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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(January 16, 2017) In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, this is to inform you that the regularly scheduled meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Brookdale Administrative Offices in Woodstock, Illinois.

The Brookdale Administrative Offices are located in Brookdale Conservation Area at 18410 US Highway 14, Woodstock, Illinois. Please contact the District office for more detailed directions at (815) 338-6223 X1234.
1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Heinsohn

2.0 ROLL CALL
   2.1 Roll Call

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 CONSERVATION ETHIC
   Goal #6: To foster a conservation ethic among McHenry County citizens helping all of us, regardless of the basis for our interest in nature, to develop a greater awareness of our role in, and responsibility for, the total community of life. A conservation ethic asks us to assume a moral duty to become educated about conservation issues and then to act on that information. A conservation ethic is an attitude that recognizes the importance of preserving the natural heritage of the county’s open space.

   Goal #4: To interpret and to promote the overall significance of natural and cultural resources and to promote public understanding and support of District land management practices.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Public comments will be limited to 3 min. per person. Board members welcome all comments and will take them under advisement.
6.0 PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS
7.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended
  7.1a Fox River Ecosystem Partnership - Trustee Scacci
  7.1b CMAP -Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins
  7.1c Chicago Wilderness - Vice President Barrett & Executive Director Kessler
  7.1d Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection - President Heinsohn
  7.1e IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA - President Heinsohn & Executive Director Kessler
  7.1f McHenry County Conservation Foundation - Trustee Brandt
  7.1g McHenry County Council of Governments - Vice President Barrett
  7.1h Green Drinks - Secretary Kranz
  7.1i Conservation Congress - State of Conservation - President Heinsohn & Vice President Barrett
  7.1j Other

7.2 Finance & Administrative Committee - Scheduled Meeting Cancelled

7.3 Outreach & Advocacy Committee - Scheduled Meeting Cancelled
  7.3a Outreach & Advocacy Minutes for December 16, 2016

8.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT - None expected

9.0 BOARD BUSINESS - CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved in one motion as presented on the agenda. The Trustees may remove items from the consent agenda for discussion purposes prior to the motion to approve.

9.1 Approval of Minutes
  9.1a December 15, 2016

9.2 Board Committee Minutes to be Received and Placed on File
  9.2a Outreach & Advocacy Minutes for December 16, 2016

9.3 Motion to approve the destruction of listed verbatim recordings of Executive Session Meetings between January 2015 and June 2015 in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

9.4 Motion to authorize the release of listed Executive Session Minutes to the public domain in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

9.5 Motion to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) Grade Crossing Protection Fund to assist in funding the Ridgefield Trace Railroad Crossing at Oak Street.

9.6 Motion to submit a letter of request to the McHenry County Division of Transportation to equitably share in the Ridgefield Trace railroad crossing at Oak Street project in an amount up to $60,000 to meet the local match required by the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant.

9.7 Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute an Independent Company’s Agreement for Electric and Natural Gas Management Consultant Services District-wide with Midwest Energy Inc. of Burr Ridge, IL to prepare
specification and let bids for the procurement of energy when the time is most advantageous, and to authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with the winning bidder.

10.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS
10.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of December 2016
10.2 Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report
10.3 Quarterly Investment Report - Third Quarter
10.4 Consideration of Second Amendment License Agreement for Temporary Access - 300 West, LLC and Arnold Magnetic Technologies Corporation for Installation & Maintenance of Groundwater Monitoring Wells - Resolution #17-01
10.5 Fox Bluff Conservation Area Building Demolition Discussion on Project Scope & Budget with Featherstone, Inc. of Downers Grove, IL
10.6 Prairie Trail Discussion - Consideration of Maintenance & Repairs to the Rt. 14 & Main Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Underpass - Proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Crystal Lake, Illinois Department of Natural Resources & McHenry County Conservation District

11.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

12.0 TRUSTEES’ REPORT

13.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
13.1 Quarterly Dashboard - Third Quarter
13.2 Strategic Plan FY 2016-2020: Year 2-Third Quarter
13.3 ADA Transition Plan: Year 5 - Third Quarter
13.4 News Highlights - October –December 2016

14.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Exception 2C2 (Collective Bargaining) and 2C21 (Review of Closed Session Minutes) of the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et. seq.).

15.0 ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
15.1 Consideration to authorize the release of the listed Executive Session meeting minutes to the public domain in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

16.0 ADJOURN
(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, February 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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