

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

September 18, 2013

PURSUANT to written notice given all members of the Board, the above meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Horn, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: President Horn, 1st Vice-President Leonard, 2nd Vice-President Murphy, Treasurer Parish, and Secretary Stahl.

Trustee Stahl MOVED to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2013 Regular Public Meeting. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and Monthly Disbursements in the amount of \$179,671.97 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$27,532.50. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

President Horn called for comments from the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. **Other:** No other business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Insurance Renewal:**

Shannon Garrett with J.L. Hubbard Insurance spoke with the Board concerning the health insurance renewal options for the annual renewal on October 1st. There were no competitive bids so she listed other United Health Care (UHC) options along with the next lowest bid which was from Aetna Insurance. Trustee Parish questioned if the District could offer employees several options and she confirmed that was a possibility; but because the District pays 100% of the employee's premium it would not benefit the District to offer choices unless we required employees to pay the difference between the premiums of the two options. Shannon can look at January 1, 2014, rates at which time the rate structure will be different than the current structure. Going forward, insurance rates will not be underwritten based on health conditions or gender but will be based upon age, zip code and smoking. The new rate structure will be based on every single year of life, yet the oldest aged employee premium cannot be more than a 3 to 1 ratio against the youngest employee premium. There is an option to shop on the marketplace but no rates are available at this time. The District can opt out of the UHC insurance at anytime without a penalty. After some discussion, the Board was in agreement that the staff needed to keep searching and do more research on options to lower the premium.

Trustee Parish MOVED to approve accepting the UHC proposed MHJ/RX VH plan for \$15,342.40/monthly which would save the District 1% in premiums and only cost the employees an additional \$50.00 in emergency room co-pay. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to have staff report back on their research on health insurance at the February 2014, Board meeting. Trustee Stahl SECONDED the motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

2. Triple K Konstruktion:

Triple K Konstruktion submitted a pay request for work completed on the Ft. Daniel foot bridges in the amount of \$29,147. Paul Marien reported that the work and request was approved by the engineering firm. Staff recommends approving the payout.

Trustee Stahl MOVED to approve the payout to Triple K Konstruktion in the amount of \$29,147. Trustee Murphy SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Award contract for construction of the north porch-Oglesby Mansion:

Director Merner reminded the Board that they had rejected bids at the last Board meeting and the Board had approved reopening the bid process. Staff contacted contractors to submit quotes for the renovations; and since the quotes were below legal bid amount, a formal bid process was not required. Two contractors fell below the legal bid amount – Brad Milliman and Burnette Concrete with Burnette concrete being the lowest bidder. Paul Marien reviewed the plan of the porch with Burnette Concrete and spoke several times with him to insure everything was included in the proposal. He is confident Burnette Concrete can do a good job. Brad Milliman is currently working on the handrails, which is a separate project.

Trustee Stahl MOVED to award the contract to Burnette Concrete for \$14,800. Trustee Leonard SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

4. Payout to Jones & Sullivan Painting.

This was a donor project discussed in the prior Board meeting. The donor is pleased with the finished outcome and staff recommends the payout to Jones & Sullivan for \$9,000.00. Director Merner mentioned that the Oglesby Mansion Board may look at having the other two sides of the Mansion painted as well.

Trustee Leonard MOVED to authorize the payout to Jones and Sullivan in the amount of \$9,000.00. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Horn, "AYE"; Trustee Leonard, "AYE" and Trustee Murphy, "AYE". Motion carried.

5. Acceptance of Land Donation:

The District received the agreement drafted by Mr. Kaufman's attorney and it has been reviewed by the District's attorney as well. Director Merner pointed out to the Board that she had spoken to Mr. Kaufman's attorney and requested that he remove item #5 in the agreement that states: "*The parties agree that Donor's gift of lake lot to Donee qualifies as a "Qualified Conservation Contribution" for U.S. income tax purposes.*" The District will send Mr. Kaufman a tax donation letter.

Trustee Stahl MOVED that the District accepts the agreement for the land donation, the \$250,000 endowment fund, and the sum of \$84,205 for improvements to the land with item #5 being stricken from the

agreement that mentions the “*Qualified Conservation Contribution.*” Trustee Leonard SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, “AYE”; Trustee Parish, “AYE”; Trustee Horn, “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE” and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

6. Proposal for Additional Design Services from BWC

Paul Marien discussed that during the design process for the Rock Springs and Griswold storage sheds it was determined that the current wooden column supports in the buildings may not be substantial. The District would like to get many more years of service out of the buildings and thought it would be advantageous to have a design in place if during construction the need arises to repair the current columns. By having a design in place the District will include this as part of the bid packet and would know in advance what the cost may be. The process will also include BWC looking at the trusses as well. Staff recommends approving BWC to develop repair details for each column for \$3,000.00. Trustee Parish recommended that staff call some other pole barn manufacturers for pricing and designs.

Trustee Parish MOVED that the District move forward but, before signing the agreement, see what is available from other manufacturers. Trustee Stahl SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Stahl, “AYE”; Trustee Parish, “AYE”; Trustee Horn, “AYE”; Trustee Leonard, “AYE” and Trustee Murphy, “AYE”. Motion carried.

7. Departmental Reports:

President Horn asked staff to comment on highlights from their reports submitted in the Board packet. Paul Marien, Jeff Tish, Pam Smith and Director Merner summarized the highlights of their report.

8. Other: No other business.

COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Stahl thanked Paul Marien, Kathy Merner, and Rich Crowe for a very well planned Trustee tour.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Leonard MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 8:14 p.m. Trustee Parish SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, “AYE”. Motion carried.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary