NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(February 19, 2019) In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, this is to inform you that the regular monthly meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 5:00 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) 338-6234 X1234.
1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Dave Kranz

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 INTRODUCTORY ROLL CALL
  3.1 Roll Call

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 #3: To manage its areas in such manner that archaeological and historical resources are integrated with natural resources for optimal preservation, education, and recreation benefits.

5.0 CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE
We pledge to make a difference by standing up for our water, wildlife and way of life in McHenry County. Our quality of life in McHenry County depends on healthy and sustainable natural resources, thoughtfully developed cities and towns, a strong economy, and beautiful outdoor places to explore, discover and recreate.

No. 1 We will protect land which filters and removes pollutants from water while enhancing ground water recharge.
6.0 TRUSTEES REPORT

7.0 COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT

8.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

9.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS I

Public comments will be limited to 3 min. per person. Board members welcome all comments and will take them under advisement.

10.0 PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS
10.1 Resolution #19-03 - Recognizing Illinois State Representative Steven Andersson - Legislative District
10.2 Resolution #19-04 - Recognizing Illinois State Representative Barbara Wheeler - Legislative District
10.3 2018 Natural Heritage Report on McHenry County Public Lands

11.0 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.

11.1 Approval of Minutes
11.1a January 17, 2019

11.2 Acceptance of Executive Session Minutes into Confidential Files until released to the public domain.
11.2a December 20, 2018

11.3 Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for January 31, 2019.

11.4 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids for the purchase of native trees and shrubs for all planting projects for the 2019 planting season county wide (Bid #0219.08.01).

11.5 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids for the purchase and planting of replacement trees at multiple District sites.

11.6 Motion to authorize the disposal of listed excess equipment through a public on-line auction with Obenauf Auction Services, Inc. of Round Lake, IL.

11.7 Motion to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Commonwealth Edison Green Region Grant Program to assist in funding planting efforts at the Alden Creek West Site.

11.8 Motion to allow the District to partner with the McHenry County Conservation District Foundation on an Illinois Clean Energy Foundation Community Stewardship Grant to assist in funding restoration efforts at Glacial Park.
11.9 Motion to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program to assist in funding the rehabilitation and maintenance of the District’s Regional Trail System - Prairie Trail.

11.10 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids to hire a contractor or contractors to treat invasive weeds on District sites throughout the county (Bid #0219.08.03).

11.11 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids to hire a contractor to fix drainage tile and other farm infrastructure (Bid #0219.08.02).

11.12 Motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a twelve (12) month Professional Services Agreement beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020 with Concentric Integration, LLC of Crystal Lake, IL, for IT and computer support services.

11.13 Motion to award the bid for a one-year contract with option to renew for one additional year to the second lowest qualified bidder Hagg Press of Elgin, IL for the printing and mailing of the District’s Landscapes Magazine at the proposed unit costs of $7,563 issue (24 pages/ 20,000 copies), $378.14 additional 1,000 copies, $400 additional 4 pages and $2,283 for 6-page gate fold.

11.14 Motion to adopt Resolution #19-05 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the agriculture lease agreement on the Konopasek Parcel (80 +/- Acres) with Dave LaGue of Marengo, IL, the highest responsive bidder for the term of three (3) Years at a lease rate of 31.79% (Bid #1019.08.01).

11.15 Motion to adopt Resolution #19-06 authorizing the Executive Director to reassign and execute the agricultural leases on the Henning (82 +/- Acres), Henning CRP (2.7 +/- Acres) and Williams/O’Leary Parcels (13.5 +/- Acres) to Joe Henning of Marengo, IL as presented.

11.16 Motion to accept “The Natural Heritage of McHenry County - A Report of the Stewardship of Natural Resources on McHenry County Conservation District Land Holdings (March 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019) as presented.

11.17 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.

11.18 Motion to adopt Resolution #19-07 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Deed of Gift to the McHenry County Historical Society accessioning two hanging lamp fixtures identified as a product of the Hubbard Lighting Division (2018.043.01 and 2018.043.02) from Camp Algonquin along the Fox River in McHenry County, IL into their collection.

12.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of January 2019
12.1a Treasurer’s Internal Audit
12.1b Consideration of Bills Payable

Motion to approve the payment of bills as indicated on the Submission of Bills Payable & Payroll Report for the month ending January 31, 2019.

12.2 Emergency Repairs - Lost Valley Visitor Center - Water Damage due to Fire Suppression System Pipe Burst

12.3 E-Bikes & Electric Scooters Discussion

12.4 Agricultural Leases - Clark and Tittle Parcels (28 +/- Acres)
13.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
   13.1 Legislative Update - Verbal
   13.2 Valuable Information from the IAPD/IPRA “Soaring to New Heights” Conference
   13.3 IEC Conservation Day - Springfield, IL - March 12-13, 2019
   13.4 IAPD Parks Day - Springfield, IL - April 30-May 1, 2019

14.0 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & REPORTS
   14.1 Trustee Reports on Conferences & Meetings Attended
       14.1a Fox River Ecosystem Partnership (FREP) - Trustee Campbell
       14.1b CMAP -Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins
       14.1c Chicago Wilderness - Executive Director Kessler
       14.1d McHenry County Farm Bureau - Trustee Henning
       14.1e IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA - Trustee Brandt & Executive Director Kessler
       14.1f McHenry County Conservation Foundation - Trustee Scacci
       14.1g McHenry County Council of Governments - Trustee Scacci
       14.1h Green Drinks Crystal Lake -Trustee Kranz
       14.1i Conservation Congress 2018 - Trustee Brandt
       14.1j MCCG Shared Investment Study & Algonquin/Cary Subarea Plan Steering Committee - Executive Director Kessler
       14.1k MAPP - Director of Operations & Public Safety Kremer
       14.1l Other Outreach Contacts

15.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS II

   Public comments on items on the agenda will be limited to 3 min. per person.
   Board members welcome all comments and will take them under advisement.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT
   (Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, March 7, 2019, 5:00 p.m., at Lost Valley Visitor Center if needed).

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