

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE MACON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 18, 2020**

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.

Board members present: President Parish, Secretary Johnson, Treasurer Schneller, and 2nd Vice-President Bendsen

Board members absent: 1st Vice-President White

Trustee Bendsen MOVED to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2020, Public Meeting. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Bendsen, "AYE"; Trustee Schneller, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; and Trustee Johnson, "AYE". Motion carried.

Trustee Schneller MOVED to approve the Treasurer's Report and disbursements in the amount of \$ 162,552.51 and additions to disbursements in the amount of \$26,026.38 as presented. Trustee Bendsen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Trustee Bendsen, "AYE"; Trustee Schneller, "AYE"; and Trustee Parish, "AYE". Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: No audience.

PRIOR BUSINESS: No prior business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve FY 2021 Tentative Budget Ordinance & Appropriation:

The FY2021 Tentative Budget Ordinance & Appropriation was reviewed and discussed in the Budget Study Session. No further comments were made.

Trustee Schneller MOVED to approve the FY2021 Tentative Budget Ordinance and Appropriation as presented. Trustee Johnson SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Bendsen, "AYE"; Trustee Schneller, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; and Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; Motion carried.

2. Set Time for Public Hearing for FY2021 Budget Ordinance and Appropriation:

The Board members present discussed and agreed on holding the Budget hearing at 5:25 p.m. on April 22, 2020 before the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Trustee Bendsen MOVED to approve setting the FY2021 Budget Ordinance and Appropriation public hearing for April 22, 2020, at 5:25 p.m. Trustee Schneller SECONDED the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Schneller, "AYE"; Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; and Trustee Bendsen, "AYE"; Motion carried.

3. Grove Branch Proposal:

Richie Wolf stated that he did not have anything to report to the Board. He had not heard back from Kevin Greenfield, the Chairman of the Macon County Board. President Parish recommended putting it on the April Board Agenda.

4. Volunteer Recognition Dinner:

Richie Wolf reported that the Macon County Conservation District Volunteer Recognition Dinner has been rescheduled to July 28, 2020 from the original date of April 7, 2020. He asked all Board Members to put it on their calendars.

5. Staff Reports:

In lieu of Staff giving their reports, President Parish asked if anyone had questions for the staff. No questions were asked.

Richie Wolf gave an update on actions taken concerning the Coronavirus. Currently the Rock Springs Nature Center is closed through March 29th, all programs and volunteer hours have been suspended until April 12th and all staff are being paid to stay home until March 30th. Richie asked the Board on their thoughts of extending the leave. There was some discussion as to whether or not to have some employees report to work, such as employees in outlying areas. After some discussion as to what would be fair or unfair, Richie stated we would rather not have some employees report to work while others remain being paid to stay home. Board Members present unanimously agreed to defer the decision concerning employees to Richie. Richie stated that he would track all the guidelines and recommendations from the Governor and keep the Board informed of decisions he makes. He did state that the Festival of Spring more than likely will have to be canceled.

6. Other:

Richie Wolf told the Board to stay healthy and he will keep them informed about the April 22nd Board meeting if it will be in person or via conferencing.


COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES: No further comments from the Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Trustee Johnson MOVED to adjourn the Regular Public Meeting at 5:50 p.m. Trustee Bendsen SECONDED the Motion. Roll call vote was as follows Trustee Schneller, "AYE"; Trustee Parish, "AYE"; Trustee Johnson, "AYE"; and Trustee Bendsen, AYE"; Motion carried.



President

ATTEST:


Secretary