

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 18th, 2025 – 5:58PM
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

2. **PRESENTATION:**

There was no presentation tonight.

3. Commissioner Mielke moved to approve the October Commission Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

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

5. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**

President Swanson stated, "I hope you had the chance to read the reports this particular cycle. The parks were just beautiful over the past month, as the leaves were turning. They've pretty much all dropped, and that rain we had is helping that process. The staff now works on a lot of winter maintenance projects. Remember, our parks are still open for hiking, fishing, and those kinds of activities. I hope you get out and enjoy them. They are their own kind of beauty in the winter, when there aren't any leaves. So, if you get a chance, get out there. We'll have a few more things with Jeff (Craver) when we get to the reports with Directors and Department Heads, but that'll do for now."

6. Commissioner Layer moved to approve the Forest Preserve Claims and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$613,649.92, as presented. Commissioner Enburg 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.

7. Commissioner Foster moved to approve the Transfers of Appropriation, as presented. Commissioner Moreno 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, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, 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
\$3,285.00 from	130-32-92 638	Repairs & Maintenance	\$11,715.00
\$3,285.00 to	130-32-92 763	Infrastructure \$2,000-14,999	\$3,285.00
\$27,000.00 from	131-32-08 767	Infrastructure over \$15,000	\$18,000.00
\$30,000.00 from	131-32-18 767	Infrastructure over \$15,000	\$0.00
\$1,245.52 from	131-32-18 638	Repairs & Maintenance	\$42,445.20
\$39,261.00 to	131-32-10 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5,000	\$79,954.00
\$3,920.00 to	131-32-18 764	Machine & Equipment \$1000-4999	\$3,920.00
\$6,000.00 to	131-32-18 766	Building Remodeling over 5,000	\$6,000.00
\$9,064.52 to	131-32-18 768	Machine & Equipment over \$5,000	\$34,972.66
\$1,536.26 from	130-32-92 523	Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	\$27,213.74
\$1,536.26 to	130-32-92 768	Machine & Equipment > \$5,000	\$55,936.26

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Commissioner Layer 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.

8. Commissioner Woods moves to waive the reading and approve the Resolutions regarding the Niabi Zoo Fund Additional Appropriations, the DFCI Fund Loan from the General Fund in the amount of \$56,854.13, and the DFCI Fund – EV Charging Station grant improvements in the amount of \$21,500.00 in expenses and revenues., as presented. Commissioner Dewith seconded.

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

RESOLUTION

RE: Niabi Zoo Fund Additional FY 26 Appropriations

WHEREAS, additional funds are required for ARPA project expenses in the Niabi Zoo Fund # 131 for FY 26, and

WHEREAS, revenue has been collected over budget including a transfer of funds to be received from the Forest Preserve General 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 \$94,220.16 be transferred from unappropriated additional revenue funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$94,220.16	131-32-35 391.60	Transfer from General Fund
	ARPA24-00-39160	

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$94,220.16	131-32-35 765.00	Infrastructure over \$15,000
	ARPA24-60-765	

SECTION3: This resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 18th day of November, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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RESOLUTION

RE: FY 26 Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund Loan from the Forest Preserve General Fund

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 for the necessary expenses incurred in the 2026 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, the Development of Forests & Construction of Improvements is awaiting reimbursement from the state for matching funds from the Bike Path Grant, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds within the District's General Fund #130 to loan to the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund #335 until such matching grant funds are 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. An amount of \$56,854.13 be loaned from the District's General #130 to the Development of Forest & Construction of Improvements Fund #335.

SECTION 3. The above amount to be repaid to the District's General Fund #130 as the matching grant funds become available.

SECTION 4. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 18th day of November, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
Forest Preserve Commission

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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 \$21,500.00 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
\$21,500.00	335-32-35 765.00	Construction in Progress
	CCFI31-00-765	

SECTION 3. Revenues in the amount of \$21,500.00 shall be increased from grant funds to be received to the Development of Forests & Construction Fund #335 in the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$21,500.00	335-32-35 331.70	Federal Grant – Electric Vehicle
	CCFI31-00-33170	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 18th day of November, 2025.

Kai Swanson, President
Forest Preserve Commission

Karen Kinney, Secretary
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Commissioner Adams moves to approve the previous roll call vote. Commissioner Brunk seconded.

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TOTAL YES 17

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

9. No ordinances this month.
10. No new business this month.
11. No comments from Commissioners this month.
12. Commissioner Adams moved to approve all routine reports from the Director and Department Heads to the Forest Preserve Commission. Commissioner Vyncke seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

13. No Closed Session or related action this month. No closed session or related action this month. No closed session or related action reported this month.

President Swanson stated, "Mr. Craver, thank you for being here in case we have any questions. I do want to lift up the good work of Niabi's team. Mr. Jackson appeared a couple times on local television media, which is a little bit outside of his comfort zone but it's a great way to get the word out about all the good things. Also, if you're not following them on their various social media channels, I don't even know how many they have, but our wonderful colleagues, Jessica Lench-Porter and Joel Vanderbush traveled to Zimbabwe. You know we have some Painted Dogs at Niabi, they are part of a global effort to save the Wild Painted Dog population. So maybe, we'll get a future slideshow from them, but it does help to understand the path that we're trying to get started, right here in Rock Island County. Just so you know, that trip is made possible through funds raised by the Niabi Zoo Foundation. The only other thing from the zoo, you'll notice under the deaths, it's listed that on October 4th, we lost a Blue Death-feigning Beetle. I

did confirm, they waited until October 6th to make sure it wasn't faking. With that, any further questions or discussion?"

President Swanson continued, "Friends, the next meeting of the Forest Preserve Commission will be Tuesday, December 16th at 5:30 pm, following the County Board meeting in these chambers. Until then, I wish you and all your families a very Happy Thanksgiving."

President Swanson declared the meeting in recess at 6:04 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in dark 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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