

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

July 16, 2014

PURSUANT to written notice given all members of the Board, the above meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Trustee Ed Leonard, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Secretary Parish, President Leonard, and Treasurer Murphy.
Absent: 2nd Vice-President Jensen and 1st Vice-President Stahl.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Minutes of the June 18th Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$191,447.41 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$10,270.99. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Leonard "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: No Comments from Audience.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. **Willow Branch Wetland Plan**
Director Merner reported that there were no updates to report at this time.
2. **Other**
No other business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of Officers:**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following tentative slate of officers for the year beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

President: Ed Leonard
1st Vice-President: Mark Stahl
Secretary: Darrell Parish
Treasurer: Lucy Murphy
2nd Vice-President: Norm Jensen

Trustee Murphy MOVED to accept the slate of officers for the year as presented. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Appointment of IACD Representative:

Director Merner reported that in the past a Board Member or staff was appointed as representative to the IACD. The Board Members suggested that Director Merner contact Trustee Jensen to ask him if he was interested in serving as representative and if not, assign a staff person.

3. Appointment of FOIA Officers:

The District's current FOIA officers are Pam Smith, Paul Marien and Kathy Merner. No other appointments were suggested.

Trustee Parish MOVED to accept the slate of FOIA officers as presented. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Enbridge Pipeline:

As discussed at last month's meeting, Director Merner was to research if the pipeline would have any impact on the District's property. She reported that the pipeline is one mile away from Willow Branch property and will have no impact on the District.

5. Trustee Tour Date:

Director Merner solicited the Board for possible dates for conducting the Trustee Tour. After discussion and reviewing calendars, the Board decided to present August 11th, August 14th, and August 15th to the two missing Board Members (Mark Stahl and Norm Jensen) with Director Merner reporting back to the Board a confirmed date.

6. Report on FOIA Request:

By law, the District is required to report any FOIA requests to the Board. The District received a FOIA request from Adam Andrzejewski for an electronic copy of any and all vendor payee payments for years 2008 – 2013. As per the District's attorney, this request had been made of almost every unit of local government in Illinois. The District complied with the request and met the deadline for responding.

7. Naming of Property:

Director Merner informed the Board that a name needed to be adopted for the land donated by Ed Kaufman. The staff had brainstormed and suggested Lakeside Conservation Area, Lakeview Conservation Area, and Kaufman Conservation Area. After some discussion, the Board agreed on the name "Kaufman Lakeside Conservation Area" if Ed is in agreement. Director Merner will give Ed Kaufman a call and report back to the Board.

8. Departmental Reports:

President Leonard asked staff to comment on highlights from their reports submitted in the Board packet. Paul Marien, Richie Wolf, Pam Smith, and Director Merner summarized the highlights of their reports.

Trustee Parish questioned the Building Committee and the issues at hand. Staff reported that the committee was reviewing how the building is used for programs and looking for ways to use the building more effectively.

9. Other:

The Board discussed the Ameren project with Director Merner reviewing maps with the Board Members. Director Merner and Paul Marien are to do more research. The Board directed them to continue the fight and keep pursuing a resolution that won't impact the District. The District's Attorney is staying on top of the matter as well.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES: No comments from Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Parish MOVED to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to return to the Regular Public Meeting at 7:04 p.m. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 16, 2014. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Parish MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary