

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
June 21, 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, 1st Vice President Murphy, 2nd Vice President Johnson and Secretary Jensen

Board members absent: Treasurer Elliott

Trustee Jensen MOVED to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2017, Regular Public Meeting as presented. Trustee Johnson 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 \$130,851.72 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$24,321.15. 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.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None

PRIOR BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance:

Every June each public body shall determine the prevailing wages for independent contractors as required by the Department of Labor. The Board must approve the District's Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

Trustee Jensen MOVED to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. 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.

2. Decatur Running club Trail Run at Sand Creek:

Shane Ravellette reminded the Board that this is an annual event held at Sand Creek. It is the same run every year. The event will tie up Sand Creek from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon, which does not cause any conflict with District activities. Sand Creek Conservation Area will be closed for the event but will be announced in advance. There is a permit fee charged for the event. Board authorization is needed to accept the special event application.

Trustee Murphy MOVED to authorize the Decatur Running Club to hold a special event on October 8, 2016, at Sand Creek Conservation Area. Trustee Jensen SECONDED the Motion. All members of the Board present voted, "AYE". Motion carried.

3. Food Sales at Concert Series:

The University of Illinois Extension Home and Community Education Division approached Richie Wolf inquiring if their group could sale snacks during the concert series held at the Macon County Conservation District. They have been doing this for the Municipal Band concert as a way of raising funds for the non-for-profit. Richie also had the Decatur Christian Woman's Club request the same for the last two concerts of the season. It would basically be selling popcorn and drinks. Trustee Murphy asked Richie how many attended the last concert with a reply of 250 individuals. Trustee Jensen commented on how much he enjoyed the concert. Richie was happy with the overwhelming response and one of the comments he did receive was stating that the District should serve popcorn. Trustee Parish inquired if the attendees were new to the District and Richie replied that it was a diversified audience.

Trustee Johnson MOVED to approve the sale of food at the Concert Series. 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.

4. Staff Reports:

Shane Ravelette reported that the biggest event in May was the flooding. With Sand Creek receiving 13 inches of rain in two weeks, it was closed for quite a while. The Friends Creek campground had a great Memorial weekend. Natural Resources worked on clearing the tiered landscaping bed and planting native plants. The roofing project was underway but the laminated beam for the front entry way was on backorder delaying the finishing of the project. It should arrive sometime in July.

Richie Wolf was pleased with the success of the school field trips due to the Audubon Society sponsoring bus service. He reported that the Lake Erie fishing trip was a success with 20-30 fish caught per day over a two day period. Thus far, the Summer Camps have gone without any incidences.

Pam Smith reported that the Auditor was on site May 24th and 25th and was pleased with the records kept. He will complete his paperwork and report to the Board at the August meeting.

Paul Marien reported that the Executive Director and Natural Area Program Director of the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation paid a visit to the Conservation District to look at the Rannebarger and Willow Branch properties. The Macon County Conservation District was awarded the grant and received the grant check today (June 21st). The closing on the property will take place next week. Paul will be putting together a press

release announcing the purchase. He also reported that the playground design is ready for bid specs and will be moving forward on the project. The Oglesby Mansion landscaping has been completed, which was funded by the Oglesby Mansion, Inc.

5. Other:

Paul Marien reminded the Board that it was time for the Board to perform his annual performance review. The Board unanimously agreed that they would perform his review at an executive session on July 19th following the regular meeting.

Paul also reported he had met with the Decatur City Manager. The City has changed their burning ordinance and Paul offered the expertise of the District's burn managers if they needed any assistance. He learned that the City Manager did not know anything about the Conservation District but did learn that he was a tent camper. Paul also spoke with the City Manager about extending a city bus route to include Rock Springs Nature Center.

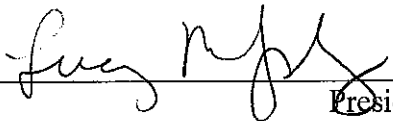
COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES:

Trustee Murphy asked about the playground status with Paul Marien replying that he was ready to move into the bidding phase. The Board had approved moving forward on the playground at the last Board meeting. The final design concept is more than what was estimated at the time of compiling the budget. He plans on having a design with bidding alternatives in case bids come in too high.

Trustee Parish told the Board that it had been a pleasure serving on the Board and working with all of them. He wished the Board and District well and said that he knew they were in good hands. Paul Marien thanked Trustee Parish for his service and what a great job he had done!

ADJOURNMENT:

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



President

ATTEST: Anne Elliott
Secretary