

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

June 17, 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, 2nd Vice-President Jensen, Secretary Parish, Treasurer Murphy, and 1st Vice-President Smithson.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2015, Regular Public Meeting. 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 \$128,167.78 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$24,074.71. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE", Trustee Smithson, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

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

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. Gerber Bank Agreement:

Paul Marien reported the bank has not responded to the letter sent by Kathy Merner with revisions to the agreement. Payroll is still being processed.

2. Windfarm Review

E.ON has applied for permits with the county and the review process is underway. Trustee Smithson asked about IDNR's (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) review in regards to bats. Paul stated that their review did include mortality potential for bats and birds.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Trustee Introduction:

Jim Smithson is completing the remaining term of a resigned Trustee due to moving out of the District. Trustees and staff introduced themselves to Trustee Smithson.

2. Approval of Prevailing Wage Ordinance:

There was not any discussion on the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE", Trustee Smithson, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Award Contract for Purchase of 15 Passenger Van:

The purchase of a new passenger van for Program Services to be used for offsite field trips and transportation of summer campers had been included and approved in the budget. The van will

most likely be stored outdoors since it will probably not fit in the garage. Bids were submitted from Bob Ridings Ford, Jackson Ford and Landmark Ford. Staff recommends approving the bid submitted by Bob Ridings Ford.

Trustee Parish **MOVED** to approve the purchase of the 15 Passenger Van from Bob Ridings Ford for the net price of \$31,220. Trustee Parish **SECONDED** the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE", Trustee Smithson, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Consultant approval – South Sludge Lagoons:

Director Marien updated the Trustees on the sludge lagoon process and recommended employing Bryan Cross, Environmental Engineer with Prairie Engineers of Illinois, to provide oversight for the Conservation District as the Sanitary District moves forward to begin design concepts for the restoration of the site.

Trustee Murphy **MOVED** to approve hiring Bryan Cross to oversee the sludge lagoon design concept. Trustee Jensen **SECONDED** the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE", Trustee Smithson, "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

5. Staff Reports

Richie Wolf reported that summer camp was going well and that the new Prairie Islander was mailed out.

Paul Marien reported that a new drinking fountain and water bottle filler had been installed and that the Operations Manager open position has been posted. He also reported that there were 450 volunteer hours from the ADM internship activity. The Macon County Conservation Foundation is busy working on the Prairie Pedal ride. The auditor will present the audit at the August Board meeting.

6. Other

Director Marien reported that new officers will need to be selected at the July meeting.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Parish wished Trustee Leonard good-bye as his five-year term ends with this meeting. Trustee Leonard stated that he has full faith in the new Executive Director, Paul Marien, and looks forward to following news about the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Parish **MOVED** to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 6:12 p.m. Trustee Jensen **SECONDED** the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary