

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING FOR NIABI ZOO
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 – 6:02 PM
PRESIDENT KAI SWANSON - PRESIDING**

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

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

TOTAL PRESENT 13

E. Dewith, C. Layer, R. Simmer, B. Vyncke

TOTAL ABSENT 4

President Swanson stated, "Publication of such hearing did occur on September 9th, 2025 in the Rock Island Argus/Daily Dispatch; being a newspaper of general circulation in Rock Island County."

"The only order of business is to conduct comments on the District's intent to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant to be utilized at Niabi Zoo to fund a splash pad, dinosaur dig play area, and educational outpost deck off of the zoo's administrative building."

"I will make three calls to the public if anyone wishes to address the Forest Preserve Commission with regard to the OSLAD grant and projects to be funded."

"I will make a first call for anyone wishing to address the Forest Preserve Commission with reference to the OSLAD grant and projects."

"I make a second call."

"I make a third and final call."

"Let the record state that I made three calls to the public with regard to the District's intent to apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grant to fund a splash pad, dinosaur dig play area and education outpost for Niabi Zoo and that all those wishing to address the Commission have had an opportunity to do so."

"I will now ask for a motion to close this hearing."

Commissioner Enburg moved close the hearing. Commissioner Woods seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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TOTAL YES 13

TOTAL NO 0

Hearing closed.

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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