

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

October 19, 2016

PURSUANT to written notice given all members of the Board, the above meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by 1st Vice-President Murphy, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: President Parish, 1st Vice-President Murphy, Secretary Jensen, and 2nd Vice-President Johnson

Board members absent: Treasurer Elliott

Trustee Jensen MOVED to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2016, Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Jensen MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$154,162.20 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$46,839.02. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish "AYE"; and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2016 Summer Camp Report:

Richie briefly summarized the Summer Camp Report that was contained in the Board packet. He described each of the different camps and their attendance:

Mini camps are for ages 1-5 with 100 slots filled

Pioneer Adventure Camp is for ages 5-8 with a total of 72 slots filled

X-treme Camp is for ages 10-15 with a total of 23 slots filled for three different events

Earth Adventure Camp is the all day camp for ages 6 – 12 years of age and a total of 229 slots were filled for the ten-week program

Adventure Club is for ages 5-12 and a total of 244 slots were filled for the one day a week camp held from 9am to noon.

Camp Connections is the Decatur Public School system summer camp

This year was the most profitable year that summer camp has seen with a net profit of all camps at \$11,787.47. Two of the key contributing factors toward the increase in profit was the elimination of an agreement with First Student to transport campers and the partnership with Millikin University allowing the District to rent their

vans at .45 a mile. He also contributed the increased interest in the summer camp due to the quality education the campers receive. They receive a camp where they are outdoors 90% of the time.

Richie Wolf recommended to the Board that the week-long camp, Earth Adventures, fee increase from \$115.00 a week to \$120.00 a week. This would allow the District to provide a pay increase for the summer camp staff.

Trustee Murphy **MOVED** to approve the proposed fee changes for 2017 as presented. Trustee Jensen **SECONDED** the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, “AYE”; Trustee Jensen, “AYE”; Trustee Parish, “AYE”; and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

2. Funds Transfer:

Paul Marien explained that budgeted funds needed to be transferred to the “land acquisition” expense line item for the recent purchase of land. Paul recommended transferring \$60,000 from the engineering/consulting expense line, \$20,000 from the Trail Grant expense line, and \$20,000 from the Program Grant expense line for a total of \$100,000 transferred to the “land acquisition” expense line. All accounts are within the corporate fund account and will not change the net dollars budgeted and appropriated. Paul assured the Board members this transfer would leave adequate budgeted funds in those expense lines. This transfer requires Board approval.

Trustee Jensen **MOVED** to approve the transfer of funds between line items in the Corporate Fund account as presented. Trustee Johnson **SECONDED** the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, “AYE”; Trustee Jensen, “AYE”; Trustee Parish, “AYE”; and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

3. Surplus Items:

Staff provided a list of surplus items for disposal to the Board for approval. The list came about after some re-organization. Staff proposes all items go to the auction and those items that are not sold should be disposed. Trustee Jensen questioned the F-250 Ford truck, and Shane Ravellette assured the Trustees that this truck had been replaced with a new truck and would be going to a separate auction.

Trustee Murphy **MOVED** to approve the surplus list of items for disposal as presented. Trustee Jensen **SECONDED** the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

4. Staff Reports:

Shane Ravellette gave a recap of this monthly report stating that mowing had kept them busy, but they were able to get some projects finished. The District did encounter some well issues but a solution has been found by implementing a maintenance schedule of well sanitizer and possibly a UV light sanitation system. Operations is back at full staff with the hiring of Brett Burkart, Natural Resource Technician. The roads at Ft. Daniel were resealed.

Richie Wolf reported on the success of the Monarch Madness Program presented by the Master Gardeners with approximately 225 people in attendance for a two-hour program. He thanked Paul Marien and the Trustees for a great 50th Anniversary event with Richard Louv. Riche announced that the Fall Festival would be held on October 30th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Pam Smith thanked Bill Weiss (Part-time Administrative Asst), Lucy Murphy, Anne Elliott and Darrell Parish for the excellent job they performed for the Prairie Pedal registration day. Pam reported that the second tax levy check had been received in the amount of \$800,242.09. Quarterly maintenance was performed on the server and no issues were found.

Paul Marien announced that the District is now owners of ten more acres of property at the Rock Springs Conservation Area. The District received a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request from the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council out of Springfield requesting documents from a Brad Milliman project on the Oglesby Mansion. The District's final 50th Anniversary Event was held at Kirkland Fine Arts Center with Richard Louv speaking. Paul thanked Millikin University and stated that it could not have been accomplished without their collaboration. Richard Louv was impressed with the scale of our program and the challenge to Decatur. The petition to terminate the Auer Trust was completed and the Foundation now owns 40 acres of land in Sangamon County.

5. Other: No other business.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES

Trustee Parish complimented the staff on how well he liked the Trustee Tour and all Board members were in agreement with him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Murphy MOVED to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of

1. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.
2. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c) (5).

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

Trustee Jensen 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 Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Jensen, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE", and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 19, 2016. Trustee Jensen 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 6:24 p.m. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary