**The Nature Foundation of Will County**

**Minutes of the January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting**

**Conducted by Zoom Conferencing and Conference Call**

Chair Jamie Donovan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Donovan led the pledge to the flag.

Roll was called and a total of nine Directors was present. A quorum of eight voting Directors was present.

Voting Directors Present: Marcy DeMauro, Secretary; Jamie Donovan, Chair; Ann Dralle; Jim Flax, Treasurer; Ed Garner; Ragan Pattison, Vice Chair; Donna Theimer; and Jeff Tuminello.

Non-voting Directors Present: Meta Mueller.

Others Present: Cindy Harn, Executive Director.

**Approval of Minutes**

Pattison moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 annual meeting, seconded by Donovan. The motion was approved.

**Reports of Officers**

*Chairperson’s Report -* There was no Chairperson’s report.

*Treasurer’s Report*

Harn reviewed three financial reports provided in the agenda packet: the Balance Sheet Financial Report (dated December 31, 2020); Quarterly Statement of Activity (dated January 19, 2021); and the Budget vs. Actual Report (dated January 19, 2021). Dralle moved to accept the three financial reports as presented, seconded by Pattison. The motion was approved.

Harn presented the schedule of bills for the period December 3, 2020 – January 20, 2021 as provided in the agenda packet. Dralle moved to approve the schedule of bills, as presented, in the amount of $1,978.03, seconded by DeMauro. The motion was approved.

**Committee Reports**

*Fundraising and Projects Committee* – Harn summarized the discussion from the January 6, 2021 committee meeting, and reviewed the 2021 Partnership Opportunities for Online Native Plants Sales materials provided in the agenda packet.

*Finance Committee Report* - There was no Committee report.

*Board Development Committee*  - There was no Committee report.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business**

*Approve the Re-Appointment of Three Existing Directors, Each for a Two-Year Terms*

DeMauro presented the Board Development Committee’s recommendation to re-appoint three existing Directors, Jamie Donovan, Ann Dralle and Ed Garner, each to a two-year term that will expire in December 2022, as outlined in the agenda packet material provided. Pattison motioned to approve the three Director re-appointments as presented, seconded by Theimer. The motion was approved.

*Authorize Release of Funding to the Forest Preserve District of Will County for its 2021 Projects and Programs*

Harn recommended the release of funds in the amount of up to $13,250 to the Forest Preserve District for seven projects already approved and funded in the current year’s budget, as detailed in the agenda packet materials. Harn reviewed the new administrative process and forms she will use from this point forward, which will provide for reimbursement of actual project expenses rather than an upfront transfer of the total estimated project cost to the Forest Preserve District. Theimer motioned to approve the release of funding in the amount of up to $13,250 to the Forest Preserve District of Will County for disbursement in 2021 as presented, seconded by Garner. The motion was approved.

**Reports**

Harn reviewed the 2020 year-end campaign report and annual fundraising summary, as provided in the agenda packet.

**Presentations** – None

**Comments by Directors** - None

**Comments by the Public** - None

**Comments by the Executive Director**

Harn reviewed scheduled dates for upcoming programs and events as provided on the agenda.

**Next Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates of the Foundation are Wednesday, March 24, 2021 and Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on a motion from Pattison and a second by Garner.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcella M. DeMauro*

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Secretary