

**McHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2017  
SPECIAL CALL**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Call Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McHenry County Conservation District was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Heinsohn on the evening of Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the Lost Valley Visitor Center, Glacial Park Conservation Area, 7210 Keystone Road, Richmond, Illinois 60071.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**2.1 Roll Call**

Trustees Present: Bona Heinsohn, President

Stephen Barrett, Vice President

Dave Kranz, Secretary

Pete Merkel, Trustee

Vern Scacci, Trustee

Dave Brandt, Trustee

Trustee Absent: Brandon Thomas, Treasurer

Staff Present:

Elizabeth S. Kessler, Executive Director

John Kremer, Director of Operations & Public Safety

Andy Dylak, Director of Administration & Finance

Ed Collins, Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources

Wendy Kummerer, Marketing & Communications Manager

Anne Basten, Executive Assistant

John Berg, Facilities Manager

Deb Chapman, Educational Services Manager

Sara Denham, Wildlife Resource Center Manager

Amy Peters, Planning Manager

Val Siler, Land Preservation Manager

Perry Weborg, Sites & Fleet Manager

Brad Woodson, Natural Resource Manager

Cindi Jablonski, Wildlife Ecologist

Gabe Powers, Natural Resources Project Coordinator

Tom Simpson, Research Field Ecologist

Others Present:

Martha Carver, Trustee Emeritus

Matthew Ewertowski, Trustee Emeritus

Larry Lane, Trustee Emeritus

Bonnie Leahy, Trustee Emeritus

Kevin Ivers, Trustee Emeritus

Kimberly Hankins, Trustee Emeritus

Dave LaGue, Trustee Emeritus

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Heinsohn.

**4.0 WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

President Heinsohn welcomed all of the Delegates and Alternates, returning and new to this follow up event.

**5.0 CONSERVATION CONGRESS - STATE OF CONSERVATION ON MCHENRY COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS**

More than 50 attendees representing a diverse array of groups and individuals serving as Delegates and Alternates were given the State of Conservation on McHenry County Public Lands Address by Executive Director Kessler. The presentation highlighted the momentum gained from the inaugural event last year, the impact of focused conservation on McHenry County public lands and the progress made on initiatives that were suggested by the delegates out of the congressional conversations of the 2016 Conservation Congress. The delegates then broke into their smaller assigned discussion groups to identify and discuss emerging issues and suggestions. They also voted on a design for a window cling/vehicle sticker to be sold to support the continued conservation of public lands in McHenry County. Executive Director Kessler also announced that she and Vice President Barrett and Trustee Brandt will be meeting with youth delegates at Cary Grove High School the next day for the same purpose.

**6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vice President Barrett asked for any public comments and received no response.

**7.0 CLOSING REMARKS**

Vice President Barrett then thanked all those in attendance for continuing to share their thoughts regarding the wide open spaces of McHenry County and announced that Conservation Congress 2018 will be held either February 3 or 10, 2018.

**8.0 ADJOURN**

At 7:54 p.m., a motion was made by Treasurer Brandt, seconded by Trustee Kranz, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. February 9, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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David Kranz, Secretary

  
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