

**THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE
MARCH 17, 2009 -- 7:05 P.M.**

The Rock Island County Forest Preserve met in the Board Members' Room: Commissioner Freeman Reporting.

1. Richard "Dick" Leibovitz, County Clerk, called the roll: (Record)

Kinney, Fuhr, Jacobs, Bohnsack, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Meersman, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry, Moreno, Freeman

TOTAL PRESENT 18

Wonderlich, Perez, Dueysen, Loftin, Morthland, Harmon, Davies

TOTAL ABSENT 7

2. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the February Forest Preserve Commission Minutes and the Revenue Expense reports. Commissioner Mohr-Wright seconded. (Record)

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

3. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the Forest Preserve claims in the amount of \$125,691.43, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$34,323.85. Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$957.76 and the late claims at \$6,447.22. Commissioner Mayberry seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Kinney, Fuhr, Moreno, Jacobs, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry

TOTAL YES 15

No one voted no.

Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Freeman moved to waive the reading and approve the Resolution regarding, transferring \$97,725.15 from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund. Commissioner Ballard seconded. (Record)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional funds are required in Niabi Zoo Fund #131 for the necessary expenses incurred for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from unappropriated funds in 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 **\$97,725.15** be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Niabi Zoo Fund #131 to the following:

AMOUNT	APPROPRIATION	DESCRIPTION
\$4,000.00	131-32 522	Operating Supplies
\$1,538.00	131-32 633	Travel
\$1,909.00	131-32 636	Insurance
\$3,000.00	131-32 639	Rentals
\$5,000.00	131-32 642	Misc.
\$35,000.00	131-32 638	Repairs & Maintenance
\$47,278.15	131-32 768	Machine & Equipment

SECTION 3. This Resolution to become effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the Rock Island County Forest Preserve Commission, Rock Island County, Illinois, this 17th day of March, 2009.

A roll call vote was taken.

Kinney, Fuhr, Moreno, Jacobs, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Meersman, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

5. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve a Resolution putting a hiring freeze on full-time employment. Commissioner Kinney seconded.

**Rock Island County Forest Preserve District
Resolution
Re: Hiring Freeze**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Forest Preserve District to maintain responsible management of the District finances; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Island County Forest Preserve District Commission has the responsibility of approving all revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that there may be a serious short fall in projected revenues in the District which could require drastic measures if we, the Forest Preserve Commission, wait until further in the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, this shortage of funds cannot be corrected by increasing the property tax levy as the Forest Preserve is near its maximum rate allowed by Statute.

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

1. An emergency exists as outlined above.
2. There will be a freeze on all future hiring in all Funds and departments, including replacement of employees, this freeze to remain in effect until otherwise rescinded by this Board or as may be required under law. Seasonal/temporary positions are not included in this hiring freeze.
3. If an emergency arises that creates undo hardship to the departments as a result of the hiring freeze, that department head may present their position to the Forest Preserve committee which shall forward the request with their recommendation for review to the Forest Preserve District Commission.
4. This resolution to become effective March 18, 2009

Done in open meeting; this 17th day of March, 2009

A roll call vote was taken.

Kinney, Fuhr, Moreno, Jacobs, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Meersman, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry

TOTAL YES 16

TOTAL NO 0

Motion carried.

6. Commissioner Freeman moved to waive the reading and approve the Transfers of Appropriation. Commissioner Sweat seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Kinney, Fuhr, Jacobs, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Meersman, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry

TOTAL YES 15

No One Voted No.

Motion carried.

7. Commissioner Freeman moved to accept the low bid of \$18,900 for the footbridge project at Loud Thunder and the low bid of \$9,838.50 for a sand-trap rake for Indian Bluff Golf Course. Commissioner Bohnsack seconded.

A roll call vote was taken.

Kinney, Fuhr, Moreno, Jacobs, Bohnsack, Ballard, Brandmeyer, Meersman, Schultz, Mohr-Wright, Armstrong, Rockwell, Banaszek, Malvik, Sweat, Maranda, Mayberry
TOTAL YES 17

No One Voted No.

Motion carried.

8. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the renewal of the license for farm ground at Loud Thunder. Commissioner Moreno seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Freeman declared the Forest Preserve Meeting recessed.

The next Forest Preserve Commission meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2009, following the Regular County Board meeting.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

RICHARD "DICK" LEIBOVITZ
COUNTY CLERK AND SECRETARY
OF THE FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSION

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