

MINUTES OF A BUDGET STUDY SESSION 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 by Trustee Parish at 4:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Director Merner, Paul Marien, Richie Wolf, Pam Smith

The Board of Trustees and staff reviewed the tentative budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016. Below are some highlights from the discussion:

There was some discussion regarding the tax levy process. Trustee Parish questioned if the District was asking for full amount and what the amount was of the equalized assessed value. Staff will get that information and report back to the Board. The District is not quite at the maximum amount they can request.

Trustee Parish questioned if volunteers were covered by the District's Workers Compensation and the answer was "no." Volunteers sign a liability waiver before any activities, such as participating in controlled burns. He also questioned the percentage of workers compensation to payroll. Staff will calculate and report back to Board.

The Board reviewed large variations and discussed capital items, such as remodeling in the Rock Springs Nature Center auditorium, and the purchase of a new passenger van to replace the mobile nature center van. The building committee suggested adding some windows to the auditorium which is included in the budget.

There being no further business, the Budget Study Session was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

SECRETARY