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NOTICE TO ALL MCHENRY COUNTY MEDIA

MEETING NOTICE

(September 18, 2017) In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, this is to inform you that the regularly monthly meeting of the McHenry County Conservation District Board of Trustees has been scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 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.



*McHenry County*  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MCHENRY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
BROOKDALE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - President Barrett

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 #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 I

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 Campbell
  - 7.1b CMAP -Director of Land Preservation & Natural Resources Collins
  - 7.1c Chicago Wilderness - President Barrett & Executive Director Kessler
  - 7.1d Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection - Trustee Henning
  - 7.1e McHenry County Farm Bureau - Trustee Henning
  - 7.1f IACFPD/IAPD/NRPA - Trustee Brandt & Executive Director Kessler
  - 7.1g McHenry County Conservation Foundation -Trustee Brandt
  - 7.1h McHenry County Council of Governments - President Barrett/Secretary Scacci
  - 7.1i Green Drinks Crystal Lake - Vice President Kranz
  - 7.1j Conservation Congress 2018 - President Barrett/Trustee Brandt
  - 7.1k Other
- 7.2 Finance & Administrative Committee
  - 7.2a Summary of items discussed at the meeting held on September 21, 2017.
- 7.3 Outreach & Advocacy Committee
  - 7.3a Summary of items discussed at the meeting held on September 21, 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 August 17, 2017
- 9.2 Accept Executive Session Minutes and place in Confidential File Closed Session Minutes until released.
  - 9.2a August 17, 2017
- 9.3 Board Committee Minutes to be Received and Placed on File
  - 9.3a Finance & Administration Committee Minutes for August 17, 2017
  - 9.3b Outreach & Advocacy Committee Minutes for August 17, 2017
- 9.4 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for August 30, 2017 as presented.
- 9.5 Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as prepared by Sikich, LLP of Naperville, IL for Fiscal Year 2017 which began on April 1, 2016 and ended March 31, 2017.
- 9.6 Motion to approve the lowest qualified bidders of Prairie Moon Nursery of Winona, MN (\$66,891.34), Shooting Star Native Seeds of Spring Grove, MN (\$17,604.70), Applied Ecological Services/Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries of Brodhead, WI (\$17,446.47), Agrecol LLC of Evansville, WI (\$16,026.60), and Genesis Nursery, Inc. of Tampico, IL (\$7,256.07) for a

total cost not to exceed \$125,225.18 for the completion of seeding projects on approximately 84 acres of various habitats for standard mixes and special revenue account projects within conservation areas (Bid #: 0817.08.01).

- 9.7 Motion to authorize the preparation of specifications and letting of bids for the Hollows Lake Atwood Pier Replacement Project (Bid #0917.09.01).
  - 9.8 Motion to adopt Resolution# 17-35 authorizing staff to negotiate and the Executive Director to execute three-year Agricultural Lease Agreements (2018-2021) on the Haerter (Piscasaw North), Konopasek (Brookdale) Loshbaugh (Brookdale), Plum Tree National (Brookdale), Roberts (Brookdale) and Taylor (Rush Creek) Parcels as listed.
  - 9.9 Motion to authorize the preparation of bid specifications and letting of bids for the replacement of Furnace and A/C equipment at the Brookdale and Prairieview Education Center (Bid #0917.15.01).
  - 9.10 Motion to authorize travel expenditures for the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2017 Conference for the Executive Director from September 26-28, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.
  - 9.11 Motion to authorize staff to proceed with soliciting proposals for a specialized farm enterprise on the Pichen Farmstead property in unincorporated Algonquin Township (RFP #0917.01.04).
  - 9.12 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-32 authorizing the Executive Director to execute a License Agreement for Snowmobiling on District Sites with the McHenry County Snowmobile Association, Huntley Penguins and Marengo Snowgoers.
  - 9.13 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-33 authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Memorandum of Understandings for 2017 The Great Outdoor Beer Trail and Tap Into Your Wild Side with the McHenry County Conservation Foundation.
  - 9.14 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-34 authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the McHenry County Conservation District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County for propagation of two fresh water fresh water mussel species.
  - 9.15 Motion to authorize the District to partner on the submission of a grant application to the US Forest Service Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Competitive Grant Program to Implement the Chicago Wilderness Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan.
  - 9.16 Motion to adopt Resolution #17-36 authorizing the execution of the attached letter dated September 12, 2017 and thereby consenting to the assignment of the Limited License Agreement from Wide Open West, Inc. to MCIMetro.
- 10.0 OTHER BOARD BUSINESS
- 10.1 Approval of Bills Payable for the Month of August 2017
  - 10.2 Passage of 2017 Property Tax Levy Extension and Truth in Taxation Ordinance #17-938.
  - 10.3 Prairie Trail - Consideration of a Resolution adopting an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Crystal Lake on the Repairs & Maintenance of the Route 14 and Main Street Pedestrian & Bicycle Underpass

- 10.4 Naming of Special Areas within Conservation Sites to Recognize the Exceptional Contributions of an Individual(s)
- 10.5 First Reading: 5.03.08 Financial Assistance Policy - Summer Day Camp Scholarships
- 11.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT
- 12.0 TRUSTEES' REPORT
- 13.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- 14.0 PUBLIC COMMENT II
- 15.0 ADJOURN  
(Motion to adjourn or a motion to fix the time to which the Board shall adjourn to Thursday, October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Brookdale Administrative Office if needed).

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