

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

September 17, 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: President Leonard, Secretary Parish, Treasurer Murphy, and 2nd Vice-President Jensen.

Absent: 1st Vice-President Stahl.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Minutes of the August 20th 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 \$186,807.57 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$26,320.15. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE"; and Trustee Jensen, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

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

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. **Other:** No other business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Summer Camp Report:**

Richie Wolf summarized the summer camp report in the Trustees' Board packets. He emphasized the summer camp program was redesigned to hold an all-day ten-week summer camp (Earth Adventures) offering before and after care for parents for an additional fee. There was very positive feedback from the parents and the all-day camp resulted in significant revenues to cover expenses. In keeping with tradition, a three-hour morning camp (Adventure Club) was offered once a week and was combined with the all-day camp. This proved to be very popular with an average of 20 campers per week. Campers were taken weekly on Thursday to the YMCA for swimming and weekly field trips on Fridays. Salem Baptist Church worked with the District in providing bus drivers for a minimal fee for the excursions. Richie praised Brenna Karcher, Summer Camp Director, for really stepping up and taking a great lead. She had two counselors under her leadership.

Other camps offered were Mini-camp, Extreme Camp and Pioneer Adventure Camp. Pioneer Camp has been seeing a decline in attendance and plans are to re-evaluate the program and make changes for future programs.

2. Payout: Burnett Concrete

The Oglesby Mansion front porch has now been completed and this payout is the remaining balance due to Burnett Concrete for \$1,600. Staff is very happy with the work and recommends the final payout for the front porch.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the payout of \$1,600 to Burnett Concrete Contractor for the completed work on the Oglesby Mansion front porch. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE”; and Trustee Jensen, “AYE” and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

3. Payout: Milliman

Staff recommends payout of \$4,904.93 to Brad Milliman for the completed fabrication and installation of the wooden handrails on the front porch steps of the Oglesby Mansion.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the payout of \$4,904.93 to Brad Milliman, Inc. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE”; and Trustee Jensen, “AYE” and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

4. Health Insurance Renewal:

JL Hubbard provided renewal information for the new benefit year beginning October 1, 2014. The District incurred a small increase of approximately 2.9% for the new year (these percentage did not include the increases due to changes in age brackets). Other ACA (Affordable Care Act) plans were included in the information but all were higher than the District’s United Healthcare renewal. The District also received proposals for insurance coverage from Foster Financial but, none of the plans compared to our current renewal premium. The total monthly premium will be \$16,046.21. Staff recommends remaining with United Healthcare while still reviewing quarterly rates with JL Hubbard.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve and accept the proposed renewal with United Healthcare for \$16,046.21 monthly.

Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE”; and Trustee Jensen, “AYE” and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Kathy Merner highlighted the Challenge Grant from Clean Energy stating that the challenge had been met and the Foundation Board members were offering a second dollar to dollar challenge. A

twenty year seasonal employee was retiring and in all the years he had worked for the District, he never called in sick.

Paul Marien highlighted that the rain had made it rough for his crew. With the upcoming Prairie Celebration, an employee used a push mower to ensure that the grounds would look presentable for the celebration. The Oglesby Mansion north porch has been completed and work would begin on the west porch.

Richie Wolf informed the Board that Program Services had an opening for a naturalist and would be accepting applications through next Friday. The ADM Cares Program had reached its goal of recruiting five schools to participate in the program.

6. Other

No other business.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Lucy Murphy commented: "Good summer, good job".

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Parish **MOVED** to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 6:03 p.m. Trustee Murphy **SECONDED** the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary