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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(April 17, 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, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 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

2.2 Remote Participation - Motion
*In accordance with the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/07) and per Administrative Policy #200.03.02, Treasurer Thomas has requested in advance to participate remotely in the Meeting through electronic participation. The basis for missing the meeting is due to a work related commitment.

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 #1: To preserve native plants and animals, geological features, and natural ecosystems that are threatened or endangered in McHenry County, and to reclaim such ecosystems that have been degraded, for the benefit of present and future generations and for their own sake.
5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on items not related to the budget 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 Crystal Lake - Trustee Kranz
7.1i Other

7.2 Finance & Administrative Committee
7.2a Summary of items discussed at the meeting held on April 20, 2017.

7.3 Outreach & Advocacy Committee
7.3a Summary of items discussed at the meeting held on April 20, 2017.

8.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

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 March 23, 2017
9.2 Receive & Place in Confidential File Closed Session Minutes
9.2a March 23, 2017
9.3 Board Committee Minutes to be Received and Placed on File
9.3a Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for March 23, 2017
9.3b Outreach & Advocacy Committee Minutes for March 23, 2017
9.4 Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for March 31, 2017 as presented.
9.5 Motion to accept the 2016 Hunting Program Report and to adopt Ordinance #17-929 authorizing the 2017 Deer and Waterfowl Hunting Directive.
9.6 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-07 approving a Grant Agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in an amount up to $19,000 for the funding of a YCC crew in the summer of 2017 and authorizing the Executive Director to execute any required documents including the FAF SF-24 form.
9.7 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids to secure multiple Land Preservation and Natural Resource Division Joint Grassland Venture grassland management leases on thirteen (13) separate parcels containing approximately 253 acres (Bid # 0417.08.01).

9.8 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-08 authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement authorizing the Construction and Maintenance of a Multi-Use Trail and Crossing by McHenry County Conservation District within Nunda Township Road District’s Roadway Jurisdiction on Oak Street in Crystal Lake.

9.9 Motion to approve two actions to move the Ridgefield Trace Railroad Crossing at Oak Street project forward by (1) Filing a petition with the Illinois Commerce Commission for the crossing through Resolution #17-09 and (2) Authorizing staff, along with Baxter and Woodman Engineers, to prepare specification and letting of bids for construction.

9.10 Motion to pass Resolution #17-10 authorizing the execution of a Limited License Agreement with Sigecom, LLC d/b/a WOW! Internet, Cable and Phone permitting the installation and maintenance of fiber optic cable and equipment on certain District real estate.

9.11 Motion to accept the FY 2018 Project Wish List as presented and submit to the McHenry County Conservation Foundation for consideration.

9.12 Motion to extend a one-year agreement to Verizon Wireless of Schaumburg, IL, for the District’s cellular equipment and wireless services for an estimated cost of $2,365.29 per month.

9.13 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-11 authorizing the Executive Director to execute Agricultural Lease Agreements on forty (40) acres of hay and fifty-two (52) +/- acres of cropland on the Marcia Equity parcel with Tyke Nichols for the hay lease and Dan Sass for the cropland, the highest quote for the term of April 20, 2017 thru February 28, 2018 with an option to continue thru February 28, 2019 if necessary.

10.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

10.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of March 2017.

Motion to approve the payment of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Pending Report for the month ending March 31, 2017.

10.2 Adoption of FY 2018 Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

Motion to pass Ordinance #17-928 adopting the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriations for the McHenry County Conservation District, McHenry County, IL, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning April 1, 2017 and Ending March 31, 2018.

11.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

12.0 TRUSTEES’ REPORT

13.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

13.1 2016-2020 Strategic Plan 4th Quarter Update

13.2 ADA Transition Plan - 4th Quarter Update

13.3 In the News - 4th Quarter

13.4 Dashboard - 4th Quarter Update
14.0 ADJOURN
(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, May 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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