

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

**March 18, 2015**

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

Board members present: President Leonard, Secretary Parish, Treasurer Murphy, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Jensen.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2015, Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Jensen 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 \$120,360.51 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$16,968.42. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

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

**PRIOR BUSINESS:**

**1. Gerber Bank Agreement**

Director Merner reported that she had not heard back from Gerber Bank for an update.

**2. Sanitary District Sludge Lagoons**

Director Merner and Paul Marien met with the Sanitary District to discuss the closeout plan for the sludge lagoons. There are four lagoons with two lagoons being on the Conservation District property. The District had entered into a lease agreement with the Sanitary District for the property to be cleaned up and restored to its original condition. This lease is due to expire in 2017. Once the Sanitary District completes the de-water process they will have a clearer picture of what they are dealing with and will move to the next step.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Approve signatories for investments:**

Director Merner explained that her signature is on the District investments and in order to renew or redeem them, the Board needed to authorize other signers for these investments.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to authorize the treasurer and/or president as the new signers with only one signature being required. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

**2. Authorize fund transfer: Building Fund to General Fund:**

Director Merner gave a brief history of the establishment of the building fund. The initial money to construct the building came from an inter-fund loan from the general corporate fund. The building fund received the annual distribution from the Nearing Trust to pay off the loan. Since the loan was paid off this year, the Board needs to approve dissolving the building fund account and transferring the remaining funds to the General Corporate Fund. The Nearing Trust is restricted to the Rock Springs Conservation Area. The amount of funds to be transferred to the Corporate Fund is \$31,933.32.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the transfer of \$31,933.32 from the Building Fund account to the General Fund account and dissolving the Building Fund account. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

**3. Approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance:**

The Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance must be on display for public viewing for thirty days before being approved at the April meeting.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as presented. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

**4. Set Budget Hearing:**

Director Merner recommended scheduling the required budget hearing prior to the April 22, 2015, meeting at 5:30 p.m. She reminded the Board that the meeting was being held on the fourth Wednesday to allow a minimum of 30 days for the budget to be on display.

Trustee Parish MOVED to hold the budget hearing on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Rock Springs Nature Center. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

**5. Surplus items:**

Program Services as well as the library have a list of items being recommended for disposal. Library materials will be displayed on a cart outside the library for anyone wishing to take them. The remaining items on the list will go to auction. A motion is needed by the Board to declare the items surplus and ready for disposal.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to declare the items surplus and ready for disposal. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

**6. Staff Reports:**

Richie Wolf reported that summer camp registration was to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Festival of Spring begins on April 25<sup>th</sup>. He reminded the Board of the Volunteer Recognition Dinner to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center.

Paul Marien reported that Operations had several job searches being conducted to include seasonal employees, full-time site technician and natural resource specialist.

Director Merner reviewed the new signs with the Board and reviewed the Smithsonian exhibit.

**COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:** Trustee Jensen asked staff if the District was doing anything to protect the Monarch butterfly. Staff responded that they do not destroy any milkweed and milkweed is included in seed mixtures.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Parish MOVED to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. 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 Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to return to the Regular Public Meeting at 6:44 p.m. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2015. 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 6:46 p.m. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary