

**Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 5:30 PM
Forest Preserve Headquarters



A G E N D A

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL of MINUTES

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G. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bills for March
- 3. Consideration of an Ordinance Providing for the Issue of Approximately \$2,000,000 of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds for Land Acquisition, Providing for the Levy of Taxes to Pay the Bonds and Authorizing the Sale of the bonds to the Purchaser Thereof
- 27. Acceptance of Bids for Atwood Homestead Paving Project
- 29. Acceptance of Bids for Pecatonica River Asphalt Paving and Drainage Project
- 31. Acceptance of Bids for Severson Dells Farm Building Demolition
- 33. Authorization to Apply for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant to Acquire Land Along the Sugar River
- 37. Extension of the Current Severson Dells Nature Center Lease
- 38. Authorization of Change Order for Nature Playground at Klehm Arboretum

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I. CLOSED SESSION

Personnel

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J. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. April 17 – Bee Spotter Training at Headquarters Forest Preserve starting at 5:00pm.
- 2. April 19 – Bat Monitor Training at Headquarters Forest Preserve starting at 10:00am.
- 3. April 25 – City Nature Challenge Hike at Deer Run Forest Preserve starting at 5:30pm.
- 4. April 26 – Arbor Day Tree Planting at Kishwaukee Gorge North Forest Preserve starting at 10:00am.
- 5. May 3 – Bird Scaping Program and Hike at Headquarters Forest Preserve from 10:00am-12:00pm.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular Board Meeting– 5:30 PM Wednesday, May 15, Forest Preserve Headquarters

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
Authorization to Process Payment of Bills



April 16, 2025

**TO: THE AUDITOR AND TREASURER OF THE
FOREST PRESERVES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY.**

Your Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners, to whom were referred the following bills in the amount of **\$562,071.40** against the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, have reviewed and approved and therefore respectfully request that orders be drawn on the account of the Forest Preserve District for their payment:

CORPORATE FUND	3001	268,925.31
HEALTH BENEFITS FUND	3185	43,924.99
SOCIAL SECURITY FUND	3192	13,387.19
RETIREMENT FUND	3193	17,195.26
IMPROVEMENT & DEV. FUND	3302	155,537.93
CORPORATE FUND	3402	<u>63,100.72</u>
		\$ 562,071.40

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Chapman, Finance Director

Date

RESOLUTION

No. 25-0401

PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR MARCH

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve incurs annual and monthly operating and capital expenditures during its budget cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Finance Department compiled the attached invoices relating to Forest Preserve expenditures to be paid for the month of March; and

WHEREAS, our Finance Director, Steve Chapman, has reviewed the invoices and avows them to be accurate and appropriate for payment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the payment of the attached compilation of bills totaling \$562,071.40 to be paid by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County for the month of March, 2025.

Voting YES _____

Voting NO _____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April, 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County

BOND ORDINANCE

No. 25-0402

AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$2,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois, for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

WHEREAS, the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois (the “*District*”), was organized and is now operating under the provisions of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “*Act*”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the District (the “*Board*”) has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the District acquire land in and for the District and provide for the payment of the expenses incident thereto (the “*Project*”); and

WHEREAS, the land to be acquired as part of the Project, together with all land heretofore acquired by the District, will not exceed fifty-five thousand (55,000) acres; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of paying costs of the Project, the Board has further determined that it is necessary to borrow not to exceed \$2,000,000 and issue bonds of the District to evidence the borrowing (the “*Bonds*”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the Board, on the 19th day of February, 2025, adopted a resolution calling a public hearing (the “*Hearing*”) for the 19th day of March, 2025, concerning the intent of the Board to sell the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Hearing was given by (i) publication at least once not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the Hearing in the *Rockford Register Star*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and (ii) posting at least forty-eight (48) hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing was held on the 19th day of March, 2025, and at the Hearing, the Board explained the reasons for the Bonds and permitted persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present written or oral testimony within reasonable time limits; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing was finally adjourned on the 19th day of March, 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon the issuance of the Bonds now proposed to be issued, the aggregate unpaid indebtedness of the District, including the Bonds, will not exceed 2.3% of the assessed value of the taxable property in the District as last equalized and determined; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds so authorized shall be issued as limited bonds under the provisions of Section 15.01 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Debt Reform Act*"), and as such it is not necessary to submit the proposition of the issuance of the Bonds to the voters of the District for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true, correct and complete, and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization. It is hereby found and determined that the Board has been authorized by law to borrow \$2,000,000 upon the credit of the District and as evidence of such indebtedness to issue the Bonds in said amount, the proceeds of the Bonds to be used for the Project, and that it is necessary to borrow not to exceed \$2,000,000 of said authorized sum and issue the Bonds in evidence thereof for purpose of paying costs of the Project.

Section 3. Bond Details. There be borrowed on the credit of and for and on behalf of the District the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose aforesaid; and that the Bonds shall be issued to said amount and shall be designated “General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025.” The Bonds shall be dated such date (not prior to April 1, 2025, and not later than October 1, 2025) as set forth in the Bond Notification, and shall also bear the date of authentication, shall be in fully registered form, shall be in denominations of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof (but no single Bond shall represent installments of principal maturing on more than one date), and shall be numbered 1 and upward. The Bonds shall become due and payable serially or be subject to mandatory redemption (subject to prior redemption as hereinafter described) on December 30 of each of the years (not later than 2033), in the amounts (not exceeding \$475,000 per year) and bearing interest at the rates per annum (not exceeding 5.5% per annum) as set forth in the Bond Notification. The Bonds shall bear interest from their date or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, until the principal amount of the Bonds is paid, such interest (computed upon the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) being payable semi-annually commencing with the first interest payment date as set forth in the Bond Notification, and on June 30 and December 30 of each year thereafter to maturity.

Interest on each Bond shall be paid by check or draft of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, as bond registrar and paying agent (the “*Bond Registrar*”), payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America, to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month of the interest payment date. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar.

Section 4. Execution; Authentication. The Bonds shall be executed on behalf of the District by the President of the Board, attested by the Secretary of the Board, and countersigned by the Treasurer of the Board, in each case by manual or duly authorized facsimile signature, and shall have impressed or imprinted thereon the District seal or facsimile thereof. In case any officer whose signature shall appear on any Bond shall cease to be such officer before the delivery of such

Bond, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had remained in office until delivery.

All Bonds shall have thereon a certificate of authentication substantially in the form hereinafter set forth, duly executed by the Bond Registrar as authenticating agent of the District for this Bond issue and showing the date of authentication. No Bond shall be valid or obligatory for any purpose or be entitled to any security or benefit under this Ordinance unless and until such certificate of authentication shall have been duly executed by the Bond Registrar by manual signature, and such certificate of authentication upon any such Bond shall be conclusive evidence that such Bond has been authenticated and delivered under this Ordinance. The certificate of authentication on any Bond shall be deemed to have been executed by the Bond Registrar if signed by an authorized officer of the Bond Registrar, but it shall not be necessary that the same officer sign the certificate of authentication on all of the Bonds issued hereunder.

Section 5. Registration of Bonds; Persons Treated as Owners. (a) General. The District shall cause books (the “*Bond Register*”) for the registration and for the transfer of the Bonds as provided in this Ordinance to be kept at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, which is hereby constituted and appointed the registrar of the District. The District is authorized to prepare, and the Bond Registrar shall keep custody of, multiple Bond blanks executed by the District for use in the transfer and exchange of Bonds.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Bond Registrar and duly executed by, the registered owner or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, the District shall execute and the Bond Registrar shall authenticate, date and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully registered Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of authorized denominations, for a like aggregate principal amount. Any fully registered Bond or Bonds may be exchanged at said office of the Bond Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of other authorized denominations. The execution by the District of any fully registered Bond shall

constitute full and due authorization of such Bond and the Bond Registrar shall thereby be authorized to authenticate, date and deliver such Bond, *provided, however*, the principal amount of outstanding Bonds of each maturity authenticated by the Bond Registrar shall not exceed the authorized principal amount of Bonds for such maturity less previous retirements.

The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month of any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date.

The person in whose name any Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of or interest on any Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the registered owner thereof or his or her legal representative. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bond to the extent of the sum or sums so paid.

No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Bond Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds.

(b) *Global Book-Entry System.* The Bonds shall be initially issued in the form of a separate single fully registered Bond for each of the maturities of the Bonds determined as described in Section 3 hereof. Upon initial issuance, the ownership of each such Bond shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede & Co., or any successor thereto ("*Cede*"), as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, and its successors and assigns ("*DTC*"). All of the outstanding Bonds shall be registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, except as hereinafter provided. The President and Secretary of the Board, the chief financial officer of the District and the Bond Registrar are each authorized to execute and deliver, on behalf of the District, such letters to or agreements with DTC as shall be necessary to effectuate such book-entry system (any such letter or agreement being referred to herein as the "*Representation Letter*"), which Representation Letter may provide for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds by wire transfer.

With respect to Bonds registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation to any broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution for which DTC holds Bonds from time to time as securities depository (each such broker-dealer, bank or other financial institution being referred to herein as a “*DTC Participant*”) or to any person on behalf of whom such a DTC Participant holds an interest in the Bonds. Without limiting the immediately preceding sentence, the District and the Bond Registrar shall have no responsibility or obligation with respect to (i) the accuracy of the records of DTC, Cede or any DTC Participant with respect to any ownership interest in the Bonds, (ii) the delivery to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any notice with respect to the Bonds, including any notice of redemption, or (iii) the payment to any DTC Participant or any other person, other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, of any amount with respect to the principal of or interest on the Bonds. The District and the Bond Registrar may treat and consider the person in whose name each Bond is registered in the Bond Register as the holder and absolute owner of such Bond for the purpose of payment of principal and interest with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of giving notices of redemption and other matters with respect to such Bond, for the purpose of registering transfers with respect to such Bond, and for all other purposes whatsoever. The Bond Registrar shall pay all principal of and interest on the Bonds only to or upon the order of the respective registered owners of the Bonds, as shown in the Bond Register, or their respective attorneys duly authorized in writing, and all such payments shall be valid and effective to fully satisfy and discharge the District’s obligations with respect to payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. No person other than a registered owner of a Bond as shown in the Bond Register, shall receive a Bond evidencing the obligation of the District to make payments of principal and interest with respect to any Bond. Upon delivery by DTC to the Bond Registrar of written notice to the effect that DTC has determined to substitute a new nominee in place of Cede, and subject to the provisions in Section 3 hereof with respect to the payment of interest to the registered owners of Bonds at the close of

business on the 15th day of the month of the applicable interest payment date, the name “Cede” in this ordinance shall refer to such new nominee of DTC.

In the event that (i) the District determines that DTC is incapable of discharging its responsibilities described herein and in the Representation Letter, (ii) the agreement among the District, the Bond Registrar and DTC evidenced by the Representation Letter shall be terminated for any reason or (iii) the District determines that it is in the best interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds that they be able to obtain certificated Bonds, the District shall notify DTC and DTC Participants of the availability through DTC of certificated Bonds and the Bonds shall no longer be restricted to being registered in the Bond Register in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC. At that time, the District may determine that the Bonds shall be registered in the name of and deposited with such other depository operating a universal book-entry system, as may be acceptable to the District, or such depository’s agent or designee, and if the District does not select such alternate universal book-entry system, then the Bonds may be registered in whatever name or names registered owners of Bonds transferring or exchanging Bonds shall designate, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4(a) hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede, as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to principal of and interest on such Bond and all notices with respect to such Bond shall be made and given, respectively, in the name provided in the Representation Letter.

Section 6. Form of Bonds. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form; *provided, however,* that if the text of the Bond is to be printed in its entirety on the front side of the Bond, then paragraph [2] and the legend, “See Reverse Side for Additional Provisions”, shall be omitted and paragraph [6] through [9] shall be inserted immediately after paragraph [1]:

REGISTERED
NO. _____

REGISTERED
\$ _____

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO
WINNEBAGO COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BOND, SERIES 2025**

See Reverse Side for
Additional Provisions

Interest Maturity Dated
Rate: _____% Date: December 30, 20__ Date: _____, 2025 CUSIP: _____

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

[1] KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois (the “*District*”), hereby acknowledges itself to owe and for value received promises to pay to the Registered Owner identified above, or registered assigns as hereinafter provided, on the Maturity Date identified above, the Maturity Amount identified above and to pay interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) on such Principal Amount from the date of this Bond or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid at the Interest Rate per annum set forth above on June 30 and December 30 of each year, commencing _____ 30, 20__, until said Principal Amount is paid. Principal of this Bond is payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender hereof at the principal corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, as bond registrar and paying agent (the “*Bond Registrar*”). Payment of the installments of interest shall be made to the Registered Owner hereof as shown on the registration books of the District maintained by the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the 15th day of the month of each interest payment date and shall be paid by check or draft of the Bond Registrar, payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America, mailed to the address of such

Registered Owner as it appears on such registration books or at such other address furnished in writing by such Registered Owner to the Bond Registrar.

[2] Reference is hereby made to the further provisions of this Bond set forth on the reverse side hereof, and such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as if set forth at this place.

[3] It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by law to exist or to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond did exist, have happened, been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law; that the indebtedness of the District, including the issue of bonds of which this is one, does not exceed any limitation imposed by law; and that provision has been made for the collection of a direct annual tax to pay the interest hereon as it falls due and also to pay and discharge the principal hereof at maturity. Although this Bond constitutes a general obligation of the District and no limit exists on the rate of said direct annual tax, the amount of said tax is limited by the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the "*Law*"). The Law provides that the annual amount of the taxes to be extended to pay the issue of Bonds of which this Bond is one and all other limited bonds (as defined in the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended) heretofore and hereafter issued by the District shall not exceed the debt service extension base (as defined in the Law) of the District (the "*Base*"), as more fully described in the proceedings of the District providing for the issue of this Bond. Payments on the Bonds from the Base will be made on a parity with the payments on the outstanding limited bonds heretofore issued by the District. The District is authorized to issue from time to time additional limited bonds payable from the Base, as permitted by law, and to determine the lien priority of payments to be made from the Base to pay the District's limited bonds.

[4] This Bond shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been signed by the Bond Registrar.

[5] IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois, by its Board of Commissioners, has caused this Bond to be executed by the

President of said Board of Commissioners, attested by the Secretary of said Board of Commissioners, and countersigned by the Treasurer of said Board of Commissioners, each by manual or duly authorized facsimile signature, and its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or reproduced hereon, all as appearing hereon and as of the Dated Date shown above.

President, Board of Commissioners,
Winnebago County Forest Preserve District,
Winnebago County, Illinois

[SEAL]

Attest:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners,
Winnebago County Forest Preserve District,
Winnebago County, Illinois

Countersigned:

Treasurer, Board of Commissioners,
Winnebago County Forest Preserve District,
Winnebago County, Illinois

Date of Authentication: _____, 2025

CERTIFICATE
OF
AUTHENTICATION

Bond Registrar and Paying Agent:
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust
Company, National Association,
Chicago, Illinois

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within mentioned ordinance and is one of the General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025, of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District, Winnebago County, Illinois.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
as Bond Registrar

By _____
Authorized Officer

(Form of Bond - Reverse Side)

WINNEBAGO COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX BOND, SERIES 2025

[6] This Bond is one of a series of bonds issued by the District for the purpose of acquiring land in and for the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto pursuant to and in all respects in compliance with and as authorized by the provisions of the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act of the State of Illinois and the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and is authorized by an ordinance duly and properly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the District, all as provided by law.

[7] This Bond is transferable by the Registered Owner hereof in person or by his or her attorney duly authorized in writing at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar in Chicago, Illinois, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and upon payment of the charges provided in the authorizing ordinance, and upon surrender and cancellation of this Bond. Upon such transfer, a new Bond or Bonds of authorized denominations of the same maturity and for the same aggregate principal amount will be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

[8] The Bonds are issued in fully registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof. This Bond may be exchanged at the principal corporate trust office of the Bond Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bonds of the same maturity of other authorized denominations, upon the terms set forth in the authorizing ordinance. The Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month of any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date.

[9] The District and the Bond Registrar may deem and treat the Registered Owner hereof as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of principal hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes and neither the District nor the Bond Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned sells, assigns and transfers unto _____

(Name and Address of Assignee)

the within Bond, and rights thereunder, and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____, attorney to transfer the said Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name of the registered owner as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

Section 7. Sale of Bonds. The President of the Board, together with one of the Executive Director and Director of Finance of the District (together, the “*Designated Representatives*”), are hereby authorized to proceed not later than the 16th day of October, 2025, without any further authorization or direction from the Board, to sell and deliver the Bonds upon the terms as prescribed in this Ordinance. The Bonds hereby authorized shall be executed as in this Ordinance provided as soon after the delivery of the Bond Notification as may be, and thereupon be deposited with the Treasurer of the Board, and, after authentication thereof by the Bond Registrar, be by said Treasurer delivered to the purchaser thereof (the “*Purchaser*”), upon receipt of the purchase price therefor, the same being not less than 96.0% of the principal amount of the Bonds, plus accrued interest to date of delivery, if any. The Purchaser shall be (a) pursuant to a competitive sale conducted by Speer Financial, Inc., Chicago, Illinois (“Speer”), the best bidder for the Bonds; (b) in a negotiated underwriting, a bank or financial institution listed in the Dealers & Underwriters or Municipal Derivatives sections of the most recent edition of The Bond Buyer’s Municipal Marketplace; or (c) in a private placement, (i) a bank or financial institution authorized to do business in the State, (ii) a “governmental unit” as defined in the Debt Reform Act, or (iii) an “accredited investor” as defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D as promulgated under the Securities

Act of 1933, as amended; provided, however, that a Purchaser as set forth in either (b) or (c) shall be selected only upon the recommendation of Speer that the sale of the Bonds on a negotiated or private placement basis to the Purchaser is in the best interest of the District because of (i) the pricing of the Bonds by the Purchaser, (ii) then current market conditions, or (iii) the timing of the sale of the Bonds; and further provided, that the Purchaser as set forth in (c) may be selected through the utilization of a placement agent selected by the Designated Representatives after consultation with Speer if the use of such placement agent is determined by the Designated Representatives to be in the best interest of the District. In the event that the Purchaser is selected through the utilization of a placement agent, the execution of a standard form of placement agent agreement between the District and such placement agent is hereby approved and authorized.

Upon the sale of the Bonds, the Designated Representatives shall prepare a Notification of Sale of the Bonds, which shall include the pertinent details of sale as provided herein (the "*Bond Notification*"). In the Bond Notification, the Designated Representatives shall find and determine that the Bonds have been sold at such price and bear interest at such rates that either the true interest cost (yield) or the net interest rate received upon the sale of the Bonds does not exceed the maximum rate otherwise authorized by applicable law. The Bond Notification shall be entered into the records of the District and made available to the Board at the next regular meeting thereof; but such action shall be for information purposes only, and the Board shall have no right or authority at such time to approve or reject such sale as evidenced in the Bond Notification.

Upon the sale of the Bonds, as evidenced by the execution and delivery of the Bond Notification by the Designated Representatives, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board and any other officers of the District, as shall be appropriate, shall be and are hereby authorized and directed to approve or execute, or both, such documents of sale of the Bonds as may be necessary, including, without limitation, the contract for the sale of the Bonds between the District and the Purchaser (the "*Purchase Contract*"). Prior to the execution and delivery of the Purchase Contract, the Designated Representatives shall find and determine that no person holding any office of the District either by election or appointment, is in any manner financially interested

directly in his or her own name or indirectly in the name of any other person, association, trust or corporation, in the Purchase Contract.

The use by the Purchaser of any Preliminary Official Statement and any final Official Statement relating to the Bonds (the “*Official Statement*”) is hereby ratified, approved and authorized; the execution and delivery of the Official Statement is hereby authorized; and the officers of the Board are hereby authorized to take any action as may be required on the part of the District to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Contract, this Ordinance, said Preliminary Official Statement, the Official Statement and the Bonds.

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Section 8. Tax Levy. For the purpose of providing funds required to pay the interest on the Bonds promptly when and as the same falls due, and to pay and discharge the principal thereof at maturity, there shall be and there is hereby levied upon all of the taxable property within the District, a direct annual tax for that purpose, and there shall be and there is hereby levied on all of the taxable property in the District, in addition to all other taxes, the following direct annual tax, to-wit:

FOR THE YEAR	A TAX TO PRODUCE THE SUM OF:	
2024	\$ 0.00	for interest and principal
2025	\$181,138.00	for interest and principal
2026	\$180,138.00	for interest and principal
2027	\$184,438.00	for interest and principal
2028	\$508,888.00	for interest and principal
2029	\$508,888.00	for interest and principal
2030	\$508,888.00	for interest and principal
2031	\$508,888.00	for interest and principal
2032	\$508,888.00	for interest and principal

Principal or interest maturing at any time when there are not sufficient funds on hand from the foregoing tax levy to pay the same shall be paid from the general funds of the District, and the fund from which such payment was made shall be reimbursed out of the taxes hereby levied when the same shall be collected.

The District covenants and agrees with the purchasers and the holders of the Bonds that so long as any of the Bonds remain outstanding, the District will take no action or fail to take any action which in any way would adversely affect the ability of the District to levy and collect the foregoing tax levy and the District and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws in order to assure that the foregoing taxes will be levied, extended and collected as provided herein and deposited in the fund established to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

To the extent that the taxes levied above exceed the amount necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds as set forth in the Bond Notification, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board are hereby authorized to direct the abatement of such taxes to the extent of the excess of such levy in each year over the amount necessary to pay debt service on the Bonds in the following bond year. Proper notice of such abatement shall be filed with the County Clerk of The County of Winnebago, Illinois (the "*County Clerk*"), in a timely manner to effect such abatement.

Section 9. Filing of Ordinance. Forthwith upon the passage of this Ordinance, a copy hereof, certified to by the Secretary of the Board, which certificate shall recite that this Ordinance has been passed by the Board, shall be filed with the County Clerk. The County Clerk shall, in and for each of the years 2025 to 2032, inclusive, ascertain the rate per cent required to produce the aggregate tax hereinbefore provided to be levied in each of said years, and this Ordinance shall constitute authority for the County Clerk to extend the same for collection on the tax books against all of the taxable property situated within the District in connection with other taxes levied in each of said years, respectively, in and by the District for general corporate purposes of the District. In each of said years, such annual tax herein levied shall be collected by the District in like manner as taxes for general corporate purposes for each of said years are levied and collected, and in

addition to and in excess of all other taxes, and when collected such taxes shall be placed to the credit of a special fund to be designated “Bond and Interest Fund of 2025” (the “*Bond Fund*”), which taxes are hereby irrevocably pledged to and shall be used only for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Section 10. Limitation on Extension; General Obligation Pledge; Additional Obligations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the annual amount of the taxes to be extended by the County Clerk to pay the Bonds and all other limited bonds (as defined in the Debt Reform Act) heretofore and hereafter issued by the District shall not exceed the debt service extension base (as defined in the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended) of the District (the “*Base*”).

No limit, however, exists on the rate of the direct annual tax levied herein, and the Bonds shall constitute a general obligation of the District.

Payments on the Bonds from the Base will be made on a parity with the payments on the District’s outstanding Limited General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006 (Capital Appreciation), and Limited General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016. The District is authorized to issue from time to time additional limited bonds payable from the Base, as permitted by law, and to determine the lien priority of payments to be made from the Base to pay the District’s limited bonds.

Section 11. Use of Bond Proceeds. Accrued interest received on the delivery of the Bonds, if any, are hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying first interest due on the Bonds and are hereby ordered deposited into the Bond Fund at closing. The principal proceeds of the Bonds and any premium received on the delivery of the Bonds are hereby appropriated to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds and the Project, and that portion thereof not needed to pay such costs of issuance is hereby ordered deposited into the “General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025 – Project Fund” of the District (the “*Project Fund*”), which is hereby created. The District and the Board hereby covenant that all of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used in strict compliance with all of the requirements of the Act. At the time of the issuance of the Bonds, the

costs of issuance of the Bonds may be paid by the Purchaser on behalf of the District from the proceeds of the Bonds.

Section 12. Non-Arbitrage and Tax-Exemption. The District hereby covenants that it will not take any action, omit to take any action or permit the taking or omission of any action within its control (including, without limitation, making or permitting any use of the proceeds of the Bonds) if taking, permitting or omitting to take such action would cause any of the Bonds to be an arbitrage bond or a private activity bond within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), or would otherwise cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in the gross income of the recipients thereof for federal income tax purposes. The District acknowledges that, in the event of an examination by the Internal Revenue Service of the exemption from federal income taxation for interest paid on the Bonds, under present rules, the District is treated as the “taxpayer” in such examination and agrees that it will respond in a commercially reasonable manner to any inquiries from the Internal Revenue Service in connection with such an examination.

The District also agrees and covenants with the purchasers and holders of the Bonds from time to time outstanding that, to the extent possible under Illinois law, it will comply with whatever federal tax law is adopted in the future which applies to the Bonds and affects the tax-exempt status of the Bonds.

The Board hereby authorizes the officials of the District responsible for issuing the Bonds, the same being the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board, to make such further covenants and certifications as may be necessary to assure that the use thereof will not cause the Bonds to be arbitrage bonds and to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be exempt from federal income taxation. In connection therewith, the District and the Board further agree: (a) through their officers, to make such further specific covenants, representations as shall be truthful, and assurances as may be necessary or advisable; (b) to consult with counsel approving the Bonds and to comply with such advice as may be given; (c) to pay to the United States, as necessary, such sums of money representing required rebates of excess arbitrage profits relating to the Bonds; (d)

to file such forms, statements, and supporting documents as may be required and in a timely manner; and (e) if deemed necessary or advisable by their officers, to employ and pay fiscal agents, financial advisors, attorneys, and other persons to assist the District in such compliance.

Section 13. Registered Form. The District recognizes that Section 149(a) of the Code requires the Bonds to be issued and to remain in fully registered form in order that interest thereon be exempt from federal income taxation under laws in force at the time the Bonds are delivered. In this connection, the District agrees that it will not take any action to permit the Bonds to be issued in, or converted into, bearer or coupon form.

Section 14. List of Bondholders. The Bond Registrar shall maintain a list of the names and addresses of the holders of all Bonds and upon any transfer shall add the name and address of the new Bondholder and eliminate the name and address of the transferor Bondholder.

Section 15. Duties of Bond Registrar. If requested by the Bond Registrar, the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to execute the Bond Registrar's standard form of agreement between the District and the Bond Registrar with respect to the obligations and duties of the Bond Registrar hereunder which may include the duties listed as follows:

- (a) to act as bond registrar, authenticating agent, paying agent and transfer agent as provided herein;
- (b) to maintain a list of Bondholders as set forth herein and to furnish such list to the District upon request, but otherwise to keep such list confidential;
- (c) to give notice of redemption of Bonds as provided herein;
- (d) to cancel and/or destroy Bonds which have been paid at maturity or upon earlier redemption or submitted for exchange or transfer;
- (e) to furnish the District at least annually a certificate with respect to Bonds cancelled and/or destroyed; and
- (f) to furnish the District at least annually an audit confirmation of Bonds paid, Bonds outstanding and payments made with respect to interest on the Bonds.

Section 16. Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The President of the Board is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

(the “*Continuing Disclosure Undertaking*”) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, with such provisions therein as he shall approve, his execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of such provisions. When the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is executed and delivered on behalf of the District as herein provided, the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking will be binding on the District and the officers, employees and agents of the District, and the officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to carry out and comply with the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking as executed. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance, the sole remedies for failure to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be the ability of the beneficial owner of any Bond to seek mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Section 17. Acquisition and Development. It is hereby found and determined that all lands heretofore acquired by the District and the lands proposed to be acquired from the proceeds of the Bonds will not exceed fifty-five thousand (55,000) acres.

Section 18. Ordinance to Constitute a Contract. The provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between the District and the registered owners of the Bonds. Any pledge made in this Ordinance, and the provisions, covenants and agreements herein set forth to be performed by or on behalf of the District, shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the owners of any and all of the Bonds.

Section 19. Record-Keeping Policy and Post-Issuance Compliance Matters. It is necessary and in the best interest of the District to maintain sufficient records to demonstrate compliance with its covenants and expectations to ensure the appropriate federal tax status for the Bonds and other debt obligations of the District, the interest on which is excludable from “gross income” for federal income tax purposes (such as the Bonds) or which enable the District or the holder to receive federal tax benefits, including, but not limited to, qualified tax credit bonds and

other specified tax credit bonds (collectively, the “*Tax Advantaged Obligations*”). Further, it is necessary and in the best interest of the District that (i) the Board adopt policies with respect to record-keeping and post issuance compliance with the District’s covenants related to its Tax Advantaged Obligations and (ii) the Compliance Officer (as hereinafter defined) at least annually review the District’s Contracts (as hereinafter defined) to determine whether the Tax Advantaged Obligations comply with the federal tax requirements applicable to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations. The Board and the District hereby adopt the following Record-Keeping Policy and, in doing so, amend any similar Record-Keeping Policy or Policies heretofore adopted:

(a) *Compliance Officer Is Responsible for Records.* The Director of Finance of the District (the “*Compliance Officer*”) is hereby designated as the keeper of all records of the District with respect to each issue of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, and such officer shall report to the Board at least annually that he/she has all of the required records in his/her possession, or is taking appropriate action to obtain or recover such records.

(b) *Closing Transcripts.* For each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, the Compliance Officer shall receive, and shall keep and maintain, a true, correct and complete counterpart of each and every document and agreement delivered in connection with the issuance of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, including without limitation (i) the proceedings of the District authorizing the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (ii) any offering document with respect to the offer and sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations, (iii) any legal opinions with respect to the Tax Advantaged Obligations delivered by any lawyers, and (iv) all written representations of any person delivered in connection with the issuance and initial sale of the Tax Advantaged Obligations.

(c) *Arbitrage Rebate Liability.* The Compliance Officer shall review the agreements of the District with respect to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall prepare a report for the Board stating whether or not the District has any rebate liability to the United States Treasury and setting forth any applicable exemptions that each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations may have from rebate liability. Such report shall be updated annually and delivered to the Board.

(d) *Recommended Records.* The Compliance Officer shall review the records related to each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations and shall determine what requirements the District must meet in order to maintain the tax-exemption of interest paid on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, its entitlement to direct payments by the United States Treasury of the applicable percentages of each interest payment due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and applicable tax credits or other tax benefits arising from its Tax Advantaged Obligations. The Compliance Officer shall then prepare a list of the contracts, requisitions, invoices, receipts and other information that may be needed in order to establish that the interest paid on the Tax Advantaged Obligations is entitled to be excluded from “gross income” for federal income tax purposes, that the District is entitled to receive from the United States Treasury direct payments of the applicable percentages

of interest payments coming due and owing on its Tax Advantaged Obligations, and the entitlement of holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations to any tax credits or other tax benefits, respectively. Notwithstanding any other policy of the District, such retained records shall be kept for as long as the Tax Advantaged Obligations relating to such records (and any obligations issued to refund the Tax Advantaged Obligations) are outstanding, plus three years, and shall at least include:

(i) complete copies of the transcripts delivered when any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations is initially issued and sold;

(ii) copies of account statements showing the disbursements of all Tax Advantaged Obligation proceeds for their intended purposes, and records showing the assets and other property financed by such disbursements;

(iii) copies of account statements showing all investment activity of any and all accounts in which the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held or in which funds to be used for the payment of principal of or interest on any Tax Advantaged Obligations has been held, or which has provided security to the holders or credit enhancers of any Tax Advantaged Obligations;

(iv) copies of all bid requests and bid responses used in the acquisition of any special investments used for the proceeds of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, including any swaps, swaptions, or other financial derivatives entered into in order to establish that such instruments were purchased at *fair market value*;

(v) copies of any subscriptions to the United States Treasury for the purchase of State and Local Government Series (SLGS) obligations;

(vi) any calculations of liability for *arbitrage rebate* that is or may become due with respect to any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations, and any calculations prepared to show that no arbitrage rebate is due, together, if applicable, with account statements or cancelled checks showing the payment of any rebate amounts to the United States Treasury together with any applicable IRS Form 8038-T; and

(vii) copies of all contracts and agreements of the District, including any leases (the "*Contracts*"), with respect to the use of any property owned by the District and acquired, constructed or otherwise financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Tax Advantaged Obligations effective at any time when such Tax Advantaged Obligations are, will or have been outstanding. Copies of contracts covering no more than 50 days of use and contracts related to District employees need not be retained.

(e) *IRS Examinations or Inquiries.* In the event the IRS commences an examination of any issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations or requests a response to a compliance check, questionnaire or other inquiry, the Compliance Officer shall inform the Board of such event and is authorized to respond to inquiries of the IRS, and to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in the response to the examination or inquiry.

(f) *Annual Review.* The Compliance Officer shall conduct an annual review of the Contracts and other records to determine for each issue of Tax Advantaged Obligations then outstanding whether each such issue complies with the federal tax requirements applicable to such issue, including restrictions on private business use, private payments and private loans. The Compliance Officer is expressly authorized, without further official action of the Board, to hire outside, independent professional counsel to assist in such review. To the extent that any violations or potential violations of federal tax requirements are discovered incidental to such review, the Compliance Officer may make recommendations or take such actions as the Compliance Officer shall reasonably deem necessary to assure the timely correction of such violations or potential violations through remedial actions described in the United States Treasury Regulations, or the Tax Exempt Bonds Voluntary Closing Agreement Program described in Treasury Notice 2008-31 or similar program instituted by the IRS.

(g) *Training.* The Compliance Officer shall undertake to maintain reasonable levels of knowledge concerning the rules related to tax-exempt bonds (and build America bonds and tax credit bonds to the extent the District has outstanding build America bonds or tax-credit bonds) so that such officer may fulfill the duties described in this Section. The Compliance Officer may consult with counsel, attend conferences and presentations of trade groups, read materials posted on various web sites, including the web site of the Tax-Exempt Bond function of the IRS, and use other means to maintain such knowledge. Recognizing that the Compliance Officer may not be fully knowledgeable in this area, the Compliance Officer may consult with outside counsel, consultants and experts to assist him or her in exercising his or her duties hereunder. The Compliance Officer will endeavor to make sure that the District's staff is aware of the need for continuing compliance. The Compliance Officer will provide copies of this Ordinance and the Tax Exemption Certificate and Agreement or other applicable tax documents for each series of Tax Advantaged Obligations then currently outstanding (the "*Tax Agreements*") to staff members who may be responsible for taking actions described in such documents. The Compliance Officer should assist in the education of any new Compliance Officer and the transition of the duties under these procedures. The Compliance Officer will review this Ordinance and each of the Tax Agreements periodically to determine if there are portions that need further explanation and, if so, will attempt to obtain such explanation from counsel or from other experts, consultants or staff.

(h) *Amendment and Waiver.* The procedures described in this Section are only for the benefit of the District. No other person (including an owner of a Tax Advantaged Obligation) may rely on the procedures included in this Section. The District may amend this Section and any provision of this Section may be waived, without the consent of the holders of any Tax Advantaged Obligations and as authorized by passage of a resolution or ordinance by the Board. Additional procedures may be required for Tax Advantaged Obligations the proceeds of which are used for purposes other than capital governmentally owned projects or refundings of such, including tax increment financing bonds, bonds financing output facilities, bonds financing working capital, or private activity bonds. The District also recognizes that these procedures may need to be revised in the event the District enters into any derivative products with respect to its Tax Advantaged Obligations.

Section 20. Severability. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or enforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 21. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 22. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval as provided by law.

Adopted April 16, 2025.

President, Board of Commissioners

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION
25-0403

Atwood Homestead Asphalt Paving Project
ACCEPTANCE OF BID

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners approved an asphalt improvement project for the Atwood Homestead Forest Preserve and Golf Course as part of the 2025 capital budget; and,

WHEREAS, a bid opening was conducted on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 with five (5) sealed bids received; and,

WHEREAS, the qualified lowest bidder was Norwest Construction, Inc., South Beloit, Illinois, with a base project bid amount of \$80,890; and,

WHEREAS, staff is recommending that the qualified lowest bid be accepted; and,

WHEREAS, staff is recommending additional 10% project contingency of up to \$8,089 be provided; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County accept the project bid amount for the Atwood Homestead Asphalt Paving Project, by Norwest Construction, Inc., South Beloit, Illinois, in the amount of \$80,890 with an additional contingency amount of up to 10% (\$8,890), if necessary.

Voting YES_____

Voting NO_____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

BID TAB
 25-0403 ATWOOD HOMESTEAD ASPHALT PAVING PROJECT
 BID OPENING – APRIL 9, 2025 AT 10:00AM

VENDOR	TOTAL COST FOR BASE BID	COST FOR EXTRA STONE (PER TON)	WORK TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE (DATE)	RECEIVED ADDENDUM
M & J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.	\$97,782.90	\$45.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Norwest Construction, Inc.	\$80,890.00	\$40.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Rock Road Companies, Inc.	\$140,030.00	\$30.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Everlast Blacktop, Inc.	\$172,920.00	\$38.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group	\$131,695.00	\$40.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0

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**RESOLUTION
25-0404**

**Pecatonica River Forest Preserve Asphalt Paving & Drainage Project
ACCEPTANCE OF BID**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners approved an asphalt improvement project for the Pecatonica River Forest Preserve as part of the 2025 capital budget; and,

WHEREAS, a bid opening was conducted on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025 with four (4) sealed bids received; and,

WHEREAS, the qualified lowest bidder was Norwest Construction Inc., South Beloit, Illinois, with a base project bid amount of \$58,300; and,

WHEREAS, staff is recommending that the qualified lowest bid be accepted; and,

WHEREAS, staff is recommending additional 10% project contingency of up to \$5,830 be provided; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County accept the project bid amount for the Pecatonica River Asphalt Paving & Drainage Project, by Norwest Construction, Inc., South Beloit, Illinois, in the amount of \$58,300 with an additional contingency amount of up to 10% (\$5,830), if necessary.

Voting YES_____

Voting NO_____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

BID TAB
25-0404 PECATONICA RIVER ASPHALT PAVING & DRAINAGE PROJECT
BID OPENING – APRIL 9, 2025 AT 10:30AM

VENDOR	TOTAL COST FOR BASE BID	COST FOR EXTRA STONE (PER TON)	WORK TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE (DATE)	RECEIVED ADDENDUM
Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group	\$90,995.00	\$40.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
M & J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.	\$98,325.00	\$45.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Norwest Constrction, Inc.	\$58,300.00	\$40.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0
Everlast Blacktop, Inc.	\$69,018.86	\$38.00	10/31/2025	0 of 0

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April 16, 2025
Rockford, Illinois

RESOLUTION
No. 25-0405

**ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR SEVERSON DELLS FARM BUILDING
DEMOLITION**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners approved the demolition of the corn crib and small barn at Severson Dells Forest Preserve at the November 2024 monthly meeting; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the demolition of these structures was included in the approved FY 2024-25 Capital Budget; and,

WHEREAS, sealed bids were solicited in accordance with the District’s purchasing policy, with five firms responding; and,

WHEREAS, the lowest bid of \$32,399.00 for the removal of two structures and two optional concrete pads was submitted by Northern Illinois Service Co. of Rockford, IL; and,

WHEREAS, staff recommends awarding the bid to the lowest qualified bidder; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the board of commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County approves awarding the project “Severson Dells Farm Building Demolition” bid to Northern Illinois Service Co., of Rockford, IL in the amount of \$32,399.00 for the demolition and removal of the corn crib, small barn, and two concrete pads at Severson Dells Forest Preserve.

Voting YES _____

Voting NO _____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April, 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

BID TAB
 25-0405 SEVERSON DELLS FARM BUILDING DEMOLITION
 BID OPENING – APRIL 9, 2025 AT 11:00AM

VENDOR	TOTAL COST FOR BASE PROJECT BID	ADDITIONAL OPTION #1 - DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF CONCRETE PAD #1	ADDITIONAL OPTION #2 - DEMOLITION & REMOVAL OF CONCRETE PAD #2	TOTAL COMBINED COST FOR BASE PROJECT & OPTIONS	WORK TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE (DATE)	RECEIVED ADDENDUM
N-TRAK Group, LLC	\$33,440.00	\$7,235.00	\$1,800.00	\$42,475.00	6/13/2025	0 of 0
Northern Illinois Service Co.	\$27,391.00	\$3,458.00	\$1,550.00	\$32,399.00	6/13/2025	0 of 0
Kleckner Excavation	\$29,500.00	\$10,400.00	\$1,300.00	\$40,000.00	6/13/2025	0 of 0
G & G Construction	\$16,000.00	\$10,250.00	\$10,250.00	\$36,500.00	6/1/2025	0 of 0
Martin & Company Excavating	\$72,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$83,300.00	6/1/2025	0 of 0

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April 16, 2025
Rockford, Illinois

RESOLUTION
No. 25-0406

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES LAND & WATER CONSERVATION FUND
GRANT TO ACQUIRE LAND ALONG THE SUGAR RIVER**

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board are pursuing a \$293,500.00 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resource’s (IDNR) Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to acquire 168 acres of land along the Sugar River in northwestern Winnebago County; and,

WHEREAS, the LWCF grant will fund up to 50% of the purchase price, with the remainder of matching funds to be provided by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County; and,

WHEREAS, a condition for applying for the grant is the passage by resolution of “DOC-3 Resolution of Authorization” (attached) by the applicant agency’s Board of Commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County certify and acknowledge that they have the 50% matching funds, totaling \$293,500.00, required to complete the proposed land acquisition within the timeframes identified in the application; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County agree to comply with all terms, conditions, and regulations of the LWCF program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County, Illinois in regular session assembled as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: That application be made to the State of Illinois/ IDNR to obtain an LWCF grant for this acquisition of 168 acres of land along the Sugar River in northwestern Winnebago County, IL

SECTION 3: The Executive Director is authorized to file such an application for the grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$293,500.00.

SECTION 4: If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Voting YES _____

Voting NO _____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April, 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

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

Project Title: Acquisition of 168 acres along the Sugar River, Winnebago County, IL

The **Winnebago County Forest Preserve District** (sponsor) hereby certifies and acknowledges that it has the sufficient funds necessary (includes cash and value of donated land) to complete the pending LWCF 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 DNR 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 LWCF timeframe is as specified in the project agreement. The last reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the 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 **Winnebago County Forest Preserve District** (Sponsor) further acknowledges and certifies that it will comply with all terms, conditions and regulations of 1) the federal Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program (17 IL Adm. Code 3030), as applicable, 2) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and, as applicable, 3) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et.seq.), 4) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83- 352), 5) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135), 6) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259) and 7) 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 LWCF 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 LWCF 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 **Winnebago County Forest Preserve District** (Sponsor) certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached application is true and correct.

This Resolution of Authorization has been duly discussed and adopted by the **Winnebago County Forest Preserve District** (Sponsor) on the **16th** day of **April** (month), **2025** (year)

Name (printed / typed)

Attested by: _____
Print

Signature

Date: _____

Title

RESOLUTION

No. 25-0407

APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SEVERSON DELLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) and the Severson Dells Education Foundation (SDEF) agreed upon the terms for a lease (Lease) of the Severson Dells Nature Center and garage (Nature Center) owned by the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County (FPWC); and

WHEREAS, the Lease was executed on April 19, 2023 by both the Board and SDEF to commence on May 19, 2023 and terminate on May 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board and SDEF are negotiating a new lease for use of the Nature Center by SDEF but require additional time to complete negotiations therefore wish to amend the current Lease to extend the terms of the Lease for 60 days past the termination date to July 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the legal counsel for FPWC, Sosnowski/Szeto, LLC, wrote up the FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE to amend the Lease to extend the terms of the Lease for an additional 60 days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners for the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County authorizes the FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEASE to extend the terms of the current Lease executed on April 19, 2023 between the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County and Severson Dells Education Foundation for a period of 60 days to July 18, 2025.

Voting YES_____

Voting NO_____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April, 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners

April 16, 2025
Rockford, Illinois

RESOLUTION

No. 25-0408

AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE ORDER FOR NATURE PLAYGROUND AT KLEHM ARBORETUM

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners approved the construction of a natural playground in the Nancy Olson Children's Garden at Klehm Arboretum via Resolution 24-1205; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve's purchasing policy requires that any change order, or change orders in aggregate, which increase the contract price by more than \$10,000 require board approval; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of excavation for the approved nature playground, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop encountered several previously unknown utility lines; and,

WHEREAS, these utilities are necessary infrastructure for the operation of amenities at Klehm Arboretum and will need to be rerouted in order to allow for the construction of the natural playground; and,

WHEREAS, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop has provided a quote to complete the following work for an aggregate price of \$18,018;

1. Find 1" water supply line where it crosses playground, cut line and cap per plan (\$1,276)
2. Install new 1" water supply line outside of black top walking path, connect existing lines, backfill and restore area (\$5,660)
3. Lowering of 4" water line and installation of pipe sleeve to allow for future repairs (\$4,232)
4. Bore new electrical conduit under playground and rework existing electrical wires (\$6,850)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County approves the change order to address utility concerns associated with installation of a nature playground in the Nancy Olson Children's Garden at Klehm Arboretum by current contract holder, Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop of Rockford, IL, for the aggregate price of \$18,018.

Voting YES _____

Voting NO _____

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted this 16th day of April, 2025.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Jeff Tilly, President
Board of Commissioners



Electrical line and 4" water line impacted by the construction of the new playground.

Preserve Operations

Vaughn Stamm, Director of Operations
Matt Weik & Scott Wallace, Preserve Managers
Bryan Helmold, Facility & Equipment Manager
March 2025 Activities Report

- Started water samples testing of preserve and campground wells for bacteria, nitrates and nitrites.
- Hired Hononegah Campground Host.
- Staff helped Natural Resource Department with prescribed burns.
- Finished painting inside of Hononegah shop.
- Opened gates to preserves on March 10th.
- Burned Brush pile at Atwood Homestead, and cleaned up remaining debris from several other sites.
- Replaced ADA Men's and Women's restroom signs on wooden outhouses.
- Tree contractor worked on back loop at Atwood Homestead removing hazardous trees.
- Delivered and picked up equipment from central shop for repair.
- Put up new swings at Atwood Homestead playground.
- Jeff Dunbar started as new full-time North Area Ranger on March 17th.
- Amanda Farley and Nate Hallgren took pesticide test. Both employees successfully passed.
- Nick Eskilson went to court hearing for August 2024 accident on March 6th.
- Took measurements at Atwood for asphalt project under train trestle.
- Removed two dead trees by Bird Grove Shelter at Hononegah with aerial bucket truck.
- Cleaned up storm/wind damage throughout various preserves and campgrounds.
- Facilitated pre-bid meetings for asphalt work at Atwood Homestead and Pecatonica River.
- Cleaned buildings at Macktown Historic District.
- Completed monthly inspections.
- Purchased and received new American flags for preserves.
- Purchased new safety/warning and restriction stickers for all playgrounds in North Area.
- Replaced stolen playground sign at Roland Olson.
- Cleaned out and reorganized Sugar River Cold Storage Barn.
- Raked and cleaned Headquarters front lawn, and repaired turf plow damage in various preserves.
- Split Firewood for campgrounds.
- Seasonal Preserve Maintenance staff started March 31st.

Preserve Operations

March 2025 Activities Report Continued

- Spring cleanup throughout all of the preserves.
- Tree and brush removal along preserve trails.
- Conducted playground safety inspections.
- Assisted with trout stocking at Four Lakes.
- Forestry mowed along parking area at Blackhawk Springs (Mulford).
- Tree removals at Kishwaukee River, Four Lakes, Fuller, and Seward Bluffs.
- Patched holes in the siding of the Severson Dells Nature Center caused by Woodpeckers.
- Replaced water valve on the artesian well at Trask Bridge.
- Repaired outhouse doors at Seward Bluffs and Espenscheid Forest Preserves.
- Replaced wood planking on ten picnic tables.
- Backfilled and leveled stump holes in turf areas at Blackhawk Springs.

FOREST PRESERVES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

November - March

	<u>2023-2024</u>		<u>2024-2025</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Small Shelter Res.	10	\$850	9	\$765
Small Shelter N/Res.	3	\$330	1	\$110
Large Shelter Res.	38	\$4,180	33	\$3,630
Large Shelter N/Res.	0	\$0	1	\$135
Electric Res.	78	\$9,750	53	\$6,625
Electric N/Res.	3	\$465	10	\$1,550
TOTAL	132	\$15,575	107	\$12,815
ONLINE	83	63%	84	79%
Over 300 Res.	0	\$0	0	\$0
Over 300 N/Res.	0	\$0	0	\$0
Ground Use/Tent Res	4	\$120	2	\$60
Ground Use/Tent N/Res.	0	\$0	1	\$45
Building Use Permits	1	\$0	0	\$0
Commercial Photography Permit	0	\$0	0	\$0
Special Use Permits	2	\$600	8	\$2,410
Rides	6	\$225	9	\$360
TOTAL	12	\$945	20	\$2,875
ONLINE	10	83%	9	45%
Equestrian Passes	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yearly Tag Res.	58	\$2,900	36	\$1,800
Yearly Tag N/Res.	18	\$1,260	7	\$490
TOTAL	76	\$4,160	43	\$2,290
ONLINE	35	46%	18	42%
Fly Field Passes	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yearly Pass Res.	23	\$690	21	\$630
Yearly Pass N/Res.	4	\$160	5	\$200
TOTAL	27	\$850	26	\$830
ONLINE	6	22%	6	23%
Metal Detecting Passes	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
Yearly Pass Res.	25	\$625	23	\$575
Yearly Pass N/Res.	5	\$175	7	\$245
TOTAL	30	\$800	30	\$820
ONLINE	5	17%	9	30%
GRAND TOTAL	277	\$22,330	226	\$19,630
ONLINE	139	50%	126	56%

Natural Resource Management

Mike Brien, Director of Natural Resources
Keith Krey, Stewardship Coordinator
Liz Hucker, Wildlife Biologist
March 2025 Activities Report

Natural Resource Staff:

- Conducted prescribed burns at Sugar River Alder, Headquarters, Atwood, Kieselburg, Colored Sands, Cedar Cliff, Macktown, Crooked River, Four Lakes, and Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserves, totaling 768 acres.
- Donated 3,548 pounds of venison generated by the deer management program to the Rock River Valley food pantry.
- Removed invasive brush by hand from wetland at Kieselburg Forest Preserve.
- Girdled trees encroaching into large oaks at Funderburg and Seward Bluff Forest Preserves.
- Began treating poison hemlock in preserves throughout the county.
- Tractor mowed burn breaks around net runs at Colored Sands Forest Preserve.
- Spread woodland seed mix purchased with ComEd Green Region Grant at Funderburg Forest Preserve.
- Assisted Illinois Department of Natural Resources with trout stocking at Four Lakes Forest Preserve.
- Repaired wood duck nest boxes in preserves throughout the county.
- Assisted with the installation of American Kestrel nest boxes.
- Staff attended the Wild Things conference at the Rosemont Convention Center.
- Completed quarterly reporting for Urban and Community Forestry grant from The Chicago Region Trees Initiative.
- Submitted reimbursement request for U.S. Fish and Wildlife's small grant program, which funded drain tile removal at Funderburg Forest Preserve.
- Attended the Prairie State Conservation Coalition's annual conference at Pere Marquette State Park.
- Assisted with the human resource manager hiring process.
- Attended the Pecatonica Prairie Path quarterly meeting.
- Held pre bid meeting for the Severson Dells Farm Building Demolition bid package.
- Worked with Winnebago County Purchasing Department to publish the Request for Qualifications solicitation for the design of the new natural resource management facility.

Wildlife:

- Attended and presented research poster at the Wild Things conference.

Natural Resource Management

March 2025 Activities Report – Cont.

- Attended Blanding’s turtle recovery team meeting.
- Led a guided bird hike at Deer Run Forest Preserve.
- Began implementation of raccoon removal project.
- Assisted with prescribed burning.
- Assisted with donation of venison to Rock River Valley Pantry.
- Installed American kestrel boxes in preserves throughout the county.
- Began preparing turtle traps for upcoming field season.
- Monitored location of radio tagged turtles.
- Monitored trail cameras for beaver and deer activity.

Stewardship Coordinator:

- Attended the Wild Things conference at the Rosemont Convention Center.
- Hosted restoration work days at Blackhawk Springs, Macktown, and Roland Olson Forest Preserves.
- Assisted with prescribed burning at preserves throughout the county.
- Hosted bluebird nestbox monitor community science training at Funderburg Forest Preserve.
- Installed and repaired bluebird nestboxes in preserves throughout the county.
- Gave presentation to Loves Park Rotary Club about the District and volunteer opportunities.
- Hosted a table at Rockford University’s Community Partner and Resource Fair.

2025 Statistics

A total of 44 volunteers earned 639.75 service hours from January 2025 through March 2025.

The monetary value of these service hours equals **\$21,425.19**. As of April 2024, the estimated national value of each volunteer hour is currently \$33.49 (based on the Independent Sector).

Golf Operations

Vaughn Stamm, Director of Operations
Rich Rosenstiel, Clubhouse Manager
Tyler Knapp & Mark Freiman, Golf Maintenance Managers
March 2025 Activities Report

Clubhouse Operations:

- Carpets cleaned at all three golf course clubhouse locations.
- Fire suppression hoods serviced at Ledges & Macktown clubhouse kitchens.
- Completed Atwood local liquor license renewal applications / payments.
- Completed Ledges local liquor license renewal applications / payments.
- Opened Atwood GC- March 12th.
- Staff meetings with seasonal staff from each location were conducted.
- ATM Placement agreements were finalized.
- Opened Ledges GC- March 28th.
- Continue to receive 2025 inventory.

Golf Maintenance:

Ledges

- Continued interviewing candidates for seasonal employment.
- On course debris cleanup completed prior to opening for the season and burned brush pile.
- Removed golf cars from storage and parked in outside stalls.
- Mowed greens to remove organic fertilizer that was applied to greens at last seasons end.
- Installed split rail fence along waterway on hole #5.
- Verti-cut all tee boxes to remove unwanted organic matter.
- Leveled fairway irrigation head on hole #2.
- Fixed three irrigation heads that were damaged during fall winterization.
- Pushed and raked bunker sand for proper playing depth.
- First application of seed head suppressant applied to greens.
- Painted fascia board on deck at Ledges Clubhouse.
- Golf course supplies removed from storage and placed on course.
- Removed and cleaned up wind damaged trees on hole #4 and #7.
- Assembled ball washers after sandblasting and powder coat were completed by local shop.
- Harris Golf Cars repaired accelerator spring recall on golf car fleet.
- Assisted with course cleaning and mowing at Atwood prior to opening.

Golf Operations

March 2025 Activities Report – Cont.

- Trailered numerous pieces of equipment and cutting units to Ledges and Atwood for servicing due to mechanic vacancy at Macktown.
- Mechanics continue servicing equipment, tearing down cutting units and grinding reels.

Macktown

- Continued interviewing candidates for seasonal employment.
- Removed and cleaned up wind damaged trees on hole # 4, #5 and #15.
- Burned brush pile.
- Assembled ball washers after sandblasting and powder coat were completed by local shop.
- Flush cut stumps in prairie restoration areas throughout the golf course.
- Met with contractor to finalize new siding and gutter application on Clubhouse.
- Trailer equipment to other golf maintenance facilities for service and repair.
- Clean leaves and debris from clubhouse lawn and parking lot.
- Primed and painted break room floor then applied epoxy topcoat.

Atwood

- Clean branches and debris from tees, greens and fairways.
- Mow greens to remove organic fertilizer and reapply in rough and heavy traffic areas.
- Push and rake sand in bunkers for proper playing depth.
- Install repainted tee signs.
- Remove golf cars from winter storage and relocate at clubhouse.
- New golf course accessories installed throughout course.
- Sand and paint ball washers.
- Open golf course March 12th for play.
- Interview and hire new seasonal staff members.
- Apply fertilizer and pre-emergent herbicide to rough.
- Apply annual bluegrass seed head suppressant to golf greens.
- Maintenance technician servicing and sharpening equipment.

**Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
Golf Course Revenue & Sales
November - March**

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
<u>Atwood Homestead</u>				
Green Fees	\$12,648	\$6,196	\$18,294	\$17,892
Foot Golf Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cart Rental	\$10,059	\$5,790	\$15,993	\$14,744
Merchandise	\$718	\$592	\$2,956	\$2,565
Gift Card	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$143
Discount Gift Card	\$3,280	\$1,318	\$5,406	\$6,953
Capital Improvement Fee	\$1,078	\$655	\$1,357	\$1,570
Food & Beverage	\$1,307	\$1,243	\$2,182	\$1,893
Golf Club Rental	\$0	\$0	\$80	\$0
Video Gaming & ATM	\$137	\$273	\$197	\$288
Total Atwood Revenue	\$29,227	\$16,066	\$46,665	\$46,048
<u>Ledges</u>				
Green Fees	\$5,550	\$3,956	\$13,426	\$11,112
Cart Rental	\$4,449	\$4,039	\$11,111	\$7,197
Merchandise	\$410	\$403	\$1,532	\$1,680
Gift Card	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Discount Gift Card	\$808	\$1,216	\$6,089	\$1,785
Capital Improvement Fee	\$646	\$516	\$1,190	\$530
Food & Beverage	\$720	\$2,147	\$2,023	\$2,788
Golf Club Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Video Gaming & ATM	\$0	-\$130	\$7	-\$347
Total Ledges Revenue	\$12,582	\$12,146	\$35,377	\$24,745
<u>Macktown</u>				
Green Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$970
Cart Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Merchandise	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gift Card	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Discount Gift Card	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Fee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Food & Beverage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Golf Club Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Video Gaming & ATM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Macktown Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$970
<u>Headquarters</u>				
Gift Card	\$1,645	\$1,200	\$3,000	\$1,050
Discount Gift Card	\$19,746	\$17,312	\$20,116	\$18,250
Golf Passes	\$255,110	\$278,990	\$284,826	\$301,680
Capital Improvement Fee	\$29,580	\$29,580	\$30,000	\$31,620
Tournaments	\$0	\$0	\$2,700	\$900
Private Golf Cart Registration	\$9,500	\$8,850	\$8,200	\$7,550
Total Headquarters Revenue	\$315,581	\$335,932	\$348,842	\$361,050
Total Golf Course Revenue	\$357,389	\$364,143	\$430,883	\$432,813

Option not available for that season

**Forest Preserves of Winnebago County
Golf Course Revenue & Sales
November - March**

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
<u>Rounds Played</u>				
Atwood	1,270	803	2,058	2,597
Footgolf	0	0	0	0
Ledges	393	370	1,481	677
Macktown	0	0	0	0
Total Rounds Played	1,663	1,173	3,539	3,274
<u>Golf Passes</u>				
Premier Card Res.	24	27	27	29
Premier Card Res.-Refer-A-Friend	33	35	44	48
Premier Card Non-Res.	1	2	1	3
Premier Card Non-Res.-Refer-A-Friend	3	1	1	4
Player Card Res.	161	145	136	147
Player Card Res.-Refer-A-Friend	237	258	262	269
Player Card Non-Res.	10	7	9	12
Player Card Non-Res.-Refer-A-Friend	24	18	15	15
Student Card Res.	38	42	50	62
Student Card Non-Res.	2	5	6	2
Team Pass	0	0	0	0
Practice Range Res.	20	14	13	0
Practice Range Non-Res.	0	0	0	0
Total Passes	553	554	564	591
<u>Private Golf Cart Registration</u>				
Inside Storage				
Outside Storage	2	2	2	2
Home Storage	13	11	10	9
Total Private Golf Cart Registration	15	13	12	11

Option not available for that season

Marketing & Communication Relations

Sarah Lorenz, Communications Coordinator
March 2025 Activities Report

Marketing/Advertising:

- Secured ¼ ad on GoRockford's new Rockford Region Map.
 - Will highlight attractions in the Rockford region, including South Beloit, Rockton, Roscoe, Cherry Valley, Winnebago, and Pecatonica areas.
 - Minimum 20,000 maps on first print run, to be published in May.
- General visitorship (Mid-West Family targeted display ad running seasonally).
- GoRockford advertising (Outdoor Activities, Family Fun).

Press Releases:

- Notice of the completion of Funderburg restoration project funded by ComEd Green Region Grant through Openlands (3/25).
- Ledges Golf Course opening (3/27).
- Indian Hills land acquisition (4/3).
- Arbor Day tree planting event at Kishwaukee Gorge North (4/8).

Media Relations:

- Preserve Passport guest blog published on GoRockford in March.
- Shout out in 3/30 Stateline Kids email blast.
- Ledges Golf Course opening picked up by WREX.
- Listed as best option for hiking in the Rockford area in MSN/Stacker article (via Yelp).
- March digital newsletter sent to subscribers on March 20

Events/Programs:

- Presented at Loves Park Rotary on 3/12 with Stewardship Coordinator Keith Krey.
- Tabled JACCE Community Fair on 3/19 and Lifescapes Volunteer Fair on 4/2 with Stewardship Coordinator Keith Krey.
- Walk With U at Blackhawk Springs 4/5, April Guided Bird Hike at Pec Wetlands 4/11, Spring Ephemeral Walk at Kilbuck Bluffs 4/15.
- City Nature Hike at Deer Run 4/25, Tree Planting at Kishwaukee Gorge North 4/26, Birdscaping Hike & Program 5/3, Bluebell Seed Collection 5/24.

Micellaneous:

- Completed governance training 3/29.
- Completed CPR/AED training 4/3.

Marketing & Communication Relations

March 2025 Activities Report - Continued

Preserve Passport Metrics:

- Active teams as of 4/4: 48 (+11).
- Submissions as of 4/4: 1,025 (+525).

Social Media:

- Social Media Stats (compared to February 7 – March 10 2025 activities report)
 - FPWC Facebook: 5,178 followers (+33)
 - FPWC Instagram: 1,864 followers (+27)

Law Enforcement

March 2025 Activities Report

Brief Activity Summary

- There were 1 Criminal arrests
- There were 6 Calls for service inside of the Forest Preserves
- There were 3 Reports written
- There were 0 Ordinance violations (citations) written
- There were 0 Written warnings
- There were 12 Verbal warnings
- There were 2 Airfield permits
- There were 4 Equestrian bridle tags
- There were 14 Fishing license checks
- There were 0 Occupied shelter house patrols
- There were 0 Campground patrols
- There were 38 Patrols on trail systems
- There were 40 Directed patrol hours