl Seating, Power Heated Mirrors
Dark Tint Privacy Glass, Cruise Control/Tilt Wheel
Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Air Conditioning
AM/FM/Stereo, Bluetooth, Back-Up Camera
2 Keys w/Remotes, New M License/Title
Delivery to RICFPD, All other standard equipment.

IL Contract # SIUC153238

Illinois Government Price \$39,977.00*

Van is in stock* at the time of this quote and available, first come first serve. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Richie Morrow Wellenkamp
Government Sales Manager
Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.

Customer Acceptance: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

Please submit this signed quote with your purchase order and a copy of your Illinois Tax Exempt Letter,
11361, 11362, 11363, 11359

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October 2, 2025

Jeffrey Craver
Forest Preserve District Director
Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
O: (309) 795-1295
jcraver@ricfpd.org

We propose the following for your consideration.

1-NEW 2023 FORD Transit Connect Cargo Van

To include the following optional equipment:

White Exterior, SB Vinyl Seating
Reverse Sensing, Cruise Control/Tilt Wheel
Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, Air Conditioning
AM/FM/Stereo, Bluetooth, Back-Up Camera
2 Keys w/Remotes, New M License/Title
Delivery to RICFPD, All other standard equipment.

IL Contract # SIUC153238

Illinois Government Price \$39,977.00*

Van is in stock* at the time of this quote and available, first come first serve. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Richie Morrow Wellenkamp
Government Sales Manager
Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc.

Customer Acceptance: _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

Please submit this signed quote with your purchase order and a copy of your Illinois Tax Exempt Letter.
11764

Commissioner Burns moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Enburg seconded.

D. Adams, R. Brunk, L. Burns, E. Dewith, C. Enburg, T. Foster, C. Layer, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno-Baker, R. Morthland, B. Perkins, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, B. Vyncke, J. R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

11. Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Adams was recognized, "In Mr. Peterson's report, under misc. notes, I see that the installation of the railroad tracks caused some pot holes and possible damage to the new road. Is the railroad fixing that?"

Mr. Craver was recognized to respond, "Basically, they use our entrance as a loading and unloading zone at the park there. It just so happened, because we were in, what I would consider, a drought. It happened back in July when we got several inches of rain and we were several inches above the norm. Due to the soft ground, the one curb area at the entrance, there's a great big truck rut in there. They showed up when I went to go inspect it, after I was informed of the incident, said 'well, we're in-we don't have a very good reputation but we're trying to do better, and we could maybe get a load of rock into the crevice.' There's some cracking. It's not as extreme as you would think, but when you get something brand new and somebody damages it, you get a little ticked off. I've spoken to several engineers and the State's Attorney's Office, and our options are really kind of limited, due to the authority and the power granted to the railroad by the US Congress. So, we will get a load of rock ourselves and fill up the hole. Hopefully they have completed their railroad work, and hopefully they won't be back anytime soon. Is that a good enough response to your question, Mr. Adams?"

Commissioner Adams stated, "Good enough response but still..."

Mr. Craver, "Yeah, I wish I had something better to say about the incident but..."

Commissioner Morthland was recognized, "Just for a question of clarification, this is on the Forest Preserve property or railroad right-of-way property?"

Mr. Craver answered, "The railroad has 15 feet from the center of the tracks and it is right on that 15-foot line. So, they were working and unloading within their designated right-of-way area, which was still-beyond the ruts that were created, there was hydraulic oil all over the place, and just general scarification of the asphalt. Luckily, we did get some new planks to put in there. For years, our staff has been complaining to the railroad because they were completely deteriorated. When you would go over those planks, they would bounce down. We'd have hikers, walkers, bicycle folks that go through there, let alone the RV's and general traffic into the park. So, luckily, they said it's not on schedule for replacement, but they did end up giving us some fairly (inaudible) boards. The only issue is that those boards stick up about two inches above the tracks, where our asphalt is. Which, we could use a speedbump, just not at our entrance. So, I mean, it is what it is. The railroad, like they said, doesn't have a very good reputation and they're trying to do better. So, at least we have some quality boards at the entrance now that aren't flopping when people go across them."

Mr. Morthland, "Well, the sad thing is that within their right of-way, the railroad's powers are almost infinite. But, as soon as you get out of the right-of-way, then they have to be responsible. Thank you."

President Swanson stated, "Thank you, and for those students of American history, a reminder; even though this happened more than 100 years ago, if you give any one entity power without review from congress and courts, you're begging for trouble. Any other questions or discussion on the reports that were submitted by the Director and Department Heads?"

12. Commissioner Simmer moved to approve all Routine Reports from the Director and Departments Heads of the Forest Preserve Commission, as presented. Commissioner Woods seconded.

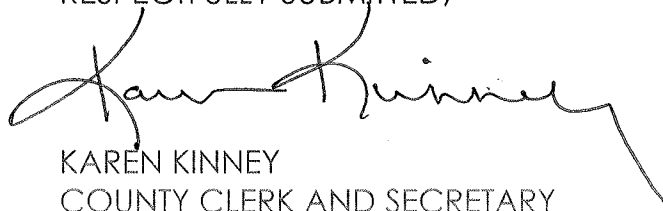
A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

President Swanson stated, "Well friends, thanks for your good work this evening. I'll just announce that the next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, November 19th, in these chambers, following the Rock Island County Board meeting. We are in recess. Thank you very much."

President Swanson declared the Forest Preserve Meeting in recess at 7:01pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

KAREN KINNEY
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

KK: td