



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Thursday, July 16, at 6:00 pm, the Activity Center, Middle Fork River Forest
Preserve, 3433 County Road 2700 East, Penfield, Illinois

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Remote Attendance
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT – *Meeting attendees are encouraged to participate during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. If you would like to address the board, please sign in ahead of time on the sheet near the meeting room entrance. You will be recognized in the same order that you have signed in. For further details on how to participate in the Public Comment section of the meeting, please refer to CCFPD Resolution number R-2013-04.*
- III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
- IV. OATH OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER MINDY BRAND
- V. SELECTION OF OFFICERS
- VI. SELECTION OF FOUNDATION LIAISON
- VII. PRESENTATIONS
- VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items A through D)
 - A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 18, 2026
 - B. Monthly Staff Reports
 - C. Disbursements for Approval
 - D. June Treasurers Report
- IX. FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION REPORT
- X. COMMISSIONERS' REPORT
 - A. Commissioner Comments
- XI. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Executive Director Announcements
 - B. Nature Center Design-Build Update
 - C. Strategic Plan 2026 Q1 and Q2 Progress Report
- XII. OLD BUSINESS
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Approve Ameren Electric Supply Contract
 - B. Approve Increase to Pay Grades 5 and 6
 - C. Approve Ameren Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement
 - D. Approve Volo.net Internet + Tech Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement Request
 - E. Approve Resolution 2026-03, 2027 User Fees
 - F. Approve Change Order 2 for Rayburn Purnell Bike Path Resurfacing
- XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. A closed session for “The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired,” as authorized by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
- XV. NEW BUSINESS, continued
 - A. Approve Resolution 2026-04 Authorizing Submittal of an IDNR OSLAD Application for Land Acquisition
- XVI. DISCUSSION
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT



I, MINDY BRAND, HAVING BEEN APPOINTED TO THE OFFICE OF FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONER, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN THE COUNTY OF CHAMPAIGN, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR, THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF FOREST PRESERVE COMMISSIONER TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

SIGNED AND SWORN BEFORE ME, ON July 16, 2026

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Rebecca Smith, Business and Finance Specialist

Re: Appointment of Officers for the Board of Commissioners

Action Requested

Per its adopted bylaws, the Board of Commissioners shall elect from its membership, by majority vote, a slate of officers for the coming year. Officers consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Background

The Board of Commissioners has the legislative authority to appoint officers from among its membership. Relevant sections from the current bylaws of the District's Board of Commissioners are provided here:

ARTICLE 5 - Officers

5.1 Election of Officers

Not later than the August regular monthly meeting each year the Commissioners shall elect from their members by majority vote a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer who shall hold office until the election of such officers in the following twelve months. In the absence of any of these officers at any meeting or session, the Board may elect such Pro tem officers as are necessary to conduct the meeting or session, and to accomplish any business authorized by the Board at such meeting or session.

5.10 Officer Term Limits: Commissioners shall be limited to two consecutive years in any one (1) officer position so that leadership responsibilities rotate among the Board.

5.11 Succession: The Vice President may succeed the President, but such succession is not mandatory.

The 2025-2026 slate was:

President	Wendy Hundley (1st year as President; 1st Board term 2022-2027)
Vice President	Gregory Knott (1 st year as Vice President; 1 st Board term 2023-2028)
Secretary	Mark Toalson (1 st year as Secretary; 1 st Board term 2024-2029)
Treasurer	William Goodman (2 nd year as Treasurer; 2 nd Board term 2021-2026)
Asst. Sec/Treas.	Tim Bartlett (1 st year as Asst; 1 st Board term 2025-2030)

Journal of Proceedings
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 18, 2026, 6:00 pm,
Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois

The Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners met at a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the Salt Fork Center, Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Homer, Illinois. Commissioner Hundley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Toalson called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Hundley, Knott, Bartlett, Toalson and Goodman.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

AGENDA MODIFICATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS

Don Shaw from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, who conducted an annual audit of the Champaign County Forest Preserves financial statements in compliance with the Illinois Governmental Account Audit Act, presented the 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 21, 2026**
- B. Minutes of Special Meeting on June 3, 2026**
- C. Monthly Staff Reports**
- D. Disbursements for Approval**
- E. May Treasurers Report**
- F. Accept 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

Commissioner Knott made a motion to approve consent agenda items A. through F. Commissioner Goodman seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

FOREST PRESERVE FRIENDS FOUNDATION

Commissioner Bartlett provided an update regarding the status of the fundraising for the Nature Center project. He also provided an update regarding the status of the land acquisition discussed at the June meeting. The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2026. Kelsey Beccue was introduced as the Advancement Officer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners noted positive things about the following items from staff reports and observations:

- Proud to see all the work happening around each of the preserves this time of year.
- The new fire pit at Salt Fork Center looks great and is a wonderful addition to the area.
- Congratulations to Lorrie for giving the commencement address for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

- Media coverage has been amazing; Skylar's and Chris' media articles were informative and impressive.
- So many wonderful things are happening and really reinforcing we are on the right path working toward our mission.
- Great to see the YES students participating in jobs at the Forest Preserves again this year. What a great opportunity for those students.
- Impressed by all the youth programs being offered this summer and the broad range of age groups that will benefit, as well as having 8 out of 10 counselors returning this year to run these programs.
- Pleased with the audit work and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- Appreciate all the administrative staff working on the land acquisition project and the Kickapoo Rail Trail progress.
- Trail Challenge sounds fun and exciting, encouraging people to get out in nature.
- Excited about the golf efforts and the spring and summer events going on.
- Breakfast with Bat Scientists was a cool program, well attended, and staff should be commended for creating the event.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Executive Director Announcements

Executive Director Lorrie Pearson summarized the improvements that have been made at Homer Lake, including at the Salt Fork Center, over the last few years; noted that Joie Torres, Golf Superintendent, is leaving after eight years, and invited commissioners to the ribbon cutting for the Weaver Park Trailhead to the KRT on September 9.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Retroactive Approval of Emergency Repair of Botanical Garden Well

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board to retroactively approve the quote from Hayes and Sims for up to **Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$35,000.00)** and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract. Commissioner Goodman seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Land Acquisition Funding Transfer

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board to approve a transfer of up to **Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$417,000)** from the Forest Preserves Land Acquisition Fund to the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation (FPFF) for the purpose of a land purchase to expand Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Commissioner Knott requested confirmation that the transfer of the funds, along with additional funds raised, will allow the FPFF to purchase the land to expand Homer Lake Forest Preserve. Pearson confirmed and indicated that any funds raised in excess of the amount required for this purchase will be put toward future land acquisition opportunities.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

C. KRT Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment

Commissioner Toalson moved the Board to approve the amended Kickapoo Rail Trail Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner Bartlett seconded. Sam Ihm, Planning Director, provided an explanation regarding the need for the amendment as the allocated funding from the Department of Economic Funding (DCEO) is not sufficient to complete the project. The language added to the Intergovernmental Agreement stipulates that the scope may be altered to meet available funding, so the partner agencies are not obligated to pay out of pocket to complete components not covered by DCEO.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Change Orders 2 and 3 for Kickapoo Rail Trail

Commissioner Knott moved the Board to approve Change Orders 2 and 3 for Kickapoo Rail Trail Construction for **Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and 00/100 (\$19,260.00)**. Commissioner Bartlett seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

E. Nature Center Design-Build Contract Approval

Commissioner Goodman moved the Board to approve the proposal from **Morton Buildings, Inc.** for Nature Center Design-Build for **Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$797,167.00)** and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract. Commissioner Toalson seconded. Deputy Executive Director, Mike Daab discussed that staff solicited proposals for the design-build and Morton Buildings, Inc., was the only proposal received. Sam Ihm confirmed that Morton Buildings, Inc. has experience working with organizations similar to the Forest Preserves and are willing to work with staff to provide the building to the size required for this project.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson, Bartlett and Goodman. Motion carried.

F. Resolution 2026-02 – Honoring Commissioner William Goodman

Commissioner Hundley moved the Board to approve Resolution 2026-02 – Honoring Commissioner William Goodman for his 10 years of service to the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Knott seconded.

A roll call vote was taken. The following commissioners voted “yes”: Hundley, Knott, Toalson and Bartlett. Goodman abstained. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bartlett made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:49pm. Commissioner Knott seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried.

Mark Toalson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
Champaign County Forest Preserve District

July 16, 2026

Memorandum

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Rebecca Smith, Business and Finance Specialist

Re: July Staff Reports

Executive Management (Lorrie Pearson, Michael Daab)

- Commissioner Knott, Kelsey, Stacey, Michael, and Lorrie met with Senator Faraci about project funding needs.
- Commissioner Bartlett, Michael, Kelsey, and Lorrie embarked on dedicated efforts to raise funds toward the Nature Center and the Homer Lake acquisition
- Rusty and Lorrie met with new Mahomet Police Chief Smysor to get acquainted and discuss how we have worked together in the past.
- Lorrie was elected Treasurer of the Legacy Project, a group in Illinois dedicated to help women advance in their public sector careers.
- Lorrie led a team-building workshop for the strategic communications unit of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois.
- Michael has been meeting with department heads to discuss capital needs as we work to develop the 2027 budget and 5-year capital improvement guidance.
- Moving land acquisition, the KRT, and the Nature Center forward has resulted in many consultations between Michael, the Planning Department, and our legal representation over the past month.
- Michael wore his Forest Preserve and Upper Sangamon River Conservancy hats in helping to plan for Summer Splash as well as the Sunset Paddle program at River Bend on June 7th. The USRC brought 8 canoes and 9 kayaks, along with life jackets and paddles, to support Forest Preserves programming staff.



Planning and Construction (Sam Ihm)

Planning

- Staff have been discussing design changes to Morton Buildings' plan for the Nature Center and working with Morton to finalize designs.
- Sam was a guest on Experience CU's Chambana Proud podcast to discuss the history, progress, and long-term plans for the Kickapoo Rail Trail.
- The Weaver Park Trailhead of the KRT is expected to open this month.
- Aaron is updating the OneKRT website in anticipation of upcoming higher website traffic. The information is being reorganized to simplify and update information regarding how to visit the trail and what amenities exist, which is the main information website visitors seek.
- Aaron participated in the Regional Planning Commission's tours of bicycle facilities throughout the community as part of the Active Transportation Plan. Participants discussed trail networks and barriers to use in order to formulate future plans.

- Aaron secured buses to provide transportation from Champaign-Urbana to Summer Splash for residents without cars. This is an initiative to address barriers to visitation identified in the Comprehensive Plan and Strategic Plan.

Construction

- The team installed concrete countertops at the outdoor classroom in the Discovery Garden. The next step is polishing and adding color to them. Once the light fixture is added, the outdoor classroom will be complete.
- Work has begun on the Gloria and Richard Rayburn Bird Overlook at the former LOW residence location. Concrete was poured for the shelter and the deck structure has been framed up. There is about 1,500 pounds of concrete supporting each post.
- Staff also assisted Homer Lake Ops with a flagpole installation and Middle Fork with a minor electrical issue.

Business and Finance (Brock Martin)

- Work continues on the 2027 budget
- Work continues on the Foundation's 990 tax return
- Rebecca worked with Republic Services to get our garbage pickup schedule optimized and the rate reduced through the duration of the contract.
- Kelsey introduced herself to staff and began working on gift solicitations.

Human Resources (Michael Ambrose)

- During the month of June, HR processed 4 hires (1 full-time, 3 seasonal) and 1 termination (full-time).
- As of June 30, our total headcount was 135 employees, including 54 FT, 27 PT, and 53 seasonal employees.
- The summer "Trail Mixer" event (all-employee gathering) took place on 6/30/2026 at the Salt Fork Center in Homer Lake.
- Health insurance Open enrollment successfully completed and implemented.

Marketing (Lisa Sprinkle)



- Kristin updated the print and digital ads for July.
- Social media posts in June featured posts promoting programs, events, summer camps, and the Trail Challenge, wildlife and nature seen this time of year at the forest preserves, project updates (the spillway at Lake of the Woods), collections corner posts from the Museum of the Grand Prairie, nature photography from previous photo contests,

volunteer events, tick safety information produced in-house, and visitors enjoying the preserves.

High-performing posts in June 2026:

Post/Date	Views (Instagram/FB)	Interactions (Instagram/FB)	Followers
“Big catch at Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve!..Al Thigpen reeled in an impressive 12-pound, 27-inch Freshwater Drum.” June 24	2,679 / 87,193	176 / 1,354	+41 on FB
“The revitalized spillway...” June 11	1,483 / 43,718	118 / 829	+54 on FB
“Unwind at the end of the day...” Sunset Yoga at the Preserves Flyer	636 / 11,759	24 / 53	+6 on FB

- Kristin worked with Morgan Duerksen-Balk on an informational video about staying safe from ticks: https://bit.ly/Tick_Safety which is posted on YouTube, shared on social media via a link to the YouTube video, and shared in the E-leaflet Newsletter. A shorter reel/story was posted to social media with the link to the longer video included: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1Cwid6Zz2V/>
- The E-leaflet was emailed out on June 18 via Constant Contact. It contained information on upcoming programs and events, projects updates, tick safety, and the Nature Center and Land Acquisition at Homer Lake Forest Preserve, making asks for each project: 3,029 sends, 61.5% open rate, 3.7% click rate. Constant Contact reports 45 clicks to the short video of the Lake of the Woods Spillway: https://youtube.com/shorts/4RaaLuo_IBA?si=TbgvnTtS9V0AIqL3, 29 clicks to [Forest Preserve Friends Foundation](#), [Trails Challenge | Champaign County Forest Preserve District](#), and [Events | Champaign County Forest Preserve District](#).
- Kristin hosted a Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Marketing Committee meeting on June 15 via Zoom focused on gathering ideas and feedback to develop a targeted social media campaign to raise awareness and outreach of the Foundation.
- Forest Preserves in the Media
 - [Much ado about Pollinator Week - Smile Politely — Champaign-Urbana's Culture Magazine](#)
 - [Interpretive Center finds temporary home at Middle Fork River Forest Preserve](#)
 - [Learn about painted turtles | Champaign County Forest Preserves](#)
 - [I wish I could go to a Bigfoot camp - Smile Politely — Champaign-Urbana's Culture Magazine](#)
 - [The Weekender: June 12-14 - Smile Politely — Champaign-Urbana's Culture Magazine](#)
 - [Free “Fishing for Beginners” Event Coming to Homer Lake on June 20 - SJO Daily](#)
 - [Carrie Sue & The Wood Burners to perform at Homer Lake on June 27 - Mahomet Daily](#)
 - [Community Spotlight: Champaign County Forest Preserve | WCIA.com](#)

- [Tales of History | Welcome to Glacier Country | Columns | news-gazette.com](#)
- [Beyond the Boardroom: Homer Lake Forest Preserve's Skylar Smith | People | news-gazette.com](#)

Rental information for June

June		2026		2025		2024		2023		2022	
Preserve	Facility	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
HL	Salt Fork Center	13	\$4,320.00	13	\$3,960.00	14	\$5,500.00	14	\$4,800.00	12	\$4,100.00
HL	Walnut Hill Shelter	9	\$2,051.00	12	\$2,327.50	12	\$2,115.00	9	\$1,995.00	10	\$1,470.00
LOW	Elks Lake Pavilion	12	\$10,525.00	9	\$4,300.00	11	\$4,950.00	11	\$4,450.00	8	\$3,000.00
LOW	Golf Course Clubhouse	11	\$4,245.00	5	\$1,075.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
LOW	Izaak Walton Cabin	8	\$1,485.00	8	\$1,485.00	9	\$1,680.00	6	\$1,160.00	4	\$645.00
LOW	Lake of the Woods Pavilion	27	\$7,280.00	11	\$3,120.00	11	\$3,250.00	8	\$2,550.00	23	\$850.00
LOW	Lakeview Shelter	5	\$700.00	4	\$735.00	1	\$120.00	6	\$750.00	5	\$360.00
LOW	MG Botanical Garden	4	\$4,535.00	2	\$2,180.00	1	\$1,200.00	4	\$4,080.00	2	\$1,990.00
LOW	Riverview Retreat Center	4	\$900.00	7	\$1,755.00	6	\$1,480.00	5	\$960.00	7	\$1,260.00
LOW	Rotary Hill Shelter	7	\$1,560.00	10	\$2,085.00	8	\$1,860.00	7	\$1,340.00	8	\$1,330.00
LOW	Sycamore Hollow Shelter	0	\$0.00	2	\$240.00	1	\$60.00	3	\$330.00	2	\$140.00
LOW	White Oak Grove Shelter	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$60.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
MF	Activity Center	0	\$0.00	4	\$1,860.00	8	\$2,310.00	3	\$550.00	3	\$900.00
RB	River Bend Shelter	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	1	\$0.00	1	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
TOTAL		100	\$37,601.00	87	\$25,122.50	84	\$24,585.00	77	\$23,085.00	84	\$16,045.00
2022 LOWP - 9 are early voting/election											
2024 RBS reservation was complimentary - Tomas Delgado											
2026 LOWP 12 are CU Spec Rec - they rented the pavilion M-Th at a discounted flat rate for the month											
2026 Activity Center is being used as the HLIC during NC construction											

Volunteer Coordinator (Sue Gallo)

- Completed Master Naturalist (MN) Classes. Classes were an outstanding way to connect with the current MN cohort, understand what the training involves for MNs in general, and expand my natural history knowledge.
- Summer Splash volunteer coordination has ramped up.
- Thank you to Brodie and Rusty for their work with an Eagle Scout Project installing Bat “Rocket Boxes” below the dam at Lake of the Woods. Since this was connected to a previous Eagle project, I was very involved with coordination and paperwork for the project.
- There were three new Eagle Project inquiries, and two group volunteering inquiries in June. Group inquiries typically happen in fall and spring.
- Coordinated with Morgan regarding the waivers and record keeping for their new Youth Nature and History Guide Program.
- Coordinated with Bre for legal counsel on a prospective volunteer program and guardian waiver issues.
- I coordinated with Lincoln’s Challenge Academy (LCA) to host two volunteering opportunities. Unfortunately, both fell through at the very last minute due to LCA internal staff miscommunication.
- Hosted 15 staff from the University of Illinois Community Credit Union to remove autumn olive and bush honeysuckle at Homer Lake, with the support of three of our

regular volunteers. Thanks to HL and NR staff for helping determine a stewarding location and retrieving extra tools! |



- Many thanks to Mark and Sam for each offering a meaningful volunteer opportunity to support volunteers of different abilities. Volunteers require staff support and supervision to succeed, and it can be challenging for staff to find time to create and supervise new projects.
- Initiated the annual distribution of volunteer t-shirts. |

Golf Course (Chris Edmondson & Mack Drinkwalter)

- Weather played a large factor in play and revenue at the course in June. We had over 13 inches of rain at the golf course for the month, along with some destructive winds that brought some minor tree damage to the course once again. We were closed or restricted on cart usage for 6 days in June, due to standing water. We also had an event rescheduled due to unplayable course conditions. For the month, we had 6,083 rounds, which is still above the 5-year average of 5,969 rounds. |
- For the month of June, we had revenue of \$153,297. This is also a bit above the 5-year average of \$148,353, but much lower than the previous 2 seasons for June. |
- We held our annual Junior Clinic in June, led by David, Jason, and Nick. There were 2 sessions (ages 8-10 from 1:00-2:30 and ages 11-14 from 2:30-4:00), which were held each Tuesday in June. We had 32 participants this year. |
- Below are the events and tournaments we hosted in June. We managed to successfully get these events played thanks to the maintenance staff's hard work to get the course ready after heavy rain and damaging winds (specifically the Bulldog Open, Parent-Child Tournament, and Hildreth Reunion Outing). The player counts and revenue from these events are in the table below. |

Outing	# of Players	26 Total Rev	26 Actual Merch
Bulldog Open	188	\$12,703.50	\$1,000.00
Illinois District Dental Society	72	\$6,387.00	\$2,000.00
Hildreth Reunion	83	\$4,336.00	\$265.00
Tournament	# of Players	26 Total Rev	
Naughtin Open	40	\$2,800.00	
Hartwell Match Play	30	\$750.00	
Parent-Child	64	\$2,880.00	

- For the 2nd straight year, we are participating in the YES (Youth Employment Services) program through the Champaign Unit 4 Schools. We have one student working for us this summer, Amere Brown. We aim to give him the experiences of the daily golf course operations, through working on different tasks and showing him what it takes to make Lake of the Woods successful.
- Jason Troyer, Ryan Long, Brooke Sellers, Amere Brown and I attended the Trail Mixer at Homer Lake on June 30th. We enjoyed lunch, socializing with other departments, and some trivia. We'd like to thank Skylar Smith and staff for being great hosts of the event!
- Joie Torres resigned from his Superintendent position in June. We thank him for all he did for Lake of the Woods Golf Course in his 8 years and wish him the best in his new endeavor in Makanda, IL. We look forward to continuing to improve the daily customer golf experience and expectations moving forward!

Golf Course Operations (Mack Drinkwalter):

- Over the last month the maintenance crew has continued to do an amazing job of sustaining the great conditions of all areas of the golf course. We have been removing weeds and edging all the bunkers, along with pulling weeds from all flower beds and the parking lot rocks. We have dealt with a lot of rain over the last few weeks, creating some very wet, and at times, unplayable course conditions. The golf maintenance crew have had to work around the weather to keep all the grass mowed; bunkers edged, raked, and pushed up, cups set, and all the other daily maintenance tasks that need to have the course ready for play.
- Jameson continues to work on irrigation programs to help make more efficient ways to water the entire course and hit areas that need more water than others. He also dug up a leak on hole 15 last week, cut and pulled the irrigation pipe out, and had a new pipe fitted and replaced allowing us to have the irrigation back up and running in a day.
- I have continued to spray greens, fairways, tees, and approaches for dollar spot, which we began noticing in late May and early June. I had also continued to add growth regulators and some wetting agents before we got hit with multiple rounds of storms.
- Jameson got married on Saturday, June 27th, and is out until July 6th for his honeymoon.

Museum (Kamryn Suttinger)

Patrons Served

	In-Person Programming*	Outreach**	MGP Visitation	IC Visitation
Jan-26	243	0	0	0
Feb-26	286	0	0	0
Mar-26	558	68	928	139
April-26	1,754	57	888	63
May-26	266	62	1,375	137
June-26	1,495	20	1,415 (778 new visitors)	78 (55 new visitors)
YTD	4,336	207	4,606	417

* Includes all youth and public program opportunities ** Includes loan kits and tabling events

Collections and Exhibits:

- Mark attended the "Strengthening History Communication" virtual workshop sponsored by AASLH.
- The new virtual exhibit, "Lighting a New Nation," that helps commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is live at <https://mgp.omeka.net/exhibits/show/250lights/intro>.
- The soft open of the new case exhibit, "The Art of Making: Tools & Traditions of Handiwork," is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 17th.

Youth Programs:

- Summer camps are off to a good start, although we had to cancel a few camps due to low enrollment. Our Teen Outdoor Adventure camp at Lake of the Woods, all three of our Wilderness Explorers and our Historical MythBusters camp at Lake of the Woods were well attended.
- We have two great professional development opportunities for educators in August and September. August 6 & 7 is our Learning from the Land workshop that is a partnership with Ironhide Bison Ranch, and on September 18 we are hosting the Teaching with and About Native Peoples workshop which will be led by Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy and be held at the Salt Fork Center in Homer Lake Forest Preserve.

Public Programs:

- June was a busy month for Public Programs. Twenty (20) programs were implemented this month; including Summer Concerts, Artifact Showcases, Pop-up programs, Sunset Yoga and more! We saw over 740 participants through these programs and events. In addition, the team offered 16 Special Request Programs to a variety of libraries and assisted living facilities for 268 participants.
- The Public Programs team kicked off a new ongoing program called **Youth Nature and History Guides**, for which young people are invited to serve as volunteer interpreters during our public programs. We held a kick-off event at the Champaign Public Library on June 5 to get the word out about the opportunity and to begin training the

youth guide volunteers and their families. We currently have 10 families in the process of getting involved, and we hosted our first guide on the **Pop-Up: Guided Fungus Hunt** that happened on June 25 at Homer Lake Forest Preserve. The guide has a special interest in fungi and already knows a lot about the topic, which is why she was given the option to volunteer at this program. She, her parent, and Morgan walked the trail a few days ahead of the program, the guide then did independent research about what she saw, and she presented that research at the program. The program participants seemed happy to hear from the youth guide, and she and her family raved about how much they all loved the opportunity.

- Morgan participated in a workshop based at Southern Illinois University titled **At Glacier's End: A 3-Day Educator's Workshop** on June 16-18. The workshop focused on how to connect learners to the landscape using the Illinois Natural Divisions framework. Over the 3 full days, she met educators from around the state of Illinois, hiked at many different geologic features and diverse ecosystems while participating in methods for interpreting them, visited Little Grassly Fish Hatchery to see its fish rearing operations up close, toured R. Buckminster Fuller's geodesic dome home, and considered ways to incorporate Fuller's philosophy into environmental interpretation. It was a valuable experience and Morgan brought home contacts for some new collaborators, program facilitation methods that will help contextualize our local landscape for participants, and a renewed commitment to providing experience-based public programs.
- **Dark Sky Series: Elio** brought folks out to interact with the dark sky element of Middle Fork River Forest Preserve in a unique way. This program is one of several that will be happening at Middle Fork in the upcoming seasons that are a part of the Dark Sky Series but are not reliant on having a cloudless sky for the program to be successful. The movie was chosen because it features a wildly fun, family-friendly space journey with a heartwarming message. There was not much stargazing to be had on the mostly cloudy night, but folks did get a chance to see some twinkles through gaps in the clouds after the movie and hopefully felt stirred by the rare chance to experience a dark sky amidst the community of other movie-goers.
- **Summer Concert Series** is going very well. We hosted **Candy Foster and Shades of Blue** at Lake of the Woods, and **Carrie Sue & the Wood Burners** at Homer Lake. The weather has been beautiful, even when it is hot!
- At the beginning of June, we kickstarted the summer with a Cultural Crafts program series. June's program was focused on participants learning about the historical usage of calling cards and then creating one for themselves. The program was titled **Cultural Crafts: Calling Cards**. There were two sessions of the program; one session was designated for children, and the other was geared for an adult audience. The program utilized real calling cards from our museum collection that are not typically brought out. We received great feedback and adults expressed a desire for even more adult-craft programs.
- In mid-June, we also kicked off our annual **Summer Artifact Showcases**. This is an exclusive summer offering at the Museum of the Grand Prairie and provides extra incentive for the public to visit the Museum of the Grand Prairie and Lake of the Woods during the season. Every week, volunteer-docents come in on select dates and times to interact with museum patrons and show off artifacts tied to our exhibits. There are

currently four themes in rotation. Public Program Specialist John Bien is the supervisor to our docents and ensures they are well-equipped to handle and explain artifacts.

- **Mead at the Museum** on Saturday, June 27 was an engaging and enjoyable way to celebrate Pollinator Week! The Public Programs team collaborated with local businesses, TreeHive Meadery and The Honey Hive Beetique, to offer a unique experience to the community. Visitors came out to Lake of the Woods and tasted mead and honey, learned about native pollinators, heard prohibition stories in the one room schoolhouse “speakeasy”, toured the Mabery Gelvin Botanical Garden, and more. The turnout was great, and the event was very successful in its inaugural year.



Natural Resources (Phil Borsdorf)

Prairie Restoration

- Prairie restoration areas were mowed at Oxbow Ridge and Buffalo Trace. High mowing of the volunteer weeds helps minimize unwanted weed seed production and reduces shade and competition for space with new native seedlings. Timely and properly implemented mowings during the first and second growing seasons are known to increase the early success of new prairie plantings.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

- In June, invasive species control efforts remained in full swing:

- Mechanical/Manual control: wild parsnip, sweet clover, Canada goldenrod.
- Chemical treatments: reed canary grass, poison hemlock, wild parsnip, crown vetch, Canada thistle, and bird's foot trefoil.
- Invasive shrub control: bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, Callery pear.
- TSI: understory thinning of undesirable tree species was implemented to improve woodland/forest composition and structure at Homer Lake and Riverview Retreat.

Miscellaneous

- Native seed processing: *Pedicularis canadensis*.
- Firebreak installation at Buffalo Trace: firebreak installation was initiated around planned grassland burn units.
- Erosion control “wattles” were installed on the newly vegetated Spillway slopes to minimize gully erosion. Cover crops and native vegetation were previously planted and are establishing nicely, but a series of heavy rain events in June inspired additional reinforcement measures.



Photo 1: the new wetland (constructed in fall 2025) at Homer Lake is now holding water after a series of heavy rain events (6/18/2026).

Lake of the Woods (Rusty Maulding)

- Buffalo Trace OSLAD work continued in June with the replacement of turf in the median at the Rte 47 parking lot with native plugs.
- A new fish food dispenser was procured that is more robust and a new enclosure stand is being built as of the time of this writing. We plan to have the dispenser back out at the koi pond within a week. Food will be available for the same low price of a quarter.
- A new well pump, controller and well pipe was installed in June for the Botanical Garden. Thank you for the approval of emergency repairs. As part of the repair, a variable speed controller, larger pipe and larger pump allow for a greater volume of water to be pumped when needed. Staff have been discussing ways to best utilize the system to ensure efficient use and public access to spaces that may have been encumbered by

irrigation activity previously. We also will have less water loss by completing overhead watering earlier in the day. █

- We received approximately 8" of rainfall from June 7-June 27 which is about 20% of our average yearly precipitation. This led to the first flooding of the Sangamon River in quite some time coming off a drought year. Heron View trails were scheduled for rough mowing several times but have been underwater for the last half of June. The Flood Plain Trail at Lake of the Woods and sections of the Bottomland Trail at Sangamon River F.P. were also impassible during the same period as were sections of trails at River Bend. Due to the flooding, Sunset Lake is finally starting to recover from near historic lows. █
- With all the rain came the threat of significant severe weather. Fortunately, the worst that was forecast for our locations did not materialize, but we did have several rounds of modest storm cleanup that occurred. One of the casualties was a large red oak near the Museum of the Grand Prairie which suffered its 3rd major limb breakage. It was determined that the tree should be felled by staff. The log was rolled over to White Oak Grove where it was placed adjacent to a lunch area used by youth programming regularly. We hope the kids find it a fun piece to further engage with nature. We also plan to harvest a tree cookie from the stump that can be used by programming staff to tell the age of the tree. █

Homer Lake (Skylar Smith)

- Operations staff rebuilt another trail bridge, like the Oak Ridge trail bridge replacement in May. This bridge at the trailhead to the west lake trail had worn out parts and would become very slick during the rainy season. The surface of the new bridge is made of gravel, which should provide visitors with excellent traction. █
- Thanks to the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation, Homer Lake operations and the construction staff were able to fabricate and install a 30 ft. flagpole at the entrance to the preserve, just in time for the 4th of July. █
- The North Boat Ramp kayak rental lockers had 112 rentals and 50 new customers in the month of June. █
- An all staff "trail mixer" was held at the Salt Fork Center. Staff demonstrated perseverance by enjoying the great outdoors with a 105-degree heat index. Thanks to everyone who helped to put on the event. █

Middle Fork (Matthew Kuntz)

- Shortly after commenting on dangerous drought conditions here at Middle Fork last month, we have been drenched with rain towards the end of June, receiving over ten inches in just over a week. Ponds have been replenished, and green has come back to the flora. █
- Luckily, Middle Fork was able to avoid major storm damage towards the end of June. We did lose a major limb to a tree inside the campground, blocking the main road. It was removed that evening. █
- Although the waterfowl areas have been filled with rain, we are still looking forward to fixing/replacing water control structures this summer at both waterfowl sites. █

- Camping numbers continue to be up, and ahead of last year's numbers through the month of June. With wonderful weather we have seen very large numbers of visitors throughout the park user areas. █
- The new gates at the front entrance have been installed. We will be hardwiring the control panels for power supply in the next couple of weeks. █
- Brass placards have been added to our star benches on the Dark Sky Trail per the Foundation and donors. █
- Thanks to the Forest Preserves and employee engagement committee for hosting a staff luncheon at the end of June. █

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Rebecca Smith, Business and Finance Specialist

Re: June 2026 Disbursements for Approval

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners approve the payment of **\$402,062.85** in accounts payable disbursements dated June 19, through July 16, 2026.

Accounts Payable check range: 121606 through 121721

Background

For the past month, District total expenses broke down as follows:

Disbursements Breakdown	Amount
Service Expenses	\$258,615.09
Delegated Insurance Expenses	\$19,008.28
Pcard Purchases	\$26,971.69
Goods Expenses	\$62,358.78
Delegated Utilities Expenses	\$13,313.16
Delegated Merchandise & Concession Expenses	\$21,795.85
Total Disbursements	\$402,062.85



Champaign County Forest Preserves

Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 06/19/2026 - 07/16/2026

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: AP Busey Checking-AP Busey Checking						
VEN01790	MENARDS	07/07/2026	Regular	0.00	-1,985.19	121452
VEN00045	ACTIVE NETWORK, LLC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	517.00	121606
VEN02675	ACUSHNET COMPANY	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	5,710.76	121607
VEN02094	ALL ONE HEALTH	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	885.06	121608
VEN05055	BAXTER'S TREE & CRANE	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,350.00	121609
VEN00381	BONES JUGS LLC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	800.00	121610
VEN04954	BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,021.00	121611
VEN00489	CALLAWAY GOLF CO	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,011.38	121612
VEN04839	CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF ILLINOIS INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	8,263.96	121613
VEN00686	DUNLOP SPORTS AMERICAS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	688.50	121614
VEN01086	FRED'S PLUMBING, HEATING, AIR	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	404.00	121615
VEN01138	GFL ENVIRONMENTAL	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,161.25	121616
VEN05214	HAYES & SIMS DRILLING LLC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	34,466.10	121617
VEN01276	HEARTLAND COCA COLA	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,318.54	121618
VEN01414	ILLINI FIRE EQUIPMENT	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	219.50	121619
VEN01410	ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	150.00	121620
VEN05150	JENNA PHILLIPS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	2,026.20	121621
VEN01593	KOERNER DISTRIBUTOR INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	641.04	121622
VEN01595	KOLD KUBE	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	174.00	121623
VEN01634	LAUTERBACH & AMEN, LLP	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	5,000.00	121624
VEN01719	MAHOMET SMALL ENGINE	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	172.40	121625
VEN01790	MENARDS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	240.20	121626
VEN04917	MID ILLINOIS CONCRETE & EXCAVATION, INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	107,505.52	121627
VEN01838	MIZUNO USA, INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	694.90	121628
VEN04996	NAPA AUTO PARTS - CHAMPAIGN	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	76.43	121629
VEN01982	NUTOYS LEISURE PRODUCTS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	8,850.00	121630
VEN02169	PRAIRIE GARDENS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	239.16	121631
VEN01310	PRIMO BRANDS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	353.22	121632
VEN02193	PROFESSIONAL OUTDOOR SOLUTIONS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	3,785.00	121633
VEN02260	REPUBLIC SERVICES #729	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	951.49	121634
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VEN02607	SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS, INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,272.85	121637
VEN02638	TERMINIX	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	105.00	121638
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VEN02818	VERIZON WIRELESS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	346.66	121640
VEN02831	VITAL EDUCATION & SUPPLY, INC	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	1,885.20	121641
VEN02862	WATCH COMMUNICATIONS	06/22/2026	Regular	0.00	253.84	121642
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VEN00036	ACCURATY SOLUTIONS LLC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	675.00	121644
VEN02675	ACUSHNET COMPANY	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	801.58	121645
VEN00093	ALL PRO WELDING SERVICE INC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,501.50	121646
VEN05217	AMANDA HALL	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	240.00	121647
VEN00220	AWARDS LIMITED	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	25.50	121648
VEN02182	BUGOUT	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	94.81	121649
VEN00489	CALLAWAY GOLF CO	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	539.78	121650
VEN04974	CALVIN TRUE	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	121651
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VEN05220	COREY MASON	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	310.00	121655
VEN00823	DEANS GRAPHICS	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	199.09	121656
VEN05143	DERO	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	2,673.00	121657
VEN00856	DILLMAN SANITARY HAULING	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	175.00	121658

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VEN05085	F.E. MORAN INC FIRE PROTECTION	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,020.00	121659
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VEN01139	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS AS	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	505.00	121661
VEN01276	HEARTLAND COCA COLA	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,790.02	121662
VEN01282	HEIDELBERG MATERIALS MIDWEST	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	695.29	121663
VEN01397	ILLINI CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	158.97	121664
VEN01442	IMCO UTILITY SUPPLY	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	2,394.76	121665
VEN05150	JENNA PHILLIPS	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,924.89	121666
VEN01581	KIRCHNER BUILDING CENTER	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	8,830.89	121667
VEN01593	KOERNER DISTRIBUTOR INC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,033.86	121668
VEN01710	MAHOMET ACE HARDWARE	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	32.97	121669
VEN05219	MAPLE STREET GARDEN LLC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	100.00	121670
VEN01741	MARTIN EQUIPMENT	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	263.58	121671
VEN01790	MENARDS	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	3,710.50	121672
VEN01798	METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	3,903.73	121673
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VEN01838	MIZUNO USA, INC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,056.57	121675
VEN01881	MTI DISTRIBUTING, INC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	283.89	121676
VEN02064	PAVLOV MEDIA, LLC	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	240.00	121677
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VEN02444	SHAWN SITTON	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	103.68	121679
VEN02443	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	3,650.09	121680
VEN02470	SMITTY'S TIRE & AUTO	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	61.00	121681
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VEN02768	UNITED FUEL CO	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	1,338.33	121683
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VEN02868	WATTS COPY SYSTEMS	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	55.35	121685
VEN02899	WHITE CAP	07/01/2026	Regular	0.00	151.08	121686
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VEN00109	AMERENIP	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	7,817.73	121688
VEN00220	AWARDS LIMITED	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	298.00	121689
VEN00366	BOBCAT OF CHAMPAIGN	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	1,864.44	121690
VEN05223	BODINE ELECTRIC OF DANVILLE	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	300.00	121691
VEN00489	CALLAWAY GOLF CO	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	486.90	121692
VEN00514	CARLE HEALTH	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	108.00	121693
VEN00737	CORKY'S SERVICE CENTER	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	29.00	121694
VEN02399	DAVID SEBESTIK	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	3,346.00	121695
VEN00885	DON'S AUTO CENTER, INC	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	68.45	121696
VEN05224	DUCKS UNLIMITED	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	7,879.12	121697
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VEN02711	JASON TROYER	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	1,068.00	121704
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VEN01593	KOERNER DISTRIBUTOR INC	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	596.38	121706
VEN01710	MAHOMET ACE HARDWARE	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	110.85	121707
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VEN02080	PARK DISTRICT RISK MGMT ASSN	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	15,104.55	121711
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VEN02768	UNITED FUEL CO	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	2,342.00	121718
VEN01716	VILLAGE OF MAHOMET	07/08/2026	Regular	0.00	33.80	121719

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Bank Code AP Busey Checking Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
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Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	1	0.00	-1,985.19
Bank Drafts	13	13	0.00	22,042.92
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	196	130	0.00	375,091.16

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VEN02357	SAM'S CLUB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	689.17	DFT0001589
VEN04417	SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	299.00	DFT0001590
VEN05210	BOLT DEPOT	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	63.79	DFT0001591
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	114.91	DFT0001592
VEN04603	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	25.00	DFT0001593
VEN01326	HOME DEPOT PRO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,143.00	DFT0001594
VEN02384	SCHNUCKS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	64.56	DFT0001595
VEN01099	FARM & FLEET OF URBANA	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	56.89	DFT0001596
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	28.64	DFT0001597
VEN02523	STAPLES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	48.48	DFT0001598
VEN01005	FACEBOOK	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	60.75	DFT0001599
VEN01190	GRAMMARLY	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	144.00	DFT0001600
VEN04894	MISC RESTAURANTS (CONFERENCE/WORKSHO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	42.33	DFT0001601
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	37.42	DFT0001602
VEN04545	THE UPS STORE 2833	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	56.42	DFT0001603
VEN02818	VERIZON WIRELESS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	135.03	DFT0001604
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VEN02818	VERIZON WIRELESS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	101.27	DFT0001607
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VEN01176	GOOGLE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	9.99	DFT0001609
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	70.16	DFT0001610
VEN03760	IN LEISURE INTERACTIVE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	199.00	DFT0001611
VEN01710	MAHOMET ACE HARDWARE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	42.54	DFT0001612
VEN02457	SLOT & WING HOBBIES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	11.97	DFT0001613
VEN01581	KIRCHNER BUILDING CENTER	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	93.84	DFT0001614
VEN05204	KULLY SUPPLY	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	108.49	DFT0001615
VEN04603	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	25.00	DFT0001616
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	71.24	DFT0001617
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	102.94	DFT0001618
VEN01885	MUMM PRODUCTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	216.00	DFT0001619
VEN05190	UNITED STATES PLASTIC CORPORATION	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	48.90	DFT0001620
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	28.46	DFT0001621
VEN00056	ADOBE INC	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	29.99	DFT0001622
VEN04889	PROCTORU	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	20.60	DFT0001623
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	14.38	DFT0001624
VEN00207	AUDUBON INTERNATIONAL	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	500.00	DFT0001625
VEN04894	MISC RESTAURANTS (CONFERENCE/WORKSHO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	49.09	DFT0001626
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	149.99	DFT0001627
VEN05212	WOLDHUIS FARMS SUNRISE GREENHOUSE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	3,803.00	DFT0001628

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VEN02962	WOODY WAREHOUSE NURSERY INC	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	48.00	DFT0001629
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	76.07	DFT0001630
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	76.08	DFT0001631
VEN05209	ROY TOY	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	128.10	DFT0001632
VEN01790	MENARDS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	182.63	DFT0001633
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	235.16	DFT0001634
VEN05205	IRONWOOD PACIFIC	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	67.46	DFT0001635
VEN04941	CARNIVAL CARWASH	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	10.00	DFT0001636
VEN00038	ACE HARDWARE (RANTOUL)	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	166.86	DFT0001637
VEN02611	TACTACAM REVEAL	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	9.00	DFT0001638
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	19.61	DFT0001639
VEN05212	WOLDHUIS FARMS SUNRISE GREENHOUSE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-1,901.50	DFT0001640
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-70.00	DFT0001641
VEN04909	MISC HOTEL LODGING	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	466.95	DFT0001642
VEN01667	LITHGOW MOTORSPORTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	28.64	DFT0001643
VEN04603	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	45.00	DFT0001644
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	71.41	DFT0001645
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	142.84	DFT0001646
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	150.82	DFT0001647
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-1.02	DFT0001648
VEN02384	SCHNUCKS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	54.59	DFT0001649
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	118.95	DFT0001650
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	102.67	DFT0001651
VEN04993	ARASHI VISION U.S. LLC	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	17.99	DFT0001652
VEN05213	RIGGS BEER COMPANY	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	192.00	DFT0001653
VEN05213	RIGGS BEER COMPANY	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	240.00	DFT0001654
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	4.47	DFT0001655
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	4.48	DFT0001656
VEN05203	ABEBOOKS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	50.00	DFT0001657
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	58.91	DFT0001658
VEN05212	WOLDHUIS FARMS SUNRISE GREENHOUSE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	510.30	DFT0001659
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	89.68	DFT0001660
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.29	DFT0001661
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.72	DFT0001662
VEN04603	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	25.00	DFT0001663
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	33.99	DFT0001664
VEN04894	MISC RESTAURANTS (CONFERENCE/WORKSHOF	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	26.55	DFT0001665
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-17.58	DFT0001666
VEN01099	FARM & FLEET OF URBANA	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	117.88	DFT0001667
VEN05208	Wood Expressions	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	165.19	DFT0001668
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	24.95	DFT0001669
VEN00876	DOG TOWN HEATING AND AIR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	49.00	DFT0001670
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	191.00	DFT0001671
VEN01790	MENARDS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	507.92	DFT0001672
VEN05202	INTERNATIONAL GALLERIES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	114.00	DFT0001673
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	539.91	DFT0001674
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	41.95	DFT0001675
VEN04894	MISC RESTAURANTS (CONFERENCE/WORKSHOF	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	35.00	DFT0001676
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	167.73	DFT0001677
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	82.89	DFT0001678
VEN05212	WOLDHUIS FARMS SUNRISE GREENHOUSE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	2,259.90	DFT0001679
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	0.08	DFT0001680
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	29.99	DFT0001681
VEN01378	ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	215.00	DFT0001682
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	189.48	DFT0001683
VEN04545	THE UPS STORE 2833	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	56.86	DFT0001684
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	4.97	DFT0001685
VEN03760	IN LEISURE INTERACTIVE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	348.89	DFT0001686
VEN02611	TACTACAM REVEAL	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	7.00	DFT0001687
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	12.79	DFT0001688
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	318.73	DFT0001689

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VEN04603	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	25.00	DFT0001690
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-46.30	DFT0001691
VEN02357	SAM'S CLUB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	647.34	DFT0001692
VEN01326	HOME DEPOT PRO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	149.96	DFT0001693
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	78.96	DFT0001694
VEN01404	ILLINOIS GOVERNMENT FINANCE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	35.00	DFT0001695
VEN00056	ADOBE INC	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	611.85	DFT0001696
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	26.99	DFT0001697
VEN01790	MENARDS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	60.73	DFT0001698
VEN05211	ALBANY COUNTY FASTENERS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	518.37	DFT0001699
VEN02169	PRAIRIE GARDENS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	208.20	DFT0001700
VEN02357	SAM'S CLUB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	9.98	DFT0001701
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	47.51	DFT0001702
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.63	DFT0001703
VEN05206	RIDE OR DIE TIRE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	181.99	DFT0001704
VEN01176	GOOGLE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	82.99	DFT0001705
VEN05207	RATCHET STRAPS USA	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	90.69	DFT0001706
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	46.30	DFT0001707
VEN01086	FRED'S PLUMBING, HEATING, AIR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	974.35	DFT0001708
VEN04909	MISC HOTEL LODGING	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	125.40	DFT0001709
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	12.37	DFT0001710
VEN02868	WATTS COPY SYSTEMS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	59.61	DFT0001711
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	17.90	DFT0001712
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	17.90	DFT0001713
VEN02523	STAPLES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	203.53	DFT0001714
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-150.82	DFT0001715
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	37.72	DFT0001716
VEN01473	INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	257.90	DFT0001717
VEN01189	GRAINGER	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	215.31	DFT0001718
VEN00849	THRYV	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	244.00	DFT0001719
VEN00568	CENTRAL ILLINOIS HUMAN RESOURCE GROUP	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	133.33	DFT0001720
VEN00099	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	62.51	DFT0001721
VEN04545	THE UPS STORE 2833	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	56.42	DFT0001722
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	344.48	DFT0001723
VEN02523	STAPLES	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	65.56	DFT0001724
VEN02526	STARLINK INTERNET	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	330.00	DFT0001725
VEN00750	COUNTRY ARBORS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	237.50	DFT0001726
VEN02357	SAM'S CLUB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	512.90	DFT0001727
VEN01099	FARM & FLEET OF URBANA	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	39.98	DFT0001728
VEN02853	WALMART COMMUNITY/GEMB	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	81.58	DFT0001729
VEN05066	BULLDOG DISPOSAL SERVICE	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	725.00	DFT0001730
VEN02797	USPS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	0.78	DFT0001731
VEN01064	FORESTRY SUPPLIERS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	124.69	DFT0001732
VEN01790	MENARDS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	232.37	DFT0001733
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	292.32	DFT0001734
VEN04913	MISC - SMALL PURCHASE VENDOR	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	204.32	DFT0001735
VEN00743	COSTCO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	15.99	DFT0001736
VEN00743	COSTCO	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	17.99	DFT0001737
VEN04897	MICROSOFT	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	440.39	DFT0001738
VEN05211	ALBANY COUNTY FASTENERS	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	-40.61	DFT0001739
VEN03217	COMMERCE BANK	06/23/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	25.00	DFT0001740

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COMMERCE BANK

06/23/2026

Bank Draft

0.00

25.00 DFT0001741

Bank Code CC/PCARD Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	173	173	0.00	26,971.69
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	173	173	0.00	26,971.69

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	183	116	0.00	355,033.43
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	1	0.00	-1,985.19
Bank Drafts	186	186	0.00	49,014.61
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	369	303	0.00	402,062.85

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
999	Pooled Cash - General	6/2026	240,875.01
999	Pooled Cash - General	7/2026	161,187.84
			402,062.85

June 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Brock Martin, Business & Finance Director
Re: June Treasurer's Report

Action Requested

Staff requests the Board accept the June 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Summary

The Forest Preserves received two property tax distributions from the county in June, totaling \$3,195,854.

The balance of the Capital Projects fund is negative due to pending grant reimbursements. The Forest Preserves have expended \$277,477 on the KRT that have not been reimbursed. We have been informed by the grant administrator, DCEO, that they will be sending a payment of \$5,398,207 to cover these reimbursements plus provide another cash advance to assist with cash flow for the rest of the project.

In addition, a reimbursement request for \$417,318 has been submitted to IDNR for the first half of the Public Museum Grant covering the cost of Discovery Greenhouse. The other large grant pending reimbursement is for the Buffalo Trace project, which had over \$150,000 at the end of June. Reimbursement for those grant expenditures will not be made until after the grant has been completed in October.

June Asset Balances 2024-2026

	2024	2025	2026
Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Checking/Deposit Accounts	\$ 271,284	\$ 268,046	\$ 1,624,819
Illinois Fund	5,745,971	5,750,383	4,744,415
IPDLAF	1,044,193	210,172	524,498
Investments			
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,281,000	\$ 494,000	\$ -
Business Equity	29,455	27,408	33,297
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 8,371,903</u>	<u>\$ 6,750,009</u>	<u>\$ 6,927,029</u>

June Cash & Investment Balances 2024-2026

Starting Balance	\$ 6,352,821	\$ 4,203,911	\$ 4,104,635
Revenues	2,607,926	3,399,432	3,546,505
Expenditures	(618,248)	(846,164)	(748,332)
Net Change Assets/Liabilities	<u>26,404</u>	<u>(7,170)</u>	<u>(24,222)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 8,371,903</u>	<u>\$ 6,750,009</u>	<u>\$ 6,927,029</u>

Attachments:

June 2026 Financial Activity and Balances
 June 2026 Reserve Balances and Outstanding Commitments
 June 2026 Investment Rates and Maturities

June 2026 Treasurer's Report

June 2026 Financial Activity and Balances

Financial Activity					
FUND	Beginning Cash & Investments	Total Revenue	Total Expenses	Net Change Assets/Liabilities	Ending Cash & Investments
GENERAL	1,841,424	2,099,776	(280,611)	(26,056)	3,686,645
IMP & DEV	590,795	836,247	(91,335)	5,045	1,330,662
LIABILITY INS	424,165	63,454	(22,897)	-	464,722
IMRF	72,967	50,195	(17,576)	9,722	95,864
AUDIT	(23,983)	13,330	(2,000)	-	(12,653)
SOCIAL SECURITY	4,995	46,671	(22,456)	-	29,210
BOND	27,241	153,389	-	-	180,630
GOLF	776,339	148,412	(117,206)	(12,285)	819,831
MUSEUM STORE	17,382	1,596	(1,943)	(648)	17,683
CAPITAL	(104,664)	132,007	(192,308)	-	(164,965)
LAND ACQUIS	477,972	1,428	-	-	479,400
TOTAL	\$ 4,104,634	\$ 3,546,505	\$ (748,332)	\$ (24,222)	\$ 6,927,029

Month End Investment Balances					
Cash	Illinois Funds	IPDLAF	Business Equity	Certificates of Deposit	Total Cash & Investments
964,098	2,500,623	190,157	31,767	-	3,686,645
507,496	821,636	-	1,530	-	1,330,662
40,349	424,372	-	-	-	464,722
22,688	73,176	-	-	-	95,864
(12,653)	-	-	-	-	(12,653)
24,201	5,010	-	-	-	29,210
153,296	27,335	-	-	-	180,630
86,677	733,154	-	-	-	819,831
3,633	14,050	-	-	-	17,683
(164,965)	-	-	-	-	(164,965)
-	145,059	334,341	-	-	479,400
\$ 1,624,819	\$ 4,744,415	\$ 524,498	\$ 33,297	\$ -	\$ 6,927,029

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Investment Rates and Maturities

Investments	Rate	Month End	Maturity Date
Cash	NA	\$ 1,624,819	N/A
Illinois Fund	3.749%	\$ 4,744,415	NA
Illinois Investor's Trust	3.500%	\$ 524,498	NA
Business Equity	NA	\$ 33,297	NA
Total Investments		\$ 6,927,029	

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Revenues and Expenditures Transacted as Percent of Budget

2026 Revenues				
Fund	Budgeted	Cumulative Revenues	2026 Percent Collected	5 year Average Percent*
GENERAL	\$ 4,697,102	\$ 2,434,470	51.8%	46.6%
IMP & DEV	\$ 1,695,835	\$ 857,601	50.6%	48.0%
LIABILITY INS	\$ 719,212	\$ 90,821	12.6%	24.2%
IMRF	\$ 223,000	\$ 60,561	27.2%	47.9%
AUDIT	\$ 55,900	\$ 13,330	23.8%	42.1%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 279,000	\$ 47,524	17.0%	48.8%
BONDS	\$ 289,745	\$ 153,389	52.9%	50.1%
GOLF COURSE	\$ 1,496,685	\$ 625,367	41.8%	33.9%
MUSEUM STORE	\$ 16,300	\$ 6,778	41.6%	60.2%
CAPITAL PROJECTS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 9,635,200	\$ 843,323	8.8%	22.5%
LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 2,066,000	\$ 8,555	0.4%	1.0%
TOTAL	\$ 21,173,979	\$ 5,141,718	24.3%	32.6%

2026 Expenditures				
Fund	Budgeted	Cumulative Expenses	2026 Percent Expended	5 year Average Percent*
GENERAL	\$ 4,697,102	\$ 1,831,038	39.0%	22.5%
IMP & DEV	\$ 1,695,835	\$ 623,479	36.8%	43.7%
LIABILITY INS	\$ 719,212	\$ 128,212	17.8%	16.5%
IMRF	\$ 223,000	\$ 113,325	50.8%	48.8%
AUDIT	\$ 55,900	\$ 47,279	84.6%	67.9%
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 279,000	\$ 132,010	47.3%	45.4%
BONDS	\$ 289,745	\$ -	0.0%	2.6%
GOLF COURSE	\$ 1,496,685	\$ 908,372	60.7%	53.6%
MUSEUM STORE	\$ 16,300	\$ 5,224	32.0%	38.0%
CAPITAL PROJECTS & EQUIPMENT	\$ 9,635,200	\$ 1,149,649	11.9%	14.7%
LAND ACQUISITION	\$ 2,066,000	\$ 2,712	0.1%	4.6%
TOTAL	\$ 21,173,979	\$ 4,941,299	23.3%	30.0%

*The 5 Year Average Percent equals each fund's current period average percentage of budget for revenues or expenditures for the years 2021-2025.

**CCFPD - Reserves - All Funds
as of June 30, 2026**

Operating Funds	Cash and Investment Balance	Committed	Uncommitted Balance	Approved 2026 Budget	% of Budget in Uncommitted Reserve	# Months
General	3,686,645	(713,779)	2,972,866	4,003,140	74%	8.91
Improvement & Development	1,330,662	(208,115)	1,122,547	1,505,835	75%	8.95
Golf	819,831	(100,000)	719,831	1,311,685	55%	6.59
Museum Store	17,683	-	17,683	16,300	108%	13.02
Liability & Compensation Insurance	464,722	(348,288)	116,434	254,212	46%	5.50
Public Accounts Audit	(12,653)	5,900	(6,753)	55,900	-12%	-1.45
IMRF	95,864	27,150	123,014	223,000	55%	6.62
Social Security	29,210	-	29,210	279,000	10%	1.26
Totals	6,431,964	(1,337,132)	5,094,832	7,649,072	67%	7.99

Non-Operating Funds	Cash and Investment Balance	Committed	Uncommitted Balance	Approved 2026 Budget
General Obligation Bond	180,630	-	180,630	289,745
Capital	(164,965)	134,200	(30,765)	9,635,200
Land Acquisition	479,400	(80,873)	398,527	2,066,000
Totals	495,066	53,327	548,393	11,990,945
Grand Total	6,927,029	(1,283,805)	5,643,224	19,640,017

Note: Approved 2026 Budget does not include capital projects or other transfers budgeted in Operating Funds.

**Commitment Detail
as of June 30, 2026**

General Fund	
Transfer to Capital Fund	544,200
Transfer to Liability Fund	116,712
Transfer to IMRF	27,150
Transfer to Audit	5,900
Tomlinson Cemetery (Donations Given for Cemetery Upkeep)	19,817
Total General	713,779
Improvement and Development	
Transfer to Capital	190,000
Farm Fund (Farm Income for Natural Resources)	18,115
Total Construction	208,115
Golf	
Golf Maintenance Building	100,000
Total Golf	100,000
Liability and Compensation Insurance	
Transfer from General Fund	(116,712)
Stream Barb	465,000
Total Liability and Compensation Insurance	348,288
Public Accounts Audit	
Transfer from General Fund	(5,900)
Total Public Accounts Audit	(5,900)
IMRF	
Transfer from General Fund	(27,150)
Total IMRF	(27,150)
Capital	
Transfer from General Fund	(544,200)
Transfer from Improvement and Development	(190,000)
Nature Center	450,000
Land Acquisition	150,000
Total Capital Fund	(134,200)
Land Acquisition	
NRDA Program - Future Years	80,873
Total Land Acquisition	80,873

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1.1.1	Analyze market for programs and collect user feedback to better understand community programming needs	ME	-	M&E Department has been accepted to the MAP evaluation program, to start in late winter or early spring.	MAP evaluation has begun with holding various meetings to solicit input from staff and the Board. MAP workbook has been completed and submitted to the peer reviewer. Peer site visit is scheduled for August 11-13
1.1.2	Create a programming plan detailing current and potential audiences, core programs, program goals, and evaluation methods	ME	-	Incorporate guidance from MAP evaluation Develop Exhibit Plan	
1.1.3	Create and implement a more consistent and standardized process for evaluating educational programs	ME	-	Incorporate guidance from MAP evaluation	
1.1.4	Optimize facility hours for ease of public attendance while balancing with operational efficiency	ME	-	Open Activity Center as Temporary Nature Center by March 2026 Introduce sensory friendly hours and welcoming space at the museum	Center opened at MF on March 16 and saw 158 visitors in its first two weeks. MGP reopened on March 1 with sensory-friendly hours on Wednesdays from 4-6pm. Welcoming space opened on April 10. A new Visitor Services Office Supervisor position was created to coordinate M&E Visitor Services, directly supervise Visitor Services staff, and provide operational support
1.2.1	Complete renovations and additions to Homer Lake Interpretive Center	ME	PLN	Demo interior (in house) Bid and award addition shell (contractor). NC Exhibit Development and Design	Interior demo work largely complete. Shell construction bid was above budget and staff is developing a new approach. Design-Bid contract for a steel building addition with Morton was approved
1.2.2	Secure funding through grants and fundraising to improve the nature education space	FIN	Foundation, PLN, ME	Coordinating contact with potential donors.	OSLAD grant approved. Approximately \$300,000 private dollars raised as of June 2026.
2.1.1	Ensure effective use of new financial system	FIN	-	Use budget adjustments to simplify reporting on budget dollars available. Involve and train Finance Dept staff in overall and day-to-day budgetary process. Work with Tyler Support to find user-defined fields to provide more detailed budgetary reporting to better reconcile budgeted vs actual.	Now use consistent and more detailed transaction descriptions. Added the Pcard user's last name to imported transactions. Worked with Tyler Support to produce system-generated reports that align with BOC Treasurer's reporting.
2.1.2	Leverage legislative support	ED	Strategy Team, Board	Board and Strategy Team have been invited to attend the Legislative Breakfast hosted by Champaign Park District on February 23. Attend Champaign County First trip to D.C. and Springfield Attend Legislative Conference	Legislative Breakfast was held, with good attendance from legislators, Board, and staff. ED attended CC:1 advocacy trip to D.C. in April. Met with Reps (or staff from) Budzinski, Miller, and Kelly, Senators Durbin and Duckworth, and Government Affairs offices from State of Illinois, University of Illinois, and other agencies. ED and Commissioner attended Legislative Conference. Made contact with State Senators Rose and Faraci and State Reps Niemerg, Miller, Schweizer, and Ammons.
2.1.3	More clearly and consistently communicate and update staff on organizational priorities and plans and their progress to ensure engagement and alignment	ED	DED, FIN	Priorities and progress will be discussed at department meetings/huddles, bi-annual trail mixer events 2026 Strategic Plan actions to be incorporated into individual performance reviews where applicable	ED has begun visiting with departments to discuss priorities and progress. ED sent all-staff email summarizing major board actions and reported on major projects at June Trail Mixer event. Implemented monthly Finance Team Meetings.

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2.1.4	Simplify, align, and improve processes, policies, and services	ED	DED, FIN, HR	Develop Ed Collection check-out procedure. Travel Expenses and Grants Management policies will be revised. Video Surveillance policy to be introduced. Create a Finance Departmental Process Manual and succession plan to ensure continuity. Review mandated policies for paper and electronic document retention.	Video surveillance policy has been Board-approved. Ed Collection check out procedure established. Updated departmental revenue reporting to ensure proper sales tax collection and reporting and work toward consistency among the different departments. Created an online Pcard Request/Change form that includes suggested credit limits, provides for better record keeping, and ease of use. Obtained new third-party background check provider and . new third-party COBRA provider. Obtained new health insurance provider, introducing 2 plans for employees to choose.
2.1.5	Update Forest Preserves' vision to an aspirational statement describing specifically what the mission will achieve and mission statement to define how to achieve vision	DED	Strategy Team, Board	Continue the discussion as part of 2026 Board retreat Include an updated vision statement in the core chapters/introduction to the Master Plan.	
2.2.1	Evaluate and implement technology where it can enhance service to the public and/or increase organizational efficiency (and provide accommodations when needed).	ME	MKT, PLN	Incorporate guidance from MAP evaluation	Streamline boat rental and waiver infromation gathering and input to reduce registration time for renters. M&E staff familiarized themselves with the technology we have for programming, visitor services, etc.
2.2.2	Identify opportunities to offer services in languages other than English, such as through translated materials and using technology to assist with language differences	MKT	ME, OPS	Incorporate guidance from MAP evaluation. Continue to translate Summer Splash and Cardboard Boat Regatta flyers and look into offering Goosechase challenges in Spanish. Newly created interpretive signs will feature a QR code to translate into Spanish and other languages we decide upon.	
2.2.3	Implement an ambassador-type program	ED	DED, MKT, VOL	Establish goals, parameters, and expectations for service Identify, recruit, and schedule volunteers Communicate when/where service will be offered	ED, DED, MKT, and VOL met to establish goals, parameters, expectations, and potential volunteers. Looking to pilot the program at Homer Lake summer 2026. Have not been able to secure volunteers for the program.
2.3.1	Expand opportunities for interdepartmental collaboration	ED	HR	Utilize Goosechase app to provide team-building experiences.	All employee training on communication held on 3/10/2026 at Virginia Theater. Champaign and Urbana Park Districts were also in attendance. Employee Engagement Committee planned and presented Trail Mixer (all-employee event) on June 30 and staff-only Trails Challenge. Planning other ways for staff to connect.
2.3.2	Expand recruitment efforts to attract an engaged workforce with varied perspectives and experiences	HR	ED, MKT, ME	Repeat participation in the Youth Employment Services (YES) program. Establish a presence at four targeted recruitment events—including community-based and high school fairs—specifically selected to reach various experience groups and early-career talent. Staff continue to speak about career options to various audiences.	ED spoke to college students about career options. Participated in YES Program (Unit 4 high school internship program) interviews in April. 2 YES interns and one "standard" intern were hired (Golf, M&E, and Botanical Garden). Registered for ACES career fair at U of I, will attend other fairs once registration opens.
2.3.3	Better attract and retain talent by evaluating the employee experience through balanced policies, growth opportunities, and work-life balance	HR	ED	Implement short, targeted surveys at least once per year focused specifically on policy fairness, growth perception, and work-life balance. Revisit 37.5 hour workweek discussion.	Adoption of changes to policies 2-2 and 3-1.1 to allow hourly staff to receive compensatory time during emergency response events in the same week as holidays. New health insurance implemented on July 1 with a 2-tier option, allowing premium savings for many and richer coverage for those who need it. Performance review process completed. HR coordinating with department managers to formally address personnel issues.

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2.3.4	Promote staff development through expanded training programs	HR	ED,	Maximize ROI of current vendor partnerships by identifying no-cost and low-cost leadership and professional development modules available through Paylocity, PDRMA, IPRA, and KnowBe4 for immediate staff use. Collaborate with Champaign Park District and Urbana Park District to execute a professional development summit to create a more cost-effective and comprehensive training experience for all staff.	All employee training on communication held on 3/10/2026 at Virginia Theater. Champaign and Urbana Park Districts were also in attendance.
2.4.1	Improve Foundation’s coordination with the Forest Preserves	FIN	Foundation	Train departmental staff to be more knowledgeable on how the District and Foundation share data and can support each other more efficiently. Review day-to-day processes to ensure proper distribution and accounting of donations and expenses.	
2.4.2	Promote capacity-building within the Foundation through member trainings and other professional development, updating the MOU to define expectations, revising bylaws, and succession planning	FIN	Foundation	Update FPFF MOU and Bylaws	MOU and bylaws revisions under development.
3.1.1	Continue to develop new and/or enhance popular existing self-guided activities like trail challenge, snowflake search, etc.	ME	MKT	Look for opportunities to incorporate Goosechase for "pop-up" opportunities. Updating Trails Challenge to include "Trail highlights" with a social media video component.	Egg Hunt added to Gooschase app.
3.1.2	Continue to develop virtual walks and tours of facilities and preserve amenities, especially of any spaces that may present accessibility challenges	MKT	OPS, PLN	Work with ME staff to create "trail tour" videos, highlighting different trails and sections monthly.	
3.1.3	Develop wayfinding standards	PLN	DED, MKT, OPS	Continue 2025 Work Planned	Wayfinding standards document 80% complete. Visual elements to be incorporated into branding guidelines
3.1.4	Improve trail information on website and existing recreation apps	PLN	DED, MKT, ME, OPS	Continue 2025 Work Planned	Every trail was added to AllTrails and our website, with accurate names, distance, conditions, and previews. This info is accessible from each preserve's page and from the Hiking Trails page.
4.1.1	Conduct building occupation study	PLN	OPS, MKT	Review building conditions, rental history, maintenance needs. Develop chapter as part of the Master Plan process.	Initial internal review begun.
4.1.2	Develop a maintenance plan for each preserve	DED	OPS, NR	NR is developing 3 year NR management schedules for each preserve. Discussions with respective Ops staff will occur. These management schedules may help with maintenance plan development.	
4.1.3	Develop site master plans	PLN	DED, OPS, NR, ME	Continue 2025 Work Planned. Begin preserve-specific plans	Compiled existing guidance and background research. Examining public input and other data, such as Placer.ai, that will inform masterplanning decision-making. Discussions with site superintendents to be scheduled.

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4.1.4	Establish a benchmark or target for the ratio of developed to natural lands managed by the Forest Preserves	PLN	DED, OPS, NR	Continue 2025 Work Planned.	Examined precedents. Preserves will be treated on an individual basis according to development plans resulting from master planning input.
4.2.1	Ensure adequate funding and staffing for current and future lands, infrastructure, and maintenance	FIN	ED, DED	Grant funding for lands and infrastructure continues with OSLAD funding to contribute to sidewalk and parking infrastructure at the Nature Center in 2026 and 2027. A Bike Path grant will cover the majority of cost to resurface a section of the main asphalt trail at LOW.	OSLAD grant awarded to cover most exterior amenities at the Nature Center, including sidewalks and parking expansion.
5.1.1	Develop communication and marketing templates	MKT	Marketing Committee	Re-establish Marketing Committee in Q1. The first project for them to tackle will be finalizing Communication and Marketing Plans for the year.	Marketing Committee volunteers have been sought.
5.1.2	Develop communication plan detailing current and potential audiences, communication methods, key messages, goals, and tracking methods	MKT	Marketing Committee	Launch reorganized committee at the same time of refreshed Sustainability and Employment Engagement committees	
5.1.3	Review and codify branding visual elements, voice, and position	MKT	Marketing Committee	Merge MGP and HLIC Facebook pages with primary CCFP Facebook page	
5.2.1	Analyze audiences and sentiment	MKT	Marketing Committee, PLN	Develop evaluations for all self-guided activities on Goosechase. Develop survey to evaluate visitors experience at the preserves.	
5.2.2	Collaborate with groups serving audiences not well-reflected in current visitation and programming to address barriers to visitation	MKT	ME, PLN	Roll out completed Hoskins archive project and modes of access especially in African-American Community.	
5.2.3	Collaborate with Museum & Education to promote programs and the Forest Preserves within programming	MKT	ME	Continuing to meet with ME staff to develop the marketing plan each quarter.	
5.2.4	Execute campaigns to convey key messaging to target audiences	MKT	Marketing Committee	Work with ME and NR staff to develop educational videos	Videos of NR and M&E staff recorded for Earth Month (April) posts. Tick safety video made with M&E staff (June).
6.1.1	Initiate conversations with the leaseholding farmer to better align farming practices on Forest Preserves' lands with the Climate Commitment	DED	NR, OPS (MF), FIN	Request yield data from tenant farmer.	
6.1.2	Continue to advance practices related to the Golf Course's Audubon Certification	GC	-	Upon yearly review by Audubon International for Golf Course, we will initiate practices to include the suggestions we are provided. Planting/Seeding Milk Weed between #7 and #12 to enhance the monarch butterfly population. Building a berm toward the back of the driving range to save golf balls and planting native prairie grasses in this area for wildlife and habitat.	Built and placed 8 birdhouses, specifically targeting bluebirds, around the golf course. Installed Audubon Certified Golf Course signage along Hole #11 to be visible from the road to preserve users.
6.1.3	Enhance education and exhibits related to sustainability, conservation, and environmentalism	ME	-	Design and implement educator workshops specific to climate change Research and design exhibits for new nature center that align with conservation and sustainability Develop Exhibit Plan Continue Climate Action program series	Learning From the Land Educator Workshop scheduled for August 6 & 7

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6.1.4	Identify known and potential impacts of changing climate conditions on natural areas, operations, programs, and the visitor experience and develop strategies to adapt	DED	OPS, NR, ME, PLN, GC, MKT (VOL)	Reorganize the Sustainability Committee	Sustainability Committee has been reestablished and is beginning to address specific projects related to recycling, education, purchasing, and more.
6.1.5	Establish climate and conservation-related metrics and targets in order to better track and report on progress	DED	OPS, NR, GC, Sustainability Committee	Reorganize the Sustainability Committee	
7.1.1	Compile current and newly established land acquisition guidelines into a formalized document	DED	PLN	Finalize the draft strategic land acquisition plan.	
7.1.2	Create a process to evaluate land acquisition opportunities	DED	PLN	Continue 2025 Work Planned	
7.1.3	Develop strategies to maximize available funding for land acquisition	FIN	DED, PLN	Develop plan for internal funding targets for land aquisition that includes a source of funding for those targets. Continue to apply for grants for new land acquisition opportunities.	Commissioner, FPFF president, and ED met with prospective donor toward land acquisition. The same became the lead donor for the HL acquisition. Grant applications submitted for land acquisition. One was not awarded. Pending notice from another.

July 18, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Brock Martin, Business and Finance Director
Re: Approval of Ameren Electric Supply Contract

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive, Deputy Executive Director, or Business and Finance Director to approve contracts for electric supply not to exceed \$0.132 per kWh for the years 2026-2027.

Background

Ameren Electric currently supplies Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve with electric transmission while Homefield provides the electric supply.

The contract for electric supply for the Lake of the Woods facilities expires July 31, 2026. To ensure we continue to receive 100% green energy and can minimize the impact of short-term market swings on our budget we recommend entering into a contract no shorter than 10 months and not exceeding 36 months.

CQI Associates provides services to the Forest Preserves in the form of acquiring bids and negotiating contracts with electric and gas suppliers. They solicited bids on July 9 with a number of options for supply contracts but staff believe the 10-month option would make the most sense at this time.

Electric				Current Annual Cost for Electric Supply	Ameren Supply Cost Compare to Quotes
				\$38,177	\$43,575
August 2026 – June 2027	Bid	Annual kWh	Annual Cost	Estimate vs. Current Contract	Estimate vs. Utility
Constellation	\$0.12083	408,269	\$49,331	(\$11,154)	(\$5,757)
Homefield	\$0.10138	408,269	\$41,390	(\$3,213)	\$2,184

The 10-month contract from Homefield would have the Forest Preserves paying 5% less than the most recent Ameren 12-month average, but does carry additional risk as the end date of May 2027 is right before the surcharges for summer take effect. The Homefield 12-month contract factors in the summer surcharges, as it was 11.5% higher than the Ameren 12-month average.

Homefield did not offer a contract longer than 12 months in their quotes. Constellation offered both a 24-month quote from Constellation for around 20% higher than the Ameren Average. There was also a 36-month quote from Constellation which was 23% higher than the Ameren Average. Staff believes that while these longer contracts would provide more stability in the event of a significant price increase in the future, the short-term impacts outweigh those benefits.

In the event the rates are lower or Homefield offers a longer-term rate at the time of contract execution, we would like to keep open the option of executing a longer-term contract.

If these targeted rates are not achieved market rates will be paid once the contracts expire. In this event staff will rebid rates in August/September.

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Michael Ambrose, HR Director
Re: Approve Increase to Pay Grades 5 & 6

Action Requested

Staff requests that the Board of Commissioners 1) approve a 3% pay increase for all Forest Preserves employees who are currently in pay grades 5 and 6, and 2) approve a 3% increase to the pay grades 5 & 6 themselves.

Background

The Forest Preserves recognizes that the direct compensation offered to employees has a significant effect on recruitment, retention, and employee satisfaction. Direct compensation also has a significant effect on goals laid out in our Strategic Plan; specifically, 2.3.2, “Expand recruitment efforts to attract an engaged workforce with varied perspectives and experiences”, and 2.3.3, “Better attract and retain talent by evaluating the employee experience through balanced policies, growth opportunities, and work-life balance”.

Past initiatives the Forest Preserves have taken to work towards these goals include:

- 2021 GovHR Salary Study and related increases each year from 2022-2024, with an emphasis on bringing salaries into more competitive ranges
- Experience-based salary adjustments for existing staff to recognize their tenure in the organization
- 2025 and 2026 cost of living increases guided by the Consumer Price Index

It is standard practice for the Forest Preserves that new hires begin their employment at the minimum pay rate of the pay grade of their position. Currently, the minimum pay rate for a position in pay grade 5 is \$20.74/hour (\$43,139.20/year), and the minimum pay rate for a position in pay grade 6 is \$21.78/hour (\$45,302.40/year). For a single adult with no children living in Champaign County, IL The Economic Policy Institute (<https://www.epi.org>) estimates that in 2025 that person would have needed to earn \$49,429/year before taxes in order to make a living wage, and MIT’s Living Wage Calculator (<https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/16580>) estimates they would need to make \$44,616/year before taxes to make a living wage in 2026. The amounts needed to make a living wage go up significantly when these adults have children to care for and other adults living in the household. Bringing these pay grades closer to and/or above a living wage will help with both recruitment and retention. Furthermore, this increase should have a positive effect on our ability to attract a more diverse range of qualified candidates – when a position pays less, candidates who have financial support beyond what they receive in

direct compensation for their position with the Forest Preserves may be more likely to apply than those with fewer support resources available to them. A 3% increase would bring the minimum pay rates for grade 5 to \$44,428.90/year and grade 6 to \$46,654.40/year and more in line with living wage estimates.

In 2025, ten full-time employees left the Forest Preserves, resulting in a turnover rate of 18.38% for that year. Of these 10 departures, 5 of them were in pay grades 5 & 6. In 2026, six full-time employees have left the Forest Preserves as of the date of this board meeting. Of these 6 departures, 3 of them were in pay grade 5. The 2026 full-time turnover rate currently sits at 10.97%, which is the same rate we had in 2025 at this time of year. Low wages have been cited as a factor contributing to departure for a few of these employees. This turnover rate is above what is generally considered a “healthy” rate for our industry.

Recommendation

It is proposed that the Board approve a 3% pay increase to all employees who are currently in pay grade 5 or pay grade 6. This would result in an annual increase in cost of \$48,137.24 for the Forest Preserves, which includes the increased costs associated with FICA, IMRF pension contributions, and Workers' Compensation/General Liability insurance.

In addition, it is proposed that the pay grades themselves be increased by 3%. This would not have any immediate increase in cost, but it would result in future new hires within these pay grades being hired at a higher rate of pay than if we simply gave current employees a raise but kept the pay ranges the same.

Applying different increases for different grades is not a new practice to the Forest Preserves, and is based on market realities for certain positions. For example, when we had a difficult time recruiting for part-time and seasonal positions (typically grades 1-4), the Forest Preserves opted first to apply larger percentage cost of living increases to lower grades than the higher grades for FY23, and then raised the minimum wage further from the required \$14/hour to \$16/hour for FY24, which resulted in the lowest grades receiving increases up to ~20%.

Of the \$48,137.24 total cost, approximately \$40,000 would come from the General Fund's compensation contingency, and the balance from the Golf Fund, which would pay for increases for staff in those grades in Golf. A salary increase of this magnitude was anticipated in the FY26 budget, when a compensation contingency of \$100,000 was approved within the General Fund. Those dollars are used for mid-year adjustments to positions (such as adding the Visitor Services Office Supervisor position this spring), efforts such as these, and when a new hire commands a salary above the minimum in the range. To date, that contingency line has approximately \$50,000 remaining for FY26. After this change, approximately \$10,000 would remain for the remainder of the year. The remaining amount should be adequate.

Below are tables illustrating the current pay grade rates and the proposed new rates:

Table 1: Current Pay Grade Rates

Current 2026 Pay Grades					
Grade	Min. Hourly Rate	Mid Point	Max Hourly Rate	No. Employees In Grade	Typical Position Types
1	\$16.76	\$20.52	\$24.27	31	Seasonal (not labor intensive)
2	\$17.60	\$21.54	\$25.49	34	Seasonal (labor intensive)
3	\$18.48	\$22.62	\$26.76	9	Visitor Service Associate & Pro Shop Cashier
4	\$19.40	\$23.75	\$28.11	2	Interpretive Naturalist & Facility Specialist
5	\$20.74	\$25.39	\$30.04	21	Operations, Construction, Asst. Golf Pro, Public Programs, Admin
6	\$21.78	\$26.66	\$31.54	8	Natural Resources, HR, Construction
7	\$27.85	\$34.09	\$40.34	10	Front-line Supervisors
8	\$32.03	\$39.21	\$46.39	5	Management
9	\$37.04	\$44.44	\$51.85	8	Upper Management
10	\$42.59	\$51.11	\$59.63	2	Director of Business & Finance, Director of Museum & Education
11	\$48.98	\$58.78	\$68.57	1	Deputy Executive Director

Table 2: Proposed New Pay Grade Rates (with 3% increase for grades 5 & 6)

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5	\$21.36	\$26.15	\$30.94	21	Operations, Construction, Asst. Golf Pro, Public Programs, Admin
6	\$22.43	\$27.46	\$32.49	8	Natural Resources, HR, Construction
7	\$27.85	\$34.09	\$40.34	10	Front-line Supervisors
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July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Sam Ihm, Planning Director

Re: Ameren Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement Request

Action Requested

Staff request that the Board of Commissioners approve a temporary construction and permanent easement with Ameren at the Kickapoo Rail Trail contingent upon review and approval by counsel and the IL Department of Natural Resources and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Background

Ameren has requested to install an overhead transmission line in St. Joseph that crosses the Kickapoo Rail Trail. The line requires a 150-foot wide easement, but it is overhang-only – no poles will be constructed on the Kickapoo Rail Trail property.

Funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) Recreational Trails Program were used to purchase the KRT. As a result, any easements or major land use changes must be approved by IDNR. Staff have requested IDNR's review and are awaiting approval.

Per the Easement and License Agreement Request Policy, several factors should be considered in review of easements:

1. *Legal restrictions* – There are encumbrances on these parcels, but a request for review has been placed with IDNR.
2. *Resources sensitive to disturbance* – The transmission line is near natural area but will be installed above ground with no pole on the property.
3. *Whether reasonable alternatives exist* – The installation is part of the Central Illinois Grid Transformation Program, which has a pre-planned route.
4. *Whether CCFPD will benefit* – Revenue will be generated via the annual easement fee.
5. *Whether a legal obligation mandates acceptance* – Communications companies may pursue condemnation for utility installation if no agreement can be reached for access.
6. *Whether the aesthetic quality of the land will be impacted* – Overhead powerlines already exist in close proximity to the proposed easement, so there will not be a significant new negative impact.

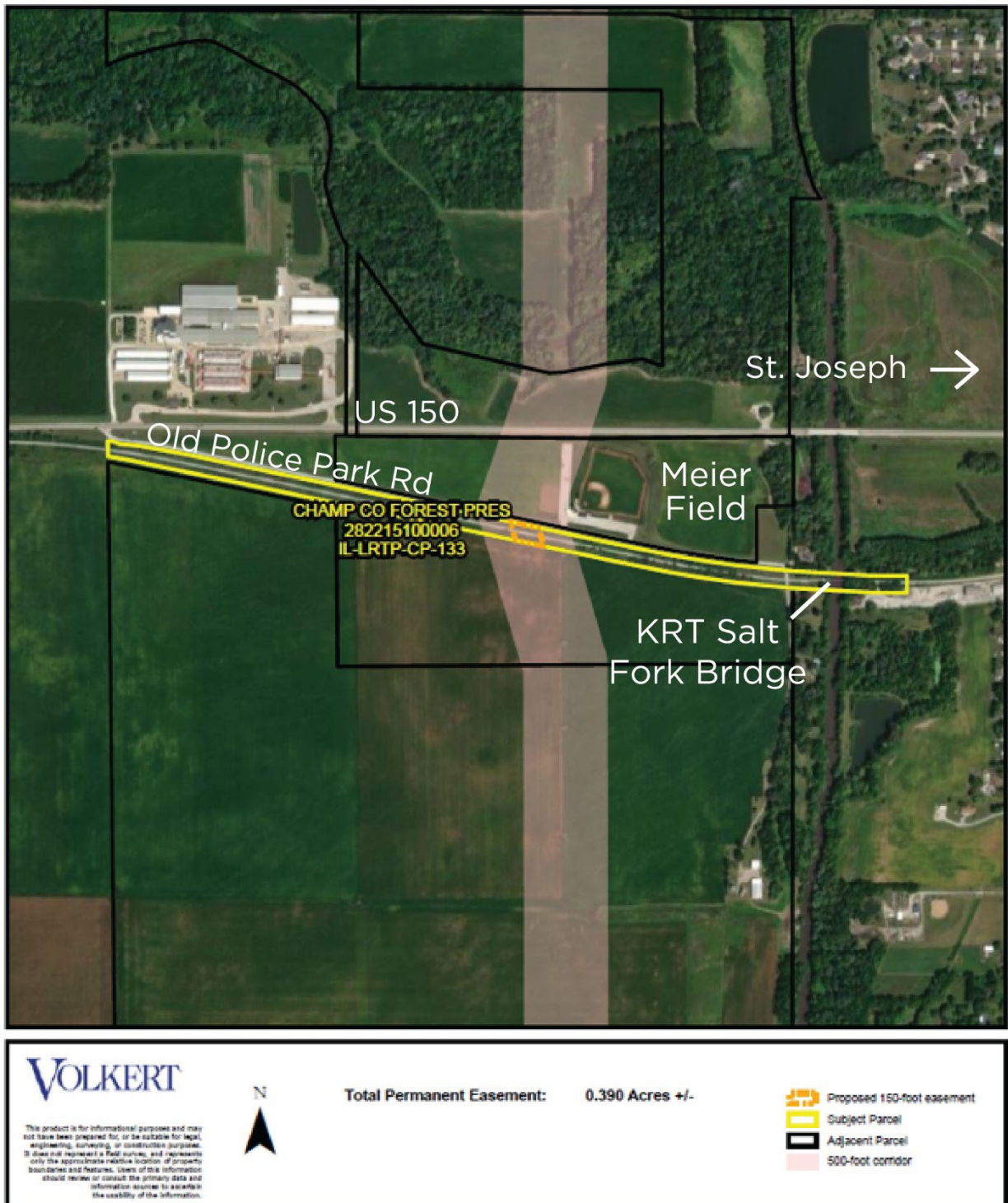
Budget Impact

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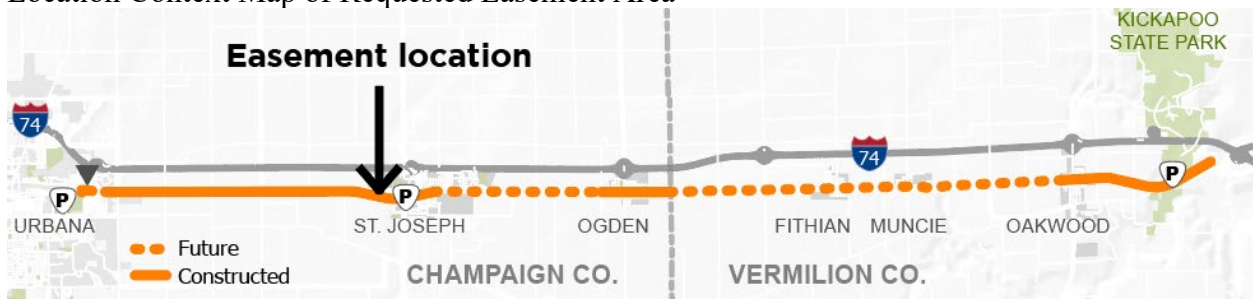
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3. Draft Easement

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Map of Requested Easement Area



Attachment 2

Location Context Map of Requested Easement Area



Attachment 3
Draft Easement

GRANT OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION EASEMENT

Champaign County Forest Preserve District

To

Ameren Illinois Company and Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

Prepared by and Return To:
Matt C. Deering
MEYER CAPEL, a Professional Corporation
306 West Church Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

THIS GRANT OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT fiber internet (“Agreement”) made as of the ____ day of _____, 2026 by and between Champaign County Forest Preserve District, a forest preserve district organized under the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve District Act (hereinafter referred to as the “Grantor”) and Ameren Illinois Company and Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois, a broadband internet service provider.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Grantor is desirous of granting to Grantee an easement for the purpose of the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement of fiber internet covering certain property situated in the Village of Mahomet, County of Champaign and State of Illinois.

To that end, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. *Grant of Easement.* Grantor hereby grants to Grantee a perpetual non-exclusive easement on, under and across certain property situated in the County of Champaign and State of Illinois, which easement area is more particularly identified on the Plat and Description of Electric Transmission Easement to Ameren Illinois Company and Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois and accompanying Surveyor’s Report each attached hereto and made a part hereof, for the purpose of the installation, maintenance, repair and replacement, if required, of fiber internet.
2. *Repair and Maintenance.* Grantee shall perform, at its sole cost and expense, any installation, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement of the fiber internet and Grantee shall perform such installation, operation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement as expeditiously as possible as to minimize interference with the use of Grantor’s property, including the flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and Grantee shall promptly following any installation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement restore such easement area to a condition as good as or better than that which existed prior to the installation, maintenance, repair and/or replacement.
3. *Reservations by Grantor.* Grantor hereby reserves the right (a) to locate other utilities in the aforesaid easement area subject to the approval by Grantee for the purpose of avoiding substantial interference with Grantee’s rights hereunder, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld; (b) to use the surface area of the aforesaid easement are for any purpose whatsoever, other than construction of a building on the easement area, so long as such use does not substantially interfere with Grantee’s rights hereunder (the use of the surface area for vehicular parking, vehicular and pedestrian traffic and for landscaping shall be deemed not to substantially interfere with Grantee’s rights hereunder); (c) in its sole discretion to reallocate, at its expense, such electric transmissions from time to time (if such electric transmissions are relocated, Grantor will grant to Grantee a new easement substituting the new easement area to which the electric transmissions are relocated for the prior easement area, and Grantee will release the existing easement); and (d) to tap and connect into such electric transmissions, from time to time, without any additional charge therefor.
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Champaign County Forest Preserve District

By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

GRANTEE:
Ameren Illinois Company and
Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois

By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Sam Ihm, Planning Director

Re: Volo.net Internet + Tech Temporary Construction and Permanent Easement Request

Action Requested

Staff request that the Board of Commissioners approve a temporary construction and permanent easement with Volo.net Internet + Tech at Sangamon River Forest Preserve contingent upon review and approval by legal counsel and the IL Department of Natural Resources and authorize the Executive Director to execute the agreement.

Background

Volo has requested to install a fiber optic line in Fisher that crosses the Sangamon River Forest Preserve parcel. There will be one line running parallel to 600E in the existing right-of-way, installed via directional bore. This request is distinct from the Volo easements the Board approved for Buffalo Trace and the Kickapoo Rail Trail in 2025.

Partial funds for the purchase of Sangamon River Forest Preserve were sourced from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' (IDNR) Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant as well as the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. As a result, easements must be approved by IDNR. Staff have requested IDNR's review and are awaiting approval.

Per the Easement and License Agreement Request Policy, several factors should be considered in review of easements:

1. *Legal restrictions* – There are encumbrances on these parcels, but a request for review has been placed with IDNR.
2. *Resources sensitive to disturbance* – The fiber optic line is near natural area but will be installed in existing mowed rights-of-way.
3. *Whether reasonable alternatives exist* – The fiber optic installation is part of a larger, grant-funded fiber expansion project with a pre-planned route in Champaign County.
4. *Whether CCFPD will benefit* – Revenue will be generated via the annual easement fee.
5. *Whether a legal obligation mandates acceptance* – Communications companies may pursue condemnation for utility installation if no agreement can be reached for access.
6. *Whether the aesthetic quality of the land will be impacted* – Proposed fiber optic lines will be installed below ground using non-disruptive installation practices.

Budget Impact

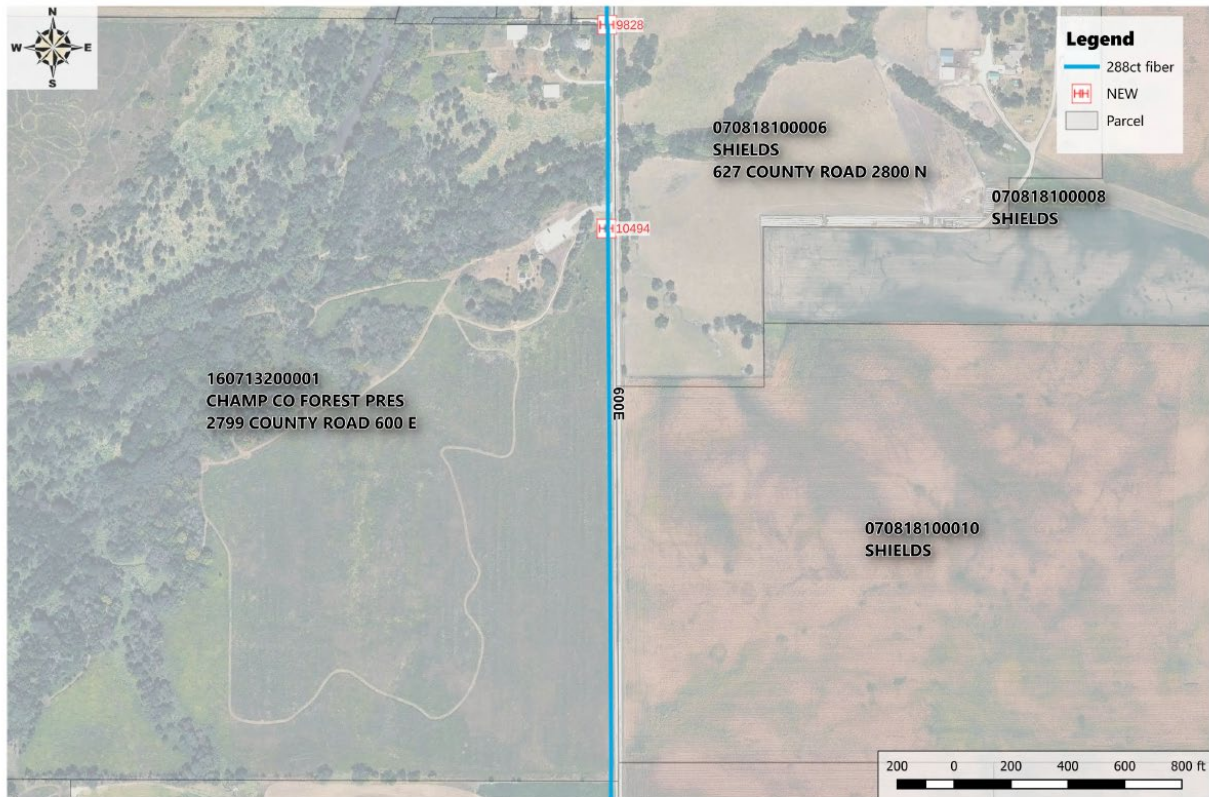
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Rural Fiber Project Easement Detail

**Map of PIN 160713200001 2799 COUNTY ROAD 600 E, FISHER, IL 61843
for CHAMP CO FOREST PRES**

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Attachment 2
Draft Easement

GRANT OF FIBER INTERNET EASEMENT

Champaign County Forest Preserve District

To

VOLO Internet & Tech

Prepared by and Return To:
Matt C. Deering
MEYER CAPEL, a Professional Corporation
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Champaign, Illinois 61820

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Champaign County Forest Preserve District

By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

GRANTEE:
VOLO Internet & Tech

By: _____
Title: _____

ATTEST:

Title: _____

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Brock Martin, Business and Finance Director

Re: Resolution 2026-03, 2027 User Fees

Action Required

Staff requests the Board approve Resolution 2026-03, 2027 User Fees.

Background

Proposed fee adjustments for 2027 are discussed below:

Facility Rentals

The following proposed increased rates at facilities with strong demand. It is anticipated that usage would not decrease, and the rate changes will help offset the increased cost of utilities. Additional revenue generated is estimated at \$11,000.

- Salt Fork Center/Lake of the Woods Pavilion
 - Current: Regular - \$60 hourly/\$600 daily, Holiday - \$90 hourly/\$900 daily
 - Proposed: Regular - \$65 hourly/\$650 daily, Holiday - \$100 hourly/\$1,000 daily
- Elks Lake Pavilion
 - Current: Regular - \$75 hourly/\$750 daily, Holiday - \$115 hourly/\$1,125 daily
 - Proposed: Regular - \$80 hourly/\$800 daily, Holiday - \$120 hourly/\$1,200 daily
- Izaak Walton Cabin/Riverview Retreat Center/Rotary Hill
 - Current: Regular - \$45 hourly/\$450 daily, Holiday - \$70 hourly/\$700 daily
 - Proposed: Regular - \$50 hourly/\$500 daily, Holiday - \$75 hourly/\$750 daily

Botanical Garden Rentals

Proposed increases are based on additional demand and would offset growing utility costs. Additional revenue generated is estimated at \$1,400.

- 50 People or less
 - Current: Regular \$780, Holiday \$1,120
 - Proposed: Regular: \$850, Holiday \$1,300
- 51 People or more
 - Current: Regular \$1,200, Holiday \$1,800
 - Proposed: Regular \$1,300, Holiday \$2,000
- Each Additional Hour
 - Current: \$275
 - Proposed: \$300
- Lake of the Woods Pavilion Reception
 - Current: Regular \$500, Holiday \$800
 - Proposed: Regular \$550, Holiday \$850

- Elks Lake Pavilion
 - Current: Regular \$650, Holiday \$1,025
 - Proposed: Regular \$700, Holiday \$1,050

Golf Course

Proposed increases are based on demand for services. New revenues will offset cost of living salary adjustments for staff as well as other operating expenses. Additional revenue generated would be approximately \$50,000.

Proposed Daily Green Fees – each fee raised \$1

- 18 Hole Adult \$27.00
- 18 Hole Adult (After 4:00) \$22.00
- 18 Hole Senior/Junior \$21.00

Proposed Platinum Pass Fees – each raised \$25

- Adult \$800.00
- 2nd Family Adult \$600.00
- Senior \$700.00
- 2nd Family Senior \$500.00
- Youth \$400.00

Proposed Anniversary 7-day pass \$698.00

Other changes to golf course fees include the elimination of the Golf Card International Players fee and moving twilight rates, so they begin at 4:00 PM instead of 2:00 PM.

Other

In addition to rate changes staff recommend adding Juneteenth to the days where holiday rates are applied. This holiday falls during a high usage period and staff needed for that day are paid at holiday rates.

No rate changes are being proposed for Museum and Education and Campground fees for 2027. Campground fees are currently at the high end of comparable campsites in the area and Museum and Education made several fee changes during last year and staff are still evaluating the impacts of those changes.

Attachments: 2027 User Fees

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION 2026-03, 2027 User Fees

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District in Champaign County, Illinois, is a district organized and existing under the Downstate Forest Preserve Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Hartwell Howard (i.e. Lake of the Woods) Golf Course operates as a proprietary fund within the Champaign County Forest Preserve District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing pricing for golf user fees and has authority to delegate discount and promotional rates to District employees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires District golf management to have the tools to increase golf play and overall revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Champaign County Forest Preserve District offers rentals and educational programs for guest enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing pricing for use of said rentals and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires guest enjoyment of District lands and facilities with reasonable financial support for District operations of these facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District hereby approves the fees in the attached 2027 Champaign County Forest Preserves User Fee Rates.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY of JULY 2026.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

2026 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES USER FEE RATES

FACILITY RENTALS - HOURLY RATES

Location	Facility	Regular	Holiday
Homer Lake	Salt Fork Center	\$ 65	\$ 100
Homer Lake	Walnut Hill Shelter	\$ 35	\$ 55
Lake of the Woods	Elks Lake Pavilion	\$ 80	\$ 120
Lake of the Woods	Lake of the Woods Pavilion	\$ 65	\$ 100
Lake of the Woods	Golf Course Clubhouse	\$ 60	\$ 90
Lake of the Woods	Izaak Walton Cabin	\$ 50	\$ 75
Lake of the Woods	Riverview Retreat Center	\$ 50	\$ 75
Lake of the Woods	Rotary Hill Shelter	\$ 50	\$ 75
Lake of the Woods	Lakeview Shelter	\$ 35	\$ 55
Lake of the Woods	Sycamore Hollow	\$ 35	\$ 55
Lake of the Woods	White Oak Grove Shelter	\$ 30	\$ 45
Middle Fork	Activity Center	\$ 60	\$ 90
River Bend	River Bend Shelter	\$ 30	\$ 45

FACILITY RENTALS - FLAT RATES (10 HOURS OR MORE)

Location	Facility	Regular	Holiday
Homer Lake	Salt Fork Center	\$ 650	\$ 1,000
Homer Lake	Walnut Hill Shelter	\$ 350	\$ 550
Lake of the Woods	Elks Lake Pavilion	\$ 800	\$ 1,200
Lake of the Woods	Lake of the Woods Pavilion	\$ 650	\$ 1,000
Lake of the Woods	Golf Course Clubhouse	\$ 600	\$ 900
Lake of the Woods	Izaak Walton Cabin	\$ 500	\$ 750
Lake of the Woods	Riverview Retreat Center	\$ 500	\$ 750
Lake of the Woods	Rotary Hill Shelter	\$ 500	\$ 750
Lake of the Woods	Lakeview Shelter	\$ 350	\$ 550
Lake of the Woods	Sycamore Hollow	\$ 350	\$ 550
Lake of the Woods	White Oak Grove Shelter	\$ 300	\$ 450
Middle Fork	Activity Center	\$ 600	\$ 900
River Bend	River Bend Shelter	\$ 300	\$ 450

Holiday Rates apply to Memorial Day/Juneteenth/4th of July/Thanksgiving Day /Labor Day

2026 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES USER FEE RATES

BOTANICAL GARDEN EVENTS (TWO HOURS STANDARD)

	Regular	Holiday
<=50 People	\$ 850	\$ 1,300
>50 People	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,000
Each Additional Hour	\$ 300	\$ -
Additional Chairs (Increments of 25)	\$ 125	\$ -
Pavilion Rain Backups		
Elks Lake Pavilion - 4 hours	\$ 200	\$ 300
Lake of the Woods Pavilion - 4 hours	\$ 175	\$ 265
Pavilion Receptions		
Elks Lake Pavilion - all day	\$ 700	\$ 1,050
Lake of the Woods Pavilion - all day	\$ 550	\$ 850

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BOAT RENTALS

Lake of the Woods Pedal Boats- Hourly	\$ 13.00
Lake of the Woods Kayaks- Hourly	\$ 10.00
Homer Lake Kayaks - First Two Hours	\$ 12.50
Homer Lake Kayaks - Additional Hours	\$ 10.00

Homer Lake Kayak fees are set in collaboration with Rent.Fun and discussion of changes for 2026 have not yet occurred. Homer Lake Kayaks cannot be rented for less than a two hour block.

CAMPGROUND

Sunday-Thursday	\$ 25
Friday-Saturday	\$ 30
Holiday	\$ 40
Primitive Site	\$ 20
Burr Oak Group Site	\$ 80

Holiday Rates apply to Memorial Day/Juneteenth/4th of July/Thanksgiving Day /Labor Day

MUSEUM AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

School Programs	Pre-K, Resident	\$ 1.50
School Programs	Pre-K, Non-Resident	\$ 2.00
School Programs	K-12, Resident	\$ 2.00
School Programs	K-12, Non-Resident	\$ 2.50
Other Programs	<=30 Participants, Resident	\$ 45.00
Other Programs	<=30 Participants, Non-Resident	\$ 65.00
Other Programs	>30 Participants, Resident	\$ 55.00
Other Programs	>30 Participants, Non-Resident	\$ 75.00

2026 CHAMPAIGN COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES USER FEE RATES

General Public Programs	Varies	Varies
Summer Camps	Varies	Varies

Expenses for travel will be charged using federal reimbursement rates.

GOLF COURSE

Greens Fees	18 Hole	\$ 27.00
Greens Fees	18 Hole - Replay	\$ 20.00
Greens Fees	18 Hole - After 4:00 PM	\$ 22.00
Greens Fees	18 Hole - Senior/Junior	\$ 21.00
Greens Fees	18 Hole - Senior/Junior After 4:00 PM	\$ 17.00
Greens Fees	9 Hole	\$ 16.00
Greens Fees	9 Hole - Replay	\$ 14.00
Greens Fees	9 Hole - Senior/Junior	\$ 14.00
Greens Fees	Par 3 Course	\$ 10.00
Greens Fees	Outing - Staggered Start Times	\$ 40.00
Greens Fees	Outing - A.M. Shotgun	\$ 50.00
Greens Fees	Outing - P.M. Shotgun	\$ 60.00
Greens Fees	Resident - Season Pass	\$ 800.00
Greens Fees	Resident - Second Season Pass	\$ 600.00
Greens Fees	Senior Resident - Season Pass	\$ 700.00
Greens Fees	Senior Resident - Second Season Pass	\$ 500.00
Greens Fees	Youth Resident - Season Pass	\$ 400.00
Greens Fees	Anniversary 7 Day Pass	\$ 698.00
Greens Fees	Park District Reciprocal	\$ 30.00
Carts	Single Rider	\$ 27.00
Carts	18 Holes - Shared	\$ 18.00
Carts	18 Holes - Shared After 2:00	\$ 13.00
Carts	9 Holes - Shared	\$ 13.00
Carts	Pull Cart - 18 Holes	\$ 5.50
Carts	Pull Cart - 9 Holes	\$ 3.25
Driving Range	Small Bucket	\$ 7.00
Driving Range	Medium Bucket	\$ 10.00
Driving Range	Large Bucket	\$ 15.00
Clubs	18 Holes - Men's Clubs	\$ 30.00
Clubs	9 Holes - Men's Clubs	\$ 20.00
Clubs	18 Holes - Women's Clubs	\$ 15.00
Clubs	9 Holes - Women's Clubs	\$ 10.00
Clubs	Par 3 Course	\$ 2.00
Foot Golf	Daily Fee	\$ 10.00
Foot Golf	Ball Rental	\$ 1.00
Other	Locker	\$ 53.75
Other	Simulator Fee - Hourly	\$ 40.00
Other	Simulator Fee - Winter League	\$ 200.00

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Sam Ihm, Planning Director

Re: Approval of Change Order 2 for Rayburn Purnell Bike Path Resurfacing

Action Requested

Staff requests the Board of Commissioners approve Change Order 2 for Rayburn Purnell Bike Path Resurfacing at Lake of the Woods for **Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars and 00/100 (\$61,190.00)**.

Background

The section of Lake of the Woods Bike Path near Rayburn Purnell Woods and the West Maintenance Complex is under renovation and requires work beyond the scope approved by the board in February 2026. Change Order 1 was approved internally, but the total of change orders now exceeds the \$20,000 threshold for projects with a base bid less than \$250,000.

Change Order 2 is to repair the base of the path in these deteriorated areas, which helps ensure the longevity of the trail. The surface was milled during the week of July 6 and the exposed base was of poorer quality than expected. Prior to bidding, staff assessed the base quality through surface/soil borings to avoid issues with poor path base encountered after the 2024 resurfacing at Buffalo Trace. All three borings showed sufficient base, suggesting milling the trail was acceptable and no significant base repair would be required. However, the base of the path is deteriorated in several areas where borings were not performed.

Date	Description	Change in Contract (\$)	Contract to Date (\$)	Comments
2/23/2026	Orig. Contract	164,960	164,960	Board approved 2/19/2026
7/7/2026	CO 1	14,857	179,817	Added scope - approved internally
7/16/2026	CO 2	61,190	241,727	Base repair

Project Funding

Of the \$250,000 project budget, 80% is funded by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trail Program grant, and the remaining 20% is funded by the Forest Preserves' capital budget. \$8,000 (\$6,400 from IDNR and \$1,600 from the Forest Preserves) is reserved for wayfinding and interpretive signage.

RTP 24-0191 Grant Budget	\$200,000.00
RTP 24-0191 Grant Portion Budget Impact Including CO 2	\$193,381.60
RTP 24-0191 Grant Remaining	\$6,618.40
2026 Capital Approved Budget for Rayburn Purnell Bike Path Resurfacing	\$50,000.00
2026 Capital Budget Impact Including CO 2	\$48,345.40
2026 Capital Budget Remaining	\$1,654.60

Previous Applicable Board Reports

February 19, 2026	Approval of Bid for Rayburn Purnell Bike Path Resurfacing
March 18, 2024	Approval of Resolution No. 2024-04 Support Application of IDNR Recreational Trail Program Funds

July 16, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Michael Daab, Deputy Executive Director
Sam Ihm, Planning Director
Aaron Hoyle-Katz, Planner
Re: Resolution No. 2026-04 authorizing submittal of an IDNR OSLAD application for land acquisition

Action Requested

Staff requests the Board of Commissioners approve Resolution No. 2026-04, authorizing the application for an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant, administered through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), for land acquisition.

Background

The proposed application is an acquisition project bordering the western edge of St. Joseph, *Salt Fork Confluence Land Acquisition*. The scope of the grant project includes acquisition of two adjoining parcels totaling 162 acres. These parcels contain unique environmental features - the confluence of two waterways (Saline Branch and Salt Fork), an eagle nest, great blue heron nests, and rare forested ephemeral wetland.

The proposed acquisition has great potential for connecting to neighboring amenities – the Kickapoo Rail Trail (KRT) via Meier Field, the St. Joseph Wetland, and the Village of St. Joseph's sidewalk network. Acquiring and developing this property would enable many county residents to conveniently access this natural area.

Due to the high connectivity potential and the environmental features of the site, this acquisition is congruent with land acquisition guidance from the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. To better meet our county residents' needs, growth in land acquisition is one of the priorities identified in the Comprehensive Plan. We operate on 0.63% of county land, compared to an average of 3.4% among Illinois forest preserve and conservation districts, and we rank 14th of 19 districts in acres per 1,000 residents. The Comprehensive Plan also notes the need for land acquisition in the Salt Fork watershed and close to population centers, which is a goal also supported by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. This grant application follows past Board of Commissioners' directions to pursue acquisition at this site.

The deadline for OSLAD grant applications is August 31, 2026. The total funds from the State for this cycle of OSLAD are approximately \$37.5 million, and the maximum award per acquisition project is \$1,125,000. IDNR has identified CCFPD as a distressed community and therefore there is 10% required match in this current round of applications. There is no application fee.

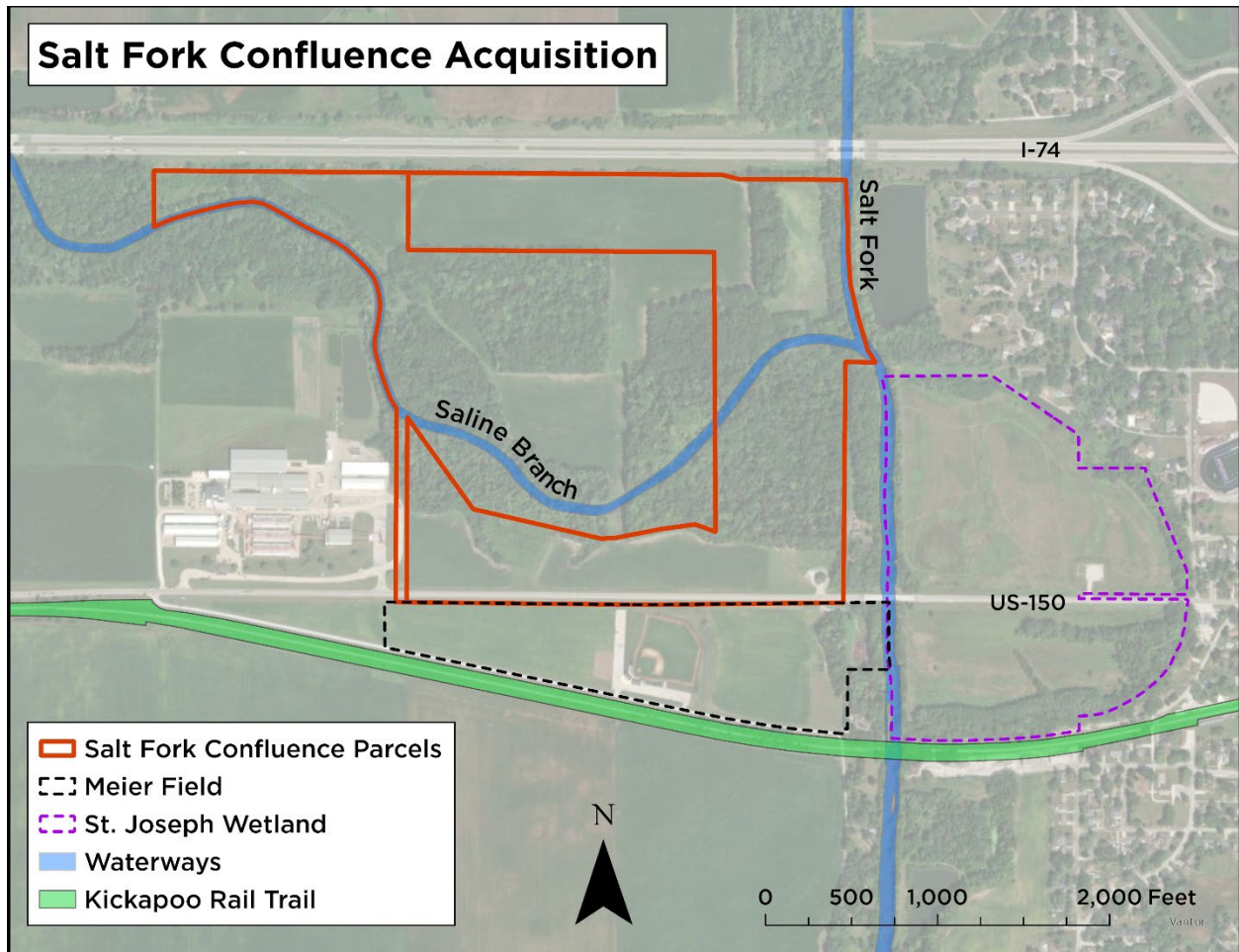
Previous Applicable Board Reports:

December 17, 2018	Salt Fork Watershed Projects
July 8, 2021	Land Acquisition Projects Update (Executive Session)
January 23, 2023	Salt Fork Land Acquisition (Executive Session)

Attachments:

1. Map of Proposed Acquisition Parcels
2. Resolution 2026-04

Attachment 1: Map of Proposed Acquisition Parcels



Attachment 2: Resolution 2026-04

Applicant (Sponsor) Legal Name: Champaign County Forest Preserve District

Project Title: Salt Fork Confluence Land Acquisition

The abovenamed Sponsor hereby certifies and acknowledges that it has the sufficient funds necessary (includes cash and value of donated land) to complete the pending OSLAD project within the timeframes specified herein for project execution, and that failure to adhere to the specified project timeframe or failure to proceed with the project because of insufficient funds or change in local recreation priorities is sufficient cause for project grant termination which will also result in the ineligibility of the local project sponsor for subsequent Illinois IDNR outdoor recreation grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles following project termination.

Acquisition and Development Projects

It is understood that the project must be completed within the timeframe established. The OSLAD timeframe is two years as is specified in the project agreement. The Billing Certification Statement must be submitted within 45 days of the grant expiration date and the last reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the grant expiration date. Failure to do so will result in the Project Sponsor forfeiting all project reimbursements and relieves IDNR from further payment obligations on the grant.

The Sponsor further acknowledges and certifies that it will comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of 1) the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program (17 IL Adm. Code 3025); 2) the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act (30 ILCS 705); 3) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Illinois Displaced Persons Relocation Act (310 ILCS 40 et. seq.), as applicable; 4) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et. seq.); 5) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83-352); 6) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135); 7) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259); and 8) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (PL 101-336); and will maintain the project area in an attractive and safe condition, keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility, cease any farming operations, and obtain from the Illinois DNR written approval for any change or conversion of approved outdoor recreation use of the project site prior to initiating such change or conversion; and for property acquired with OSLAD assistance, agree to place a covenant restriction on the project property deed at the time of recording that stipulates the property must be used, in perpetuity, for public outdoor recreation purposes in accordance with the OSLAD programs and cannot be sold or exchanged, in whole or part, to another party without approval from the Illinois DNR, and that development at the site will commence within 3 years.

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED that the Sponsor certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached application is true and correct.

Resolution Adoption Date

Chief Executive Officer

Name

Attested By

Signature

Attestation Date

Board of Commissioners President

Title