

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

July 20, 2016

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

Board members present: President Parish, 1st Vice-President Murphy, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Elliott, and 2nd Vice- President Johnson

Board member absent: None

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2016, Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$190,146.56 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$45,699.30. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: There were no comments from the audience.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Sludge Lagoon Remediation Update:

Paul Marien reported that the Sanitary District went out to bid and was awarding the contract to Byers Construction in Pana. Paul brought the new Trustee up to date on the situation and reported that the Sanitary District has begun pumping rest of the water out of the lagoon. He will keep the Board apprised to future progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers:

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following tentative slate of officers for the year beginning July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017:

Darrell Parish, PRESIDENT
Lucy Murphy, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Norm Jensen, SECRETARY
Anne Elliott, TREASURER
Doug Johnson, 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

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

2. Appointment of Foundation Representative:

Paul Marien informed the Board that typically the new Trustee on the Board is appointed as liaison to the Foundation Board but it is a Board decision. The general consensus of the Board Trustees was that this would be an opportunity for the new Trustee to gain an understanding of the functions of the Foundation. The next Foundation Board meeting will be held Thursday, July 21st but the Board members understood not being able to make a meeting with such short notice. The next meeting will be in August, followed by one in September.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to accept Trustee Johnson as the appointed liaison to the Macon County Conservation Foundation Board. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Illinois Association of Conservation Districts Liaison:

Norm Jensen currently serves in this position of liaison to the Illinois Association of Conservation Districts (IACD) and stated he was willing to continue serving in that capacity.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to accept Trustee Jensen as the IACD representative for another year. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Set Trustee Tour Date:

Each year in July the District arranges a Trustee Tour of various areas owned by the Conservation District. After some discussion, the Trustees decided on a date of October 12, 2016, meeting at 8:00 a.m. at Rock Springs Nature Center. Paul Marien briefly suggested a few sites such as the plantings at Willow Branch and the Bois du Sangamon area. Paul and Shane Ravellette will create an agenda for the tour.

5. IPARKS Insurance Renewal

Paul Marien reported that the District had received the annual general liability insurance renewal and that it had only increased approximately 1.04% over last year's premium. Staff recommends remaining at the same existing limits of \$8,000,000 per occurrence and payment of the new annual premium.

Trustee Jensen MOVED to approve payment of \$71,375.00 premium with \$8,000,000 limit. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

6. Truck Purchase Authorization.

Shane Ravellette reported that the truck they wanted to purchase through the State of Illinois was closed as of April 1st. Instead the National Joint Powers Alliance Contract has a comparable vehicle. The District is looking at purchasing a F250 replacement truck for Ft. Daniel/Sand Creek Conservation areas from National Joint Powers Alliance. The cab is not fully extended but will provide extra leg room. The current truck is over 90,000 miles and needs replaced. Staff recommends purchasing the F250 Super Cab from National Joint Powers Alliance for \$33,404.00.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the purchase of a replacement truck for Ft. Daniel/Sand Creek Conservation areas through the National Joint Powers Alliance Program for \$33,404.00. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

7. Decatur Running Club's Use of Sand Creek:

This is an annual event held at Sand Creek. The special event application was submitted along with a certificate of liability insurance. The event will tie up Sand Creek from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon, which does not cause any conflict with District activities. Board authorization is needed to accept the special event application.

Trustee Jensen MOVED to authorize the Decatur Running Club to hold a special event on October 8, 2016, at Sand Creek Conservation Area. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

8. Staff Reports

Richie Wolf reported that Earth Adventures Summer Camp is in week seven of a 10 week program and all is going well. This week they reported a record high of 36 enrolled. Pioneer Adventure Camp ended this week after a six week program. The theme was presidents. The last X-treme Camp will be held this Friday, July 22, 2016. The Hummingbird Festival was held and there was excellent coverage in the Herald & Review as well as television. Only eleven hummingbirds were captured this year. Richie invited Board members to participate in the Decatur Celebration parade on August 6th.

Shane Ravellette reported that two wells had been sealed at Ft. Daniel and Kaufman property. Sealing the wells is a top priority for him but is hard to contract out so he was happy to get two of them sealed. The District is in possession of the new bobcat that was purchased and staff are enjoying it.

Paul Marien reported that he and Shane Ravellette met with playground equipment representative for some concept ideas and shared them with the Board. They both also met with Dave Leonatti to discuss the play cabin in the Children's Awareness Room as well as redesigning the Nature Center front entrance. Paul was invited to the Izaak Walton Campground on July 4th to receive a \$500 donation in the memory of Sam Gibbons, who was on the steering committee. Originally they wanted

the funds to go toward a scholarship for students interested in conservation, forestry or natural resources but due to lack of interest in this field that didn't happen. Paul would like to move in the direction of using the donation to fund a Natural Resource Intern for the summer.

Pam Smith reported Shannon Garrett with JL Hubbard Insurance presented the voluntary supplemental insurance to both full-time and part-time employees. The first tax levy distribution of \$950,418.18 was received. The transfer of the investment funds to Fidelity Investments was completed and Don Kamm is moving the funds from the Fidelity money market account to the fidelity investment account.

9. Other:

No other business.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

No comments from the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Elliott MOVED to go into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of

1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5).
2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting (5 ILCS 120(c) (11).

Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to return to the Regular Public Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 20, 2016. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Auer Trust Agreed Order:

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve Counsel to proceed with the Order for Trust Termination as presented. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Elliott, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Jensen MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 7:47 p.m. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary