

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 19, 2017**

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, Treasurer Elliott and 1st Vice President Murphy

Board members absent: 2nd Vice President Johnson and Secretary Jensen

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2017, Regular Public Meeting and March 15, 2017 Budget Study Session Minutes as presented. Trustee Elliott 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 \$117,203.33 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$36,060.80. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: No comments from audience.

PRIOR BUSINESS: No prior business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance:

A copy of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance was included in the Board's packet. Since there were no changes discussed in the hearing, Paul Marien recommended that the Board adopt the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance as presented.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for FY2018 as presented. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Approve 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule

A copy of the FY2018 meeting schedule was included in the Board packet. Paul Marien pointed out to the Board that the December 20th meeting was fairly close to Christmas if they wanted to change the meeting and the April meeting was moved to the fourth Wednesday to allow the tentative budget to be on review for 30 days. The Board agreed that the schedule was fine as presented.

MEETING DATES

MAY 2017 – APRIL 2018

All meetings will be held the third Wednesday of the month
at the Rock Springs Nature Center at 5:30 p.m.
unless otherwise specified or notified.

2017

May 17, Wednesday
June 21, Wednesday
July 19, Wednesday
August 16, Wednesday
September 20, Wednesday
October 18, Wednesday
November 15, Wednesday
December 20, Wednesday

2018

January 17, Wednesday
February 21, Wednesday
March 21, Wednesday
April 25, Wednesday

(4th Wednesday to accommodate budget on review for 30 days)

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the 2017-2018 Meeting Schedule as presented. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Approve Depository Designation:

Annually the depository designation is presented to the Board. The depositories listed were the same as previous years. There was no discussion.

Hickory Point Bank
Gerber State Bank
Regions Financial Company
PNC Bank
Busey Bank
Scott State Bank
Soy Capital Bank
The Illinois Funds
Town & Country Bank
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust
Prairie State Bank & Trust
Buena Vista National Bank
Peoples Bank of Macon

First National Bank of Pana (formerly State Bank of Blue Mound)

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the purchase of the John Deere 3033R tractor for \$29,258.00. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the purchase of the 2017 F150 truck for \$19,933.00 and the 2017 Ford Explorer for the purchase price of \$25,131.00. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

6. Board Member Recruitment:

Paul Marien reminded the Board that the current president, Darrel Parish, would be coming off the Board in July and they needed to begin the nomination process for a new Board member. President Parish reported that he had spoken to David White, who is currently on the Foundation Board, and that he would be willing to serve on the District Board. Trustee Murphy agreed that it would be nice to have another professional on the Board. Trustee Parish questioned if it was acceptable for a Board member to be on both Boards. Paul was not able to find anything in the by-laws that would prohibit an individual serving on both Boards. Trustee Elliott has been serving on both Boards and felt that he didn't create any type of hardship. The Board members questioned what the process was this year concerning the County's participation in the process. Paul spoke with the County Board Chairman and he wants the District to handle the nomination and submit a name to the County Board. All Board members present agreed that David White would be a good nomination.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to accept David White as a nomination as the new Board member beginning in July 2017. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

7. Approve Summer Camp Contract with DPS#61:

For the past several years, the Conservation District has been partnering with the Decatur Public School system as an excursion site for their summer camp - Camp Connections. Staff is requesting that the Board grant authorization to Paul Marien to sign the contract with the School District. The contract is for six days paying the District \$1,500.00 for providing the programming and a seasonal staff member to conduct the sessions. This is a reduction in the number of days from last year. The children will be spending more time at school.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the summer camp contract with the Decatur Public School as presented. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

8. Staff Reports:

Richie Wolf reported that they had over 100 in attendance at the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Summer Camp Counselors have been selected and they are all new this year with the exception of current staff member, Chuck Hirst, serving as the Director again this year. Summer Camp begins June 5th and registration is open. The

Audubon Exhibit will be coming down and the Monarch Exhibit will be on display beginning the 1st of May. Richie will be inviting the Governor to visit the display. He reminded the Board members that the Festival of Spring would be held on April 22nd, from 12:00 -4:00 and invited them to stop by and see the visit.

Shane Ravellette reported that March was a typical March. Natural resources spent most of the month conducting burns. Friends Creek staff were busy preparing the campground for opening. Sand Creek staff worked on cleaning up near the parking lot and entrances to the trails.

Paul Marien reported that the architect is finalizing the design on the playground before presenting to both Boards. The Oglesby Mansion board are working on a landscape design for the yard, with most of it being in the backyard. Paul hosted a Director's roundtable at the Nature Center and was happy with the good attendance from other conservation areas, forest preserves and park districts. The new roof construction is to begin May 22nd.

Pam Smith reported that March brought in some significant revenue from the Foundation, Corporate Property Replacement Tax and the distribution from the Willow Branch farm account. New signature cards were completed for the Foundation officers.

9. Other: No other business.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

The trustees wanted to discuss the latest design for the playground. A lengthy discussion followed with the Trustees wanting the playground to be more natural and not just "look natural." Trustee Murphy suggested just putting some logs out near the playground to see if there was an interest. Trustee Parish agreed by suggesting crisscrossing two logs. Paul Marien and Shane Ravellette reminded the Board that they did have to comply with safety standards if they were going to have an "official playground". Shane stated that even the architect would be held liable along with the District. Richie Wolf also commented that the playground needs to be able accommodate at least sixty children during school field trips. After some discussion, Paul Marien told the Board he would go back to the drawing board and speak with the architect and report back to the Board with a new design.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Murphy MOVED to go into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. for

1. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5).

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

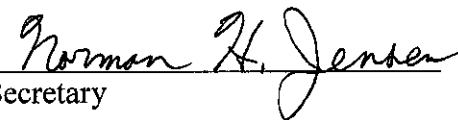
Trustee Elliott MOVED to return to the Regular Public Meeting at 6:23 p.m. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish "AYE"; Trustee Murphy, "AYE", and Trustee Elliott "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 19, 2017. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Murphy MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 6:25 p.m. Trustee Elliott SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.


President

ATTEST: 
Secretary